

Public Consultation and Council Engagement:

The Official Plan 5-Year Review process includes enhanced public consultation throughout the project. Below is a summary of minimum legislative (Ontario Planning Act) requirements, Town Notification Policy requirements, and proposed Project requirements

Ontario Planning Act	Municipality to hold a minimum of two public meetings , one public open house , and provide newspaper notification
Town Policy	Includes the Planning Act Requirements above plus: notification to be provided on Town website , posted at town hall , email subscribe list by e-blast , and to anyone else who requests notice
Official Plan Project	Includes the Planning Act and Town Policy requirements above plus: dedicated Town web page (including project documents, project timeline, current status, ongoing updates, and comments submission link), regular project content updates published in local newspaper/newsletters , direct target group engagement (including but not limited to: schools and students, agricultural community, tourism operators, development industry, residential associations, recreation groups, other municipal departments, committees of Council, County of Grey, and others), public surveys (understand strengths/weaknesses of Town, target full time / part time residents, all age groups, visitors), public events (information booths), games/contests (ideas include: town photo contest, design your town colouring contest, interactive community scavenger hunt (or geocaches), online city builder game *be the planner!)
Public Information Sessions	A number of topic based Public Information Sessions are proposed throughout the project based on the themes described in the Project Terms of Reference. Sessions are hosted by Town Staff and the OP Steering Committee after the Background Policy Research and consideration of Options, and prior to the Statutory Public Open House and Public Meeting. the purpose of these sessions is for an open house type meeting with a brief presentation of the topic, explanation of options, and then to hold a general discussion with the public, agencies, stakeholder groups, committees of Council, and others to receive comments and ultimately refine options and finalize

	<p>background policy research. These sessions will then be combined into the final documents to go to the Public Open House, Public Meeting, and Council Decision.</p> <p>Not all themes will be part of a Public Information Session, but will be included in the Statutory Public Open House and Public Meeting.</p> <p>Phase 1 anticipates two Public Information Sessions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- Vision, Guiding Principles, Goals and Objectives. 2- Growth Management, Density, Housing, Height and Character. <p>Phase 2 anticipates five Public Information Sessions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- Environment and Climate Change 2- Transportation and Transit 3- Parks and Open Space 4- Agriculture / Rural Lands 5- Servicing and Source Water Protection
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The proposed schedule below includes the sequencing of events to maintain project momentum so that Public Consultation remains constant and ‘always on’.

Phase 1	<p>Endorsement of Terms of Reference</p> <p>Dedicated Town Web Page</p> <p>Secure Consulting Services</p> <p>Phase 1 Project Kick Off</p> <p>Background Policy Papers Start</p> <p>Official Plan Survey</p> <p>School and Students Engagement</p> <p>Games and Contests</p> <p>Council Information Report #1</p> <p>Public Information Session 1</p> <p>Public Information Session 2</p> <p>Public Event #1</p> <p>Finalize Draft Official Plan Amendments</p> <p>Council Information Report #2</p> <p>Statutory Public Open House</p> <p>Statutory Public Meeting</p> <p>Refine Official Plan Amendments</p> <p>Recommendation Report</p> <p>Council Adoption</p>	To be Completed by early Fall 2022
Phase 2	<p>Phase 2 Project Kick Off</p> <p>Background Policy Papers Start</p> <p>Official Plan Survey #2</p> <p>Games and Contests #2</p> <p>School and Students Engagement #2</p> <p>Council Information Report #1</p> <p>Public Information Session 1</p> <p>Public Information Session 2</p> <p>Public Information Session 3</p> <p>Public Information Session 4</p> <p>Public Information Session 5</p> <p>Public Event #2</p> <p>Council Information Report #2</p> <p>Finalize Draft Official Plan Amendments</p> <p>Council Information Report #3</p> <p>Statutory Public Open House</p> <p>Statutory Public Meeting</p> <p>Refine Official Plan Amendments</p> <p>Recommendation Report</p> <p>Council Adoption</p>	To be Completed Winter 2023
Phase 3	<p>Project Budget</p> <p>Project Start</p>	<p>Budget Consideration Process for 2024</p> <p>January 2024</p>