

Process Notes, March 6, 2014 OPAC meeting

Attending: Councillor Pam Copley (Chair), Councillor John Herbert, Gloria Back, John Graham, Patrick Frey, Mayor Jensen, Helen Koning, CAO, Director of Building and Planning Roy Thomassen, Project Consultant Catherine Berris and Consulting Planner Michael Dillistone.

Regrets: Councillor Cairine Green, Mike Lloyd, Jan Mears and Will Moore

OPAC briefly discussed the input from the February 15th Open House. As noted in the previous discussion the members present were pleased with the attendance (113 people signed in) and level of discussion. The general feedback was positive and the written comments have been passed on to the consultant to compile and review.

The Committee reviewed three parts of the draft plan:

- **Demographics and Growth Management** - Patrick Frey led the discussion of this section based on his review. There was a discussion about the potential 1% growth target and the relationship to the CRD's growth projections. Some suggestions were made on tightening up and revising some of the wording in this section.
- **Land Use Designation Map** – Catherine Berris described the map and the proposed land use designations compared to the existing OCP. There was some discussion on potential areas for increased density and the possibility of expansion of the “village” designation to include properties to the east. The committee also discussed how to describe the “low-density” parts of the community and wanted to explore the use of the word “traditional” to describe these areas.
- **Community Framework** – Ms. Berris led the discussion of this part of the plan which describes the land use designations and the character of each of these areas. She noted that the committee should not worry about the density and heights noted in the draft and that there would be an opportunity to have a more full discussion of this as part of the “built form” section at a future meeting.

John Graham committed to prepare a new draft of the **Housing** section and suggested that he would have this ready for March 10th and would circulate it for discussion at the next OPAC meeting. OPAC decided that in order to stay on schedule they would hold an extra meeting on **Thursday March 13th** to review this work. Ms. Berris said that she may be able to have another section ready for review for that meeting.

Mr. Dillistone briefly reviewed the project schedule as set out by the consultant and reiterated the tight timeline.

A special meeting of OPAC will be held on **March 13th, 2014** to review the draft Housing section and the next regularly scheduled meeting of OPAC will be on **March 20th, 2014** to review the draft **Transportation, Utilities and Services, Business and Commerce and Climate Change and Energy** policy sections.