COMMUNITY BENEFITS

Workshop
August 23
July – Draft Guidelines and OP Amendments available

July 25 – Public Open House

Aug. 2 & 23 – Community & Developer Workshops

Early Fall – Statutory Public Meeting at Planning Committee

Late Fall – Comprehensive Report to Planning Committee

Early Winter – Official Plan Amendments presented to Council

Early 2018 – Implementation following 20 day appeal period
Community Benefits Recap

- One tool in the planning toolkit.
- Allows high level planning objectives to be incorporated into individual projects.
- Are a forum for negotiation of community facilities and services in exchange for increased height or density.
Overview: Five Moving Pieces

- Uplift Calculation
- Applicable Developments
- Community Benefit Negotiation
- Public Participation
- Benefits Requested
Applicable Developments

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Residential

Re-zoning

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Uplift Calculation
Community Benefit Negotiation
Public Participation
Benefits Requested
1. Land Value is determined through an independent appraisal of the property.

2. The assessed value of the land is multiplied by the uplift GFA to determine the Uplift Value.

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1. Kingston is divided into various zones based on development pressure and existing planning.

2. The City’s Real Estate division will calculate a flat-rate uplift value for each zone based on sales of properties that would exceed our Applicable Development threshold.

3. This flat rate will be applied to the GFA above as-of-right in a s.37 situation.

Ottawa uses a similar zone method, as seen above. Their Downtown Uplift is $300 / sq.m., Suburban Uplift is $130 / sq.m., and Rural Uplift is appraised case-by-case.
1. Land Value is pre-determined by the Uplift Zone Rate the proposal is located in.

2. The Uplift Zone Rate is multiplied by the uplift GFA to determine the Uplift Value.

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• Moving from a set target to a “draw-down” model. The community benefit value is tied to project quality.

• Trial in Ottawa, very effective and well received. The five-year pilot was recently permanently approved for use in the City.

• Provides opportunities for realizing certain Council-endorsed goals and objectives through negotiation prior to securing the community benefit.

• List of possible draw-down benefits would be explicitly laid out in the newest draft of the guidelines.

What Are Draw-Downs?
- Reasonableness of as-of-right permissions in context.
- Preservation/restoration of non-designated heritage.
- Provisions for publicly-accessible land beyond required.
- Publicly-accessible benefits within the proposal.
The proposed 20% for Community Benefits would result in...

$27,500

...of the $137,500 calculated uplift value.
Community Benefit Negotiation – Draw-Down Model

Calculated Uplift: $137,500

Draw-Down for Internal Pathways: -$13,750
-10%

Draw-Down for Conserving Heritage: -$41,250
-30%

Draw-Down for Plans Compatibility: -$55,000
-40%

Total Benefit: $27,500
20%
What Can Count As Draw-Downs?

- **Downtown Opportunities**
  - 10A.1.6: Cultural Heritage Resources
  - 10A.2.16: Open Space
  - 10A.3.3: Cycling Opportunities
  - 10A.3.5: Pedestrians Activities
  - 10A.3.7: New Pedestrian Links
  - 10A.4.4: Restoration of Character Defining Buildings

- **Williamsville Main Street Corridor**
  - 10E.1.20: Parkettes
  - 10E.1.23: Sustainable Design
  - 10E.1.24: Façade Design & Articulation
  - 10E.1.40-42: Ground Floor Conditions

- **Energy & The Environment**
  - 6.2.8.3: Solar-Ready Infrastructure

- **Strategic Policy Directions**
  - 2.3.9: Arts & Culture

Draw-downs provide a means for enabling Official Plan policy that is not mandatory. They also allow for negotiations that factor in the positive features of the development.
Public Participation – Options Discussed

**Community Consultation Meetings**
- Toronto
- Ottawa (coordinated through Ward’s office)
- Markham (when appropriate)

**Consultation with District Councillor**
- Toronto
- Mississauga
- Burlington
- Barrie
- Ottawa

**Encouraging establishment of priorities in advance**
- Mississauga
- Ottawa (encouraging Councillor/Staff to conduct consultation meetings)
- Toronto (secondary plans)

**Statutory Meeting Only**
- Vaughan
Public Participation – New Approach

- The guidelines will require District Councillors and/or Staff to develop community-directed lists of benefits that residents identify as being necessary or deficient in their communities.
- This may include additional community consultation, or simply negotiating with the applicant from the existing community-directed list of benefits.
- Lots of negative feedback to focusing on Council-endorsed City plans.
- Still necessary to “establish a nexus” between the development and the benefit.

This process removes Planners from benefit-identification, and prioritizes a democratic discussion. Councillors and their constituents who will experience the impacts of development choose what benefits matter most to them.
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Discussion & Questions

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