

3 Promote Collaboration

3.1 Introduction

Mississauga promotes participation, collaboration, education and partnerships with the public, businesses, institutions, cultural industries and all levels of government in the planning process.

3.1.1 Mississauga encourages all individuals and groups to take an active interest in the planning of the city.

3.1.2 Mississauga will ensure ongoing consultation with the public and stakeholders on the implementation of this Plan.

3.1.3 Mississauga will take into consideration people with disabilities in the consultation with the public.

3.1.4 Mississauga will develop a public participation program as part of any Official Plan review. Public participation programs will be designed to increase public awareness, encourage

active public involvement in the planning process, and, where appropriate, facilitate consultation and joint planning.

3.1.5 Planning policies and reports will be made available to encourage continuing public awareness and input into the process and to assist in preparing briefs, submissions and responses to planning activities.

3.1.6 In the consideration of proposed development applications to amend the official plan, the zoning by-law and plans of subdivision, adequate information will be made available to the public, signs outlining the proposed land use will be erected on site by development applicants and at least one public meeting will be held.

3.1.7 Statutory notice of the public meeting will be given by advertisement in a local newspaper. This method may be augmented by individual notice forwarded to owners and occupants of land within 120 m of the lands subject to a development application as shown on the last revised assessment



Figure 3-1: An example of public engagement for the Hurontario Main Street Study, which explores the introduction of rapid transit on Hurontario Street from Port Credit to downtown Brampton.

roll or tax roll, and to those people who have requested notice. Public notice must be given 14 days prior to the holding of a public meeting by Planning and Development Committee and 30 days prior to the meeting of City Council. At the discretion of the Ward Councillor, mobile signs may also be used to provide additional notification.

3.1.8 If an open house is required by the *Planning Act*, notice will be given by advertisement in a local newspaper.

3.1.9 The public meeting will be held by Planning and Development Committee, which is a standing Committee of City Council, or by City Council.

3.1.10 If the meeting is held by the Planning and Development Committee, the recommendation will be considered by City Council at a meeting open to the public. Any person may arrange to appear before Planning and Development Committee or City Council by contacting the Office of the City Clerk. Consideration of Planning and Development Committee recommendations by City Council for matters requiring a public meeting under the *Planning Act*, will not occur until 30 days from the date when notice of public meeting was given. In unusual circumstances - for example, when an Ontario Municipal Board hearing has been scheduled or when no City Council meeting is scheduled because of a holiday period - Planning and Development Committee recommendations may be brought forward for the consideration of City Council prior to the expiry of the 30 day period.

3.1.11 Should a proposed plan of subdivision, official plan amendment and/or a proposed amendment to the zoning by-law change significantly subsequent to the public meeting, City Council may hold a second public meeting. If the change is not significant and still reflects the intent of the recommendation of City Council, a further public meeting may not be required prior to approval of the application by City Council.

3.2 Community Planning

Mississauga is committed to an on-going process to develop local area plans. An integral part of this process is the engagement of the local community to ensure that their needs, desires and aspirations are addressed.

3.2.1 The public and other stakeholders will be engaged throughout the preparation of local area plans. This may include but not be limited to, the development of a vision for the study area, the preparation of a directions report to form the basis of the local area plan, the formulation of policies and revisions based on comments received from stakeholders.

3.2.2 The City may consider establishing a Local Advisory Panel as input to the local area plan review.



Figure 3-2: Mississauga is committed to engaging the community in the planning process. As planning studies are prepared the City may use a variety of techniques to involve the community, such as holding community meetings, hosting open houses, conducting workshops or creating working groups.