

Planning and Development Report

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Planning Updates

New Official Plan Update

- The City released a revised version of the New Official Plan (New OP) on July 26.
- The Good News:
 - a. Community Benefit Agreements added to the Implementation plan (p. 242)
 - b. Riverside Park is being kept whole and being designated as an Outer Urban Transect
 - c. Walkley Road has been redesignated as a Minor Corridor (definitions below)
 - d. Outer Urban Hubs: mix of low, medium and high-rises minimum 3 storeys, maximum 40 storeys
 - e. Outer Urban Mainstreet Corridors: Low-rise and Mid-rise: minimum 2 storeys and maximum 40 storeys, dependent on road width and transition
 - f. Outer Urban Minor Corridors: Low-rise: minimum 2 storey and maximum 4 storeys
 - g. Outer Urban Neighbourhoods: Low-rise: no minimum and generally, zoning will permit at least 3 storeys but no more than 4 storeys

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- a. The revised version comprises 384 changes from the first version including 63 Replacements, 30 Insertions; and 291 Deletions (many deletions were stylistic).
- b. 1.6 The introduction section on Monitoring has been removed
- c. Key Performance Indicators for the City's "Five Big Policy Moves"/Overarching Strategic Direction have not been added
- d. The Cross Cutting Issue of Regeneration has been renamed Intensification but still has the same definition (p.18)
- e. Reduced emphasis on the 15-minute neighbourhood with an aim of intensifying around "Hubs, Corridors and residential Neighbourhoods"

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- f. Shrunk the discussion of urban heat island effect and protecting vulnerable communities from extreme heat.
- g. Added the definition of what is included in a Healthy and Inclusive Community (as seen through the lens of a 15-Minute Neighbourhood) (p. 29-30).
- h. Affordable housing: “The Official Plan strives to facilitate a diversity of housing options for both private ownership and rental. The City will promote a range of affordable and market-rate housing by providing a toolkit of planning incentives and direct supports that allows for a greater number of units within the permitted built form envelope; and application processing priority.”
- i. “Quality: The condition of an amenity and how it fulfills community needs” was removed as a key metric for assessing Parks and Active Recreation Facilities leaving Quantity and Public Demand as the two metrics for facilities (p. 83)
- j. Still no clear metrics for evaluating the Plan (2 paragraphs p. 244).

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- Evolving Overlay is now added to the northern part of Linton Road?



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Now what?

- The revised OP can be found [here](#).
- Public Open House on September 29th at 6:30 p.m. to learn more about how the revised draft has changed. Please **register for this meeting** [here](#). Please submit your questions [here](#).

The Public Open House will be followed by the consideration of the draft New Official Plan by Committee and Council on the following dates:

- Thursday, October 14th - Joint statutory meeting of the Planning Committee and Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee, details TBA
- Wednesday, October 27th - City Council Consideration of the report on the final draft of New Official Plan.

Save Hunt Club Forest



In May, a local car dealership requested permission to develop 1.57 hectares of Hunt Club Forest into a parking lot and storage facility.

- Following a groundswell of support for the woods from the surrounding community, on August 25, the Ottawa Citizen reported that the dealership had withdrawn its application to develop the space.
- The dealership retains the option to resubmit its proposal at a later date but for the time being, the campaign to Save Hunt Club Forest has been a success

QUESTIONS?

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