

WELCOME !

- Please sign-in on the sheets provided as a means for the Town to keep record of who has attended. Also, as a visual means please use the spot stickers to identify roughly where you live, own property or conduct business. Neither request is mandatory; however, it is useful in illustrating where persons showing interest in this process are located.
- The large plans on display here this evening are the “draft” Schedules for the Secondary Plan. These are the Schedules referenced in the policy texts of the Plan. These are still draft and subject to further refinement.

General Information

- A Secondary Plan is actually the common term used in a comprehensive planning exercise for a large geographic area, which is adopted by Town Council as an Official Plan Amendment (OPA), and approved by the Region of Niagara.
- Currently, the Neighbourhood Plan does not form part of our Official Plan and this exercise will serve to embed the Plan, via a Secondary Plan, into the Town’s Official document, and in turn, give the Plan status under the Ontario **Planning Act, R.S.O.**
- A Public and Agency consultation process is conducted to hear from stakeholders during the Secondary Plan’s development period. This provides staff with an opportunity to assess any comments and to address them prior to Council’s consideration on adoption and Regional approval of the final Secondary Plan.

Discussion Points From Before and After PIM1

- At the first Public Information Meeting conducted (here at St. Luke's) in July 2012, discussion points included:
 - Gorham Commercial Area
 - Local Commercial Area (Bernard)
 - Downtown Commercial Core Area and BIA expansion
 - Downtown Commercial Parking
 - Densities, Form and Age in Place Opportunities

- A number of other issues were raised at the meeting and through written submissions following the meeting. These included:
 - Future of Wells Avenue
 - Bernard Beach Litter & Parking
 - Village Square Start Date
 - 283 Ridge Road North Fate
 - Downtown Identity and Distinction
 - Thunder Bay Road Extension
 - Better Mix of Built Form
 - Beer Store Site
 - More Trails – Link Shagbark with Mann Farm
 - Development Signage Updates
 - Responsibility for Drainage Study Approval and Creek Naming
 - Concept Roads South of Thunder Bay Road
 - Drainage at Bernard Beach
 - Trespass & Law Enforcement
 - North Shore Dr. & Yacht Harbour Rd. Connection

- Staff have considered comments received and made some modifications where appropriate. Key modifications will be discussed in the presentation.

RIDGEWAY / THUNDER BAY SECONDARY PLAN

Public Information Meeting No.2 - February 26th, 2013

Next Steps

- Release the RFP for redevelopment of 283 Ridge Road North with closing end of **April**;
- The Draft Secondary Plan is currently out in full informal circulation to public, agencies and internal departments. Comments are expected back **mid to late March**;
- Staff will be scheduling additional meetings with the BIA and the remaining Focus Group members for dialogue on the draft Secondary Plan. Staff will also be scheduling appearance at several Town Advisory Committee's including Environmental Advisory Committee, Museum & Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee and the Active Transportation Committee (**March & April**);
- Staff will take in all comments from the informal circulation process for further consideration and subsequently prepare a Final Draft of the Secondary Plan (**May / June**);
- Staff will seek permission from Council to Schedule the Statutory Public Meeting and begin the formal circulation process (**June**) with Public Meeting anticipated in **July**;
- Staff will also be working to structure the draft CIP funding programs for presentation to public at a separate meeting(s) (**March – June**)

- **YOUR CONTINUED INPUT IS IMPORTANT TO US !**

Please take some time to fill out comments sheets and either hand them to staff at the meeting, mail them to the Town, or submit an e-mail to the Town contact below. Staff are working to implement an online comment form and will have it available soon. You are free to comment at any point during the Plan's development; however, we would appreciate comments no later than March 31st, 2013.

Please make submission to the attention of:

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