

MIDHURST SECONDARY PLAN -- PUBLIC WORKSHOPS

The Midhurst Secondary Plan is a study that is focused on developing a strategy to guide development. The Township has initiated a secondary plan for the Midhurst area out of the realization that future development needs to be directed and managed for the benefit of both current and future ratepayers.

The goal of the Plan is to specifically identify land that is suitable for development while considering issues related to the environment, availability of water, transportation, servicing capability and the character of the community. The proximity of Midhurst to rapidly growing urban areas to the south, particularly the City of Barrie, and to transportation corridors suggests that significant additional development pressures are likely unavoidable.

The Midhurst Secondary Plan area consists of approximately 3,500 ha. The current population is approximately 3,500 people, living in 1130 units. The historical pattern of development has been dominated by large homes on larger lots.



The Township's consultants have completed a considerable amount of background work related to environmental issues such as the

identification of natural features and functions within the study area that represented opportunities or constraints with regard the future evolution of Midhurst.

The consulting team has also examined various aspects of servicing and how various options could be implemented and what the potential impact would be.

Public Input

As part of the generation of the Plan, there will be several opportunities for public input. The first step is a two day workshop which is being held by the consulting team on November 14th and 15th in Midhurst. The team will be working with residents, major landowners, developers, the Conservation Authority, school boards, the County and the City of Barrie throughout the day to identify key issues and how they may be addressed. As shown in the schedule below, particular times have been set aside to focus on various elements of interest, but all of the sessions are open to the public. The two evening sessions are oriented towards a dialogue with residents of the community.

November 14 - Day 1 - Background Information + Principles

The purpose of this day is for everyone to gain a common understanding of the work carried out to date, including a review of Provincial and County level directives, development applications and approaches for the Secondary Plan. The same presentations will be shared during each session throughout the day, as follows:

SCHEDULE

Daytime – Willow Creek Baptist Church

2387 Gill Road

9:00 to 10:30 - Meeting with Councillors and Springwater Staff

10:30 to 12:00 - Meeting with Agencies (Conservation Authority, School Boards, County of Simcoe, City of Barrie)

1:00 to 2:30 - Meeting with Interest Groups

2:30 to 4:00 - Meeting with Major Landowners/Developers and their consultant

4:00 to 6:00 - Consultants Working Session, to review the comments heard throughout the day, and to prepare for Public Workshop

Evening Session

County Council Chambers

1110 Highway 26

7:00 to 9:00 - Public Workshop

Should you have any questions pertaining to information relating to this study, please contact:

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November 15 - Day 2 - Development Options

Willow Creek Baptist Church

The purpose of the second day is to prepare a range of development options for Midhurst based on the principles established on day 1. The development options will explore alternative arrangements of public open space, school site locations, road patterns and neighbourhood structure. The workshop will provide opportunities for all stakeholders to provide comments and suggestions aiming for the creation of a preferred long-term master plan for the community.

9:00 to 1:00 - Consultants Working Session to prepare Preliminary Development Options

1:00 to 3:00 - Meeting with Councillors, Springwater staff, Agencies, Major Landowners/Developers and their consultants, Interest Groups - to critique the Preliminary Development Options, and to propose revisions and/or alternative options

3:00 to 6:00 - Consultants Working Session, to revise Preliminary Development options, and to prepare for the Public Workshop

7:00 to 9:00 - Public Workshop

Or

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