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Public Engagement Review of Planning Act Applications

During the New Amherst School rezoning, citizens were able to force a review of the Town's public engagement process to improve the process for other citizens going through similar zoning changes. The Planning Department has now completed their review and are asking the public for their input.

Below is the Town poster announcing how you can participate in providing feedback.

For more information and to **fill in the online survey** before May 27, 2019 4 pm, you can go here:

<https://www.cobourg.ca/en/town-hall/planning-act-applications.aspx>

There is a lot of information here but some key recommendations that should be implemented include:

- Post a sign on a property subject to a planning application, in addition to other forms of communication such as mail-out, newspaper and social media/website.
- Require a public open house for all applications to be held by the applicant within approximately 30 to 45 days of formal receipt of the application by Council.
- Planning Department recommendations to be issued after the public meeting. This would give the planning department and Council more time to consider what the public has said.

The public engagement process should follow these steps:

1. Proponent proposes a zoning change
2. Residents make their views known
3. Planning summarizes the recommendations and objections to Council
4. Council decides

The process needs to inform the public as early as possible, consider what citizens have said, and then issue the recommendations to Council. The most important thing here is to build trust with citizens and make them feel that their input is important and that they have been heard.

There is a public meeting on June 3, 2019 at 5 pm in the Council Chambers on the third floor of

Victoria Hall. We encourage all to attend and participate.



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PLANNING ACT APPLICATIONS

REVIEW OF PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PROCEDURES



ONLINE SURVEY

Complete the online survey
at Cobourg.ca by May 27, 2019.

Your Next Community Engagement Opportunities:

Public Meeting (June 3, 2019 at 5 p.m.)

Discuss the Review of Public Notification, Engagement & Meeting Procedures for Planning Act Applications Report and citizen feedback.

Location: Victoria Hall, Council Chambers, 55 King St. W, Cobourg.

Committee of the Whole Meeting (July 22, 2019 at 6 p.m.)

Presentation, discussion and opportunity for citizen delegations.

Location: Victoria Hall, Council Chambers, 55 King St. W, Cobourg.

Regular Council Meeting (August 12, 2019 at 6 p.m.)

Council will accept or reject the *Review of Public Notification, Engagement & Meeting Procedures for Planning Act Applications Report*.

Location: Victoria Hall, Council Chambers, 55 King St. W, Cobourg.

QUESTIONS?

Contact the Communications Department at communications@cobourg.ca or by calling 905-372-4301.

Help Us To Be Heard

Get involved! If you like what you see and have like-minded friends or neighbours, please share this email with at least two of your contacts. Together we can make sure that

residents are well informed about the Town issues that affect us all. Help make Cobourg a better place to live, work and play.



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