

# Planning & Development Sub-Committee Report

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## The New Official Plan (NOP)

**Deadline: Feb 17**

**Forms available:**  
City of Ottawa's New Official Plan page, under the Updates tab

[engage.ottawa.ca](http://engage.ottawa.ca)

For a high level introduction to what is new in the draft New Official Plan, please start with our [Introduction one-pager](#). **Deadline Feb 17**

<a href="#">613 Flats</a> • <a href="#">Feedback Form</a>	<a href="#">Housing</a> • <a href="#">Feedback Form</a>	<a href="#">Rural Economic Development</a> • <a href="#">Feedback Form</a>
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## RPCA NOP Prep

### Federation of Citizens' Associations of Ottawa

#### 1) Planning and Zoning Committee

- breakout groups to discuss the NOP's use of transects and 15 minute neighbourhood model
- discussion of determining key messages that all FCA members can include in their comments

#### 2) Webinar Series

- four sessions over two weekends
- explored topics: 15 minute neighbourhoods, transects, housing, greenspaces

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## RPCA Comment Submission

- The RPCA will be ordering our submission within the framework of the 5 Big Moves (Growth, Mobility, Urban Design, Resiliency, Economy);
- By the end of this week, the RPCA will finalize compiling the comments that we have received;
- By mid-next week, the RPCA will have a working draft of their submission to the city on the NOP;
- The plan will be updated following final additions from the FCA Planning and Zoning committee meeting next week which will add higher order concerns without detracting from Riverside Park-specific concerns

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## Collected Comments

### Questions about the Plan's methodology:

- the NOP lacks definitions of key terms and has no metrics to demonstrate if its new ways of organizing the city are a success;
- there is no way to hold the City accountable;
- the purpose of using the transect system is unclear and seems an inappropriate fit for our neighbourhoods;
- the only measure seems to be minimum densities (no maximum densities)

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### Questions about the Plan's accessibility:

- the NOP is inaccessible;
- While twelve hard copies were available through the OPL, there was a waitlist to borrow them;
- The last time there was an official plan released, hard copies were made available to all residents;
- The language, length, and format of this report do not suggest that it is intended for public consumption.

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### Growth:

- Transects: Riverside Park has been split between an inner and outer urban transects which is by no means a natural way to divide of our neighbourhood;
  - A much more logical place to divide our neighbourhood would be along the railway corridor.
- The splitting of Riverside Park highlights the criticism that we have heard across Ottawa that the transect model is a blunt instrument for a precise project;
- Walkley Road's designation as a major corridor seems inaccurate and unrepresentative of the road as it exists in our community;

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### Resilience:

- The NOP lacks an equity framework. While it focuses on 15 minute neighbourhoods, not enshrining public and affordable housing in the plan will create neighbourhoods where the service economy employees are commuting *in* to these 15 min neighbourhoods from outer neighbourhoods;
- Implement a 20/20/20 model for new builds like Montreal;
- NOP needs a social infrastructure plan: focused on density without telling us at what level of population a community would get e.g. a new library, school, playground. Build livable environments.

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### Urban Design:

- Transects: Riverside Park has been split between an inner and outer urban transects which is by no means a natural way to divide of our neighbourhood;
  - A much more logical place to divide our neighbourhood would be along the railway corridor.
- The 15 Minute Neighbourhood model is unclear
- Commit the 40% canopy to all neighbourhoods, not to the city to ensure equity and sustainability for all neighbourhoods;

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### Mobility:

- If 30% of all new jobs are expected to be in the downtown core but the workers are in the suburbs, how will they arrive? Or are you anticipating a total break between Ottawa's outer/inner/downtown transects without considering the social implications of creating that level of disconnect?
- Riverside Park needs an accessibility audit before we can talk about 15 minute neighbourhoods. We don't even have sidewalks.
- With regards to the plan to "encourage" EV charging stations, "Is "Encourage" the best this Plan can do in support of the Climate Change emergency?

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