

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 18TH, 2010 @ 7:00 P.M.
MEETING HALL, WHITBY MUNICIPAL BUILDING
575 ROSSLAND ROAD EAST
WHITBY, ONTARIO**

A Public Meeting will be held by Council in Committee of the Whole for the Corporation of the Town of Whitby regarding the Intensification Strategy component (File: OPA-2009-W/02) of the Whitby Official Plan Review.

BACKGROUND

In January 2009, Whitby Council retained Meridian Planning Consultants Inc. and their team of sub-consultants to undertake the Whitby Official Plan Review, including development of an Intensification Strategy that is consistent with the Region's Official Plan as amended and the Province's Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe. The main objectives for developing an Intensification Strategy are: to ensure compatibility with existing neighbourhoods; to determine appropriate locations to permit/prohibit intensification; and, to recommend appropriate evaluation criteria for consideration of intensification proposals.

In 2009, the consultant team hosted two public workshops and an open house to receive input from the public regarding the Intensification Strategy. The consultant has now prepared a report, entitled "Recommended Basis for the Intensification Strategy", which will form the basis of a Draft Proposed Official Plan Amendment, and subsequent Final Recommended Official Plan Amendment, to be brought forward for Council's consideration at a later date.

At the February 16th, 2010 Special Meeting of Council in Committee of the Whole, regarding the Town's Intensification Strategy (File: OPA-2009-W/02), Council tabled consideration of Planning Staff report PL 9-10 and comments received, and directed that further public discussion on the Intensification Strategy be continued at another public meeting.

Please be advised that further to Council direction, an additional Special Meeting of Council in Committee of the Whole, open to the public, will be held at **7:00 p.m., March 18th, 2010**, in the Council Chambers of the Whitby Municipal Building, 575 Rossland Road East.

A copy of the related staff report PL 9-10, consultant's report, and agenda for the Special Meeting of Council is available at all branches of the Whitby Public Library, prior to the above noted meeting date.

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The purpose of this meeting is to provide adequate information to the public and to permit interested persons and agencies the opportunity to make representation in respect of the consultant's "Recommended Basis for the Intensification Strategy".

At the public meeting on March 18th, 2010, Council in Committee of the Whole, with the Town's consultant, will receive input and hear questions from the public regarding the "Recommended Basis for the Intensification Strategy" report.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, your representation can be filed in writing by mail or personal delivery to reach the Town of Whitby Planning Department not later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, March 22nd, 2010.

Interested persons may inspect additional information relating to the applications in the Planning Department, Level 7, Whitby Municipal Building, 575 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario, L1N 2M8, during regular working hours, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. You may contact the Planning Department at 905-430-4306, fax 905-668-7812 or by e-mail planning@whitby.ca.

Public Advisory: *The Regional Municipality of Durham is the approval authority of an Official Plan Amendment adopted by Whitby Council, unless it is determined that the Amendment is exempt from Regional Approval during the review process. For an exempt Amendment, the decision to adopt by Whitby Council becomes final, subject to an appeal during the statutory appeal period. If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Whitby or the Regional Municipality of Durham before the proposed Official Plan Amendment is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Regional Municipality of Durham, or Whitby Council, where it is determined the Amendment is exempt from Regional approval, to the Ontario Municipal Board and may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party. If you wish to be notified of the adoption of the proposed Official Plan Amendment, you must make written request to the Town Clerk, Corporation of the Town of Whitby, 575 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario, L1N 2M8. If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Regional Municipality of Durham you must make a written request to the Commissioner of Planning, Regional Municipality of Durham, 605 Rossland Road East, Box 623, Whitby, Ontario L1N 6A3. Personal information from those that make either an oral or written submission on the subject application is collected under the authority of the Planning Act R.S.O. 1990 and the applicable implementing Ontario Regulation, and will become part of the public record for this application. Questions about the collection of personal information should be directed to the Clerk's Office, Town of Whitby, 575 Rossland Road East, Whitby, ON L1N 2M8, by email clerks@whitby.ca or 905-430- 4315. (Please quote File: OPA-2009-W/02.)*

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