




COMMUNICATION UPDATE

TO:	Mayor and Members City Council
DATE:	November 8, 2023
SUBJECT:	Residential Zones Project – Public Engagement (Wards 1 to 12)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	Wards 1 to 12
SUBMITTED BY:	Anita Fabac Acting Director, Planning and Chief Planner Planning and Economic Development Department
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The purpose of this Communication Update is to advise Council that Planning staff will be beginning Community Outreach and Engagement on the Residential Zones Project starting in the month of November. Through Reimagining Neighbourhoods, the City's residential zones are changing to support residents' need for more housing options.

The Residential Zones Project will implement Council's direction to provide more housing options to residents across the City. The City of Hamilton aims to provide homeowners, renters, developers, and the general public access to information and planning tools to learn how zoning changes will provide the opportunity for more housing choice and more affordable housing options and more sustainable and equitable growth across the City.

The Residential Zones Project has been presented to Council as part of Reports PED22154 and PED23069. As a note, a future phase of the Residential Zones Project will also encompass new High Density Residential Zones. The City is now in the process of informing and educating the general public about changes to the Low Density Residential Zones and Transit Oriented Corridor Zones and new Mid Rise Residential Zones as a result of the Residential Zones Project, including:

- New permissions for purpose built multiplex development (up to four or six units on a lot) in low density residential areas;

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OUR Mission: To provide high quality cost conscious public services that contribute to a healthy, safe and prosperous community, in a sustainable manner.

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- Adding permissions for additional residential uses (single, semi, duplex, and street townhouse dwellings, multiplex) to Low Density Residential designations in Secondary Plan areas;
- Adding intensification opportunities of up to 12 storeys along arterial roads;
- Creating City Wide Green Building Standards; and,
- Updating parking regulations and design standards to implement the City Wide Parking Study.

The Community Outreach and Engagement will utilize a variety of tactics to reach stakeholders, Indigenous communities and residents across the City, using accessible language, graphics, and media to help communicate what a Reimagined Neighbourhood might look like, including:

- Updated project webpage on the City’s website available at www.hamilton.ca/residentialzoning;
- Engage Hamilton page launching on November 17, 2023 available at: www.engage.hamilton.ca;
- Educational Zoning Videos;
- In person engagement at pop-up booths in November 2023 where residents can engage with members of the Project Team to learn more about Reimagining Neighbourhoods (see schedule below);
- Meetings with Advisory Committees and stakeholder groups;
- Public Information Meetings in January 2024; and,
- Regular email blasts, social media posts, and notice in the Hamilton Spectator.

Pop-Up Booth Events

Staff will be holding pop-up booths in and around the City’s neighbourhoods to get in touch with residents where they are. These events are meant to bring attention to the project, engage residents in how the Residential Zones project might impact them and how best they can participate. These events will help build a fulsome project mailing list, identify early issues and answer important questions.

Date	Location	Time
Wednesday, November 22	Stoney Creek Recreation Centre	6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 22	Valley Park Recreation Centre	6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Friday, November 24	Morgan Firestone Arena	6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Friday, November 24	Limeridge Mall	6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 25	Limeridge Mall	2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

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Date	Location	Time
Monday, November 27	J.L. Grightmire Arena	6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Monday, November 27	Sackville Senior's Centre	10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday, November 29	Bernie Morelli Recreation Centre	6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

A Post Card will be distributed in your communities to promote the events listed above and direct residents to the Residential Zones Project website. Please contact staff if you would like copies for your office.

What is to come:

Staff will be available to meet one-on-one with Councillors to review details of proposed changes within each Ward as requested. A brief summary of the Residential Zones Project is attached to include in Ward communications if desired.

The consultation events will evolve into more formal open houses in the new year. A fulsome Consultation Report will be provided to document the outcomes of all of the Reimagining Neighbourhoods consultation events in support of staff's recommendation report which will be presented to Planning Committee.

Please contact Shannon McKie, Manager, Zoning and Committee of Adjustment with any questions or comments or to set up a meeting to discuss the Residential Zones Project at Shannon.Mckie@hamilton.ca or by phone at 905-546-2424 Ext. 1288.

SCHEDULES AND APPENDICES ATTACHED

Appendix "A" - Reimagining Neighbourhoods Ward Communication

WE ARE REIMAGINING NEIGHBOURHOODS



Through the Residential Zones Project, we're reimagining neighbourhoods across the city. The City's Residential Zones project is built on the knowledge that residents need more housing options. Reimagining neighbourhoods means providing the opportunity for people at all stage of life to have choice when it comes to their housing. The City's residential zones will support that, responsibly.

Hamilton's neighbourhoods are where residents call home. While no two neighbourhoods are alike, many share a common trait – they're mainly made up of single-family homes. The City's neighbourhoods are being looked at to reimagine how neighbourhoods can grow to respond to the diverse needs of residents.

What might a reimagined neighbourhood look like:

- A small home built in a backyard
- A larger home converted into more units
- Townhouses
- New triplexes or fourplexes
- Along the edges of the neighbourhood on transit routes, denser housing like townhouses and mid rise buildings

These changes won't happen all at once but through reimagining neighbourhoods, the City's residential zones are changing to provide a greater mix of housing options for residents at various stages of their lives.

LET'S REIMAGINE NEIGHBOURHOODS TOGETHER!

We want to understand your values and the opportunities that expanding housing options across Hamilton can bring to our neighbourhoods. Stay engaged and contribute to the conversation!

STAY UP TO DATE



Check out the Website
or scan the QR Code
for more details!
[www.hamilton.ca/
residentialzoning](http://www.hamilton.ca/residentialzoning)

Email us your questions
and comments!
Register for project
updates here:
reszoning@hamilton.ca

Visit the Project Team at Rec Centres and Lime Ridge Mall across the City this Fall.

Check out the project website to find out what
time we will be at the following locations:

- Stoney Creek Recreation Centre – November 22
- Valley Park Recreation Centre – November 22
- Morgan Firestone Arena – November 24
- Lime Ridge Mall – November 24, 25
- J.L. Grightmire Arena – November 27
- Sackville Senior's Centre – November 27
- Bernie Morelli Recreation Centre – November 29