



Newcastle North Village Secondary Plan

Engagement Feedback Report: Public Information Centre #1

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1. Introduction

The purpose of the North Village Secondary Plan (NVSP, “the Project”) is to establish a planning framework that will guide the development of the Secondary Plan Area (Figure 1). The resulting Secondary Plan and Zoning By-law will conform to and implement the Clarington Official Plan, The Durham Regional Official Plan, and Provincial policies and plans. The guiding priorities of the Secondary Plan include sustainability, urban design, affordable housing, community engagement, and coordination of initiatives. Robust community engagement will be undertaken in order to uncover community priorities around each of these principles.

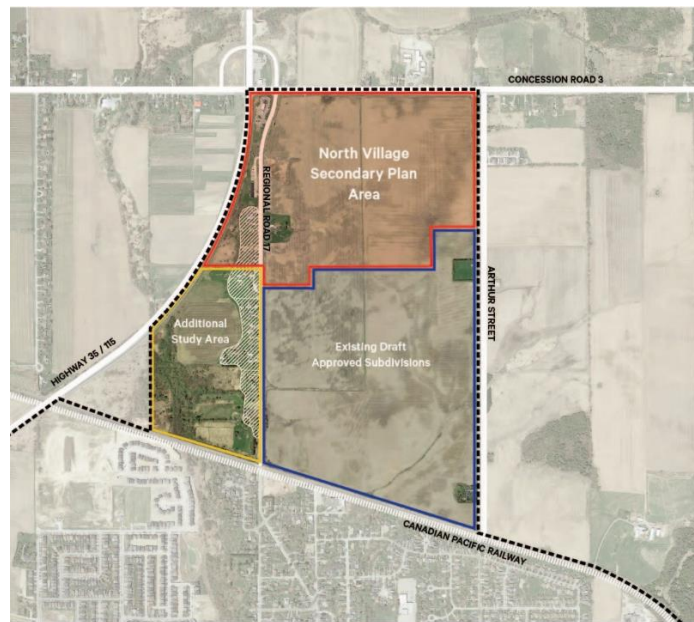


Figure 1: Project Area Map

The Project is unique in that it is a landowner-funded, municipal project. Ongoing coordination and partnership between the Municipality, Project Team and Landowners Group is anticipated throughout the course of the Project.

While there are currently only a small number of residents within the Secondary Plan Area, this area will be knit into the fabric of the existing Newcastle community. Current residents will be important stakeholders in this process.

The involvement of these stakeholders will ensure that a multitude of interests are represented and balanced within the planning framework. The engagement process will take place in three phases that align with the Project technical work (Figure 2). Engagement activities include eight Steering Committee Meetings, four open house events (three Public Information Centres and one statutory Open House), online engagement throughout the project, and one statutory Public Meeting before Clarington Council.

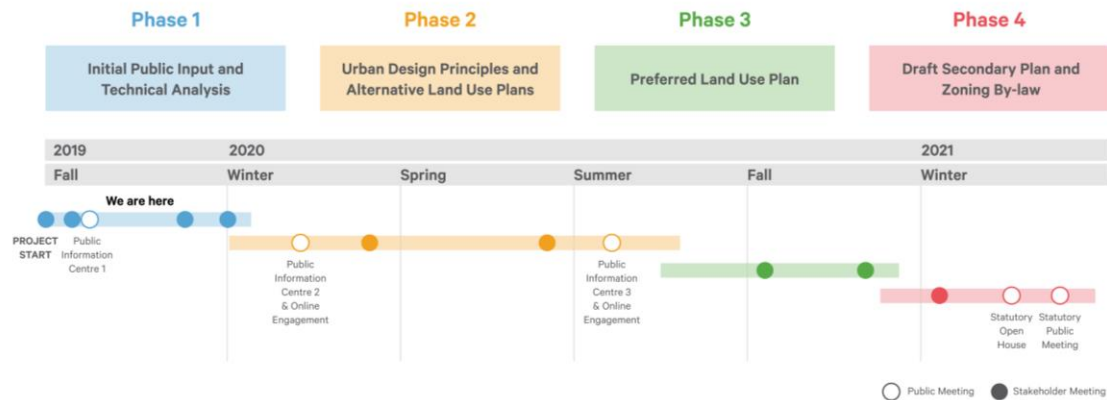


Figure 2: Project Timeline

This summary report contains a review of the feedback received at the first Public Information Centre, held on November 21, 2019.

2. Meeting Overview

The Public Information Centre (PIC) was held at the Newcastle Pentecostal Church, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The Pentecostal Church is located in the Project Area, at 978 Durham Regional Road 17, Newcastle.

15 display panels were prepared, containing the following information:

- Map and project background
- Process and timeline
- Project topic areas
- Official Plan and context maps
- Project Team contact info
- **“Dot-mocracy” panels** featuring a variety of elements related to the Guiding Priorities

Public feedback was received via the following methods:

- Informal one-on-one discussions with Municipal Staff and Project Team members;
- **“Dot-mocracy”** activity of placing stickers onto visual display panels featuring four of the guiding priorities; and
- Feedback forms that were handed out to meeting attendees.

