

# Collingwood Official Plan Update

## Greenlands Community Workshop

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# Overview of Work Completed to Date

Since the last public workshop in March 2020, a number of tasks have been completed in the Official Plan Update project:

- Online Survey
- What We Heard Report
- 9 Discussion Papers
- DRAFT Options & Recommendations Reports
- Meetings with the Technical Advisory Committee & Department Heads
- One-on-one meetings with members of Council
- Council Presentation



# Work Program

Phase 1

Project Start-Up

Phase 2

Community Visioning/Information Gathering

Phase 3

Background Analysis/Studies and Issue Identification

Phase 4

Directions/Recommendations < **We are here**

Phase 5

Draft Plan

Phase 6

Adoption



# Guiding the Official Plan Update – Key Values

It has been made clear that the character and spirit of Collingwood are grounded in several key values. These values will continue to be critical considerations as the project moves forward, particularly through the upcoming draft Official Plan.

- Walkability
- Social inclusivity
- Healthy lifestyle
- Sustainability
- Connectivity
- Quality urban design



# Community Engagement



**Project Webpage**



**Email List (360+)**



**Public Workshop March 2020**

- 12 discussion groups over 3 sessions
- Approximately 150 participant



**89 Emails Received**



**4 Community Group Meetings**



**2 Rounds of One-on-One Conversations with Council Members**

- January 6<sup>th</sup> & November 20<sup>th</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> 2020



**Social media**

- 15 posts each on Facebook and Twitter



**2 Council Presentations**

- January 7<sup>th</sup> & November 23<sup>rd</sup> 2020



**Online survey**

# What We Heard | Online Survey, Key Opportunities/8 Topics

- Survey ran from May 21<sup>st</sup> to July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020
- Over 528 participants and 20,184 data points
- Almost 70% of participants identified as female
- 75% of all participants were 41 years or older

Comments received through the online survey on the **greenlands** include:

- Private development along the waterfront should be discouraged, and it should be for public use
- Supportive of not building within flood prone areas, and that these areas should be protected
- Protecting Collingwood's natural areas is extremely important
- Important to preserve and enhance the tree canopy, put policies in place that require tree replacement
- Support for adding more greenspace that is also accessible via active transportation
- Support for building community gardens in new and existing neighbourhoods



# Natural Heritage System

## Discussion Paper

- The Town will need to establish an updated natural heritage system, and ensure that the associated policy framework **meets Provincial and County requirements** while also responding to the specific Collingwood context
- An important discussion is with respect to addressing **existing development, development approvals, and development rights on existing lots of record**, where they overlap with the updated Natural Heritage System
- The new Official Plan will need to integrate the Town's **source water protection** policy framework (OPA 42)



# Levels of Control


The Levels of Control – **Regulate, Manage and Facilitate** – provide an important foundation for the development of options and recommendations. The Levels of Control are linked to the level of flexibility and level of anticipated change to development patterns.

- **Regulate:** Identifies mandatory requirements with little room for interpretive flexibility, using language such as 'require', 'will', 'shall' and 'must'
- **Manage:** More focused on management and implementing principles with some inherent interpretive flexibility, using language such as 'permit', 'prefer' and 'should'
- **Facilitate:** Intended to facilitate positive change that might be more difficult to achieve, using language such as 'encourage', 'desire' and 'incent'


# Natural Heritage System

## DRAFT Options & Recommendations Report

### Defining the Natural Heritage System

- NHS Option 1: Current approach (two-tiered system) with required adjustments (**regulate/manage**)
-  - NHS Option 2: Implement a simplified Natural Heritage System (NHS) where the entire NHS is within a single designation to provide a consistent, high level of protection (**regulate**)

### Existing Lots of Record and Existing Approvals

-  - NHS Option 3: Recognize existing lots of record and existing approvals, however an Environmental Impact Study would be required if any changes are sought to existing approvals to maximize protection of natural features (**regulate**)
- NHS Option 4: Remove lands with existing approvals or development from the NHS, although lands may still be subject to the requirements of any agency having jurisdiction (**facilitate**)

# Next Steps

1. Finalize the Options and Recommendations Report
2. Begin Phase 5: Draft Plan



# Town of Collingwood