Key Project Team members in attendance included:

- Carlos Salazar, Manager of Community Planning and Design, Municipality of Clarington
- Paul Wirch, Senior Planner, Municipality of Clarington



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- Karen Richardson, Manager, Development Engineering, Municipality of Clarington
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- Kelly Graham, Planner, SvN Architects + Planners
- Kevin Phillips, Transportation & Integrated EA Lead, AECOM
- Peter Middaugh, Civil Engineering Lead, AECOM

In total, 41 people attended the PIC. The vast majority of participants were residents of Newcastle. Additionally, only some of the participants took part in the Dot-mocracy survey. Participation on these panels, nonetheless, began to reveal some key community priorities. All participants were given a feedback form when they entered the church. Only one feedback form was returned as of the date of this report.



3. Summary of Feedback from One-on-One Discussions

Feedback received by members of the Project Team can be summarized as follows:

Questions

- *Timing of draft approved plans*
In general, people were aware that the lands to the south of the Project Area contain draft approved plans of subdivision. People asked, what is the timing of construction?
- *Schools*
There is an understanding that a school site has been planned for the general vicinity. People asked, where the school is going and what is the timing on construction?
- *Type and form of development*
General questions regarding land use and density.
- *Roads and access*
Questions regarding roads included the timing of construction on RR 17, any construction plans for Highway 35 or 115, and interchange design. Also, questions regarding connections to new roads in draft approved plan area, the location of the CP rail crossing, and access to McDonalds and the Pentecostal Church with the realignment of RR 17.
- *Additional Study Area*



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Questions regarding whether existing homes in the Project Area and Additional Study Area will be connected to municipal services through the development of the Secondary Plan Area. Will the Additional Study Area be considered for new development?

- *Secondary Plan Process*

People wanted to understand the next steps in the project, as well as future opportunities to participate.

Concerns

- Impact of future development on local farm operations.
- Rising in crime in Bowmanville, potential future crime in Newcastle.
- Increase in traffic, causing accidents at the intersection of Grady Rd and North Street.
- Lack of housing and amenities for young people in Newcastle.
- Pedestrian safety along Regional Road 17.

Priorities for the Secondary Plan

- Seniors housing and amenities catering to seniors.
- Long-term care facility.
- Starter homes for young families.
- Daycare facility.
- Cooperative/supportive housing.
- Safe options for walking and cycling.
- Variety of trees and landscaping.
- Preserve agricultural/historical aesthetic of Newcastle.





4. Summary of Dot-mocracy Feedback

Four panels were provided with images depicting concepts and design elements related to the four Guiding Priorities of Sustainability & Climate Change, Urban Design, Affordable Housing, and Community Engagement. Photographs of the panels are included in Appendix A. The following summarizes the results from the panels.

Sustainability and Climate Change

“Landscaping with native plants” = 10 votes

“Reduced vehicular dependence” = 7 votes

“Green infrastructure” 7 votes

“Local Food Production” and “Green Infrastructure” each received 6 votes.

Affordable Housing

“Seniors Housing” was a clear priority for participants, with 8 votes.

“Supportive Housing” and “Rental Housing” each had 6 votes

“Family Housing” had 5 votes.

Additional suggestions provided by participants included housing for young people, tiny homes, and co-op housing.

Urban Design

“Parks and natural landscapes” = 7 votes.

“Complete Streets” and “Interactive spaces” each received 6 votes

One additional suggestion was that community daycare or childcare space should also be a priority.

Community Engagement

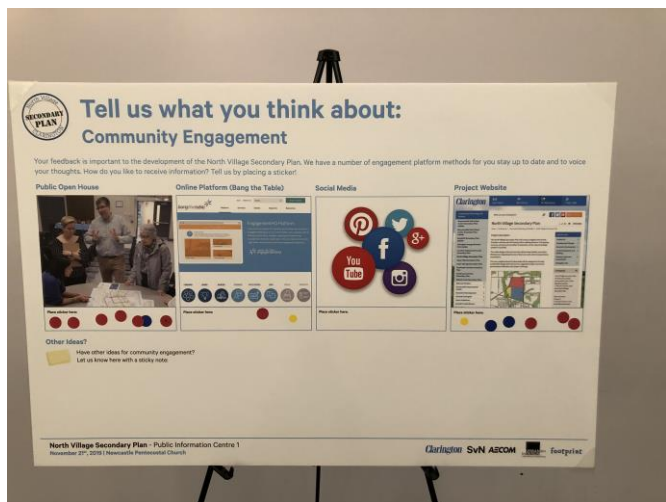
The most popular means of community engagement were “Public open house” (7) and “Project website” (6). Other forms of online engagement (social media, Bang the Table) were less popular.

5. Summary of Comment Sheet Feedback

One comment sheet was returned. The participant had circled “Urban Design” and “Affordable Housing” from the Guiding Priorities section. The comment sheet is included as Appendix B.



Appendix A: Photos of Dot-mocracy Panels





Appendix B: Feedback Form

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Feedback Form



1. What would you most like to see in the new community of North Village?
2. Do you have any questions or concerns regarding the planning process or the future of North Village?
3. Do you have any suggestions around the four priority areas?

Sustainability & Climate Change

Affordable Housing

Urban Design

Community Engagement

If you would like to stay informed about future meetings or milestones in the development of the North Village Secondary Plan, please provide your contact information below.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____