

Richmond Hill Official Plan Neighbourhood Consultation Summary Report

Overview of Neighbourhood Consultation

On November 25 and December 3, 2009 members of the community were invited to participate in one of two meetings on neighbourhoods as part of the development of the Town's new Official Plan. Participants worked with Town staff to help answer questions such as what will your neighbourhood be like in 25 years? What land uses would you like to see? Topics such as parks, institutional uses including daycares, professional home occupations, and residential secondary suites were explored.

Participants had the opportunity to view information panels on the Official Plan process and Richmond Hill's neighbourhoods.

A presentation was given by Paul Freeman, Manager of Policy, highlighting Major Policy Directions for the new Official Plan and providing information about Neighbourhoods. Participants took part in a workshop discussion and workbook exercise. To view the workbook, please click [here](#).

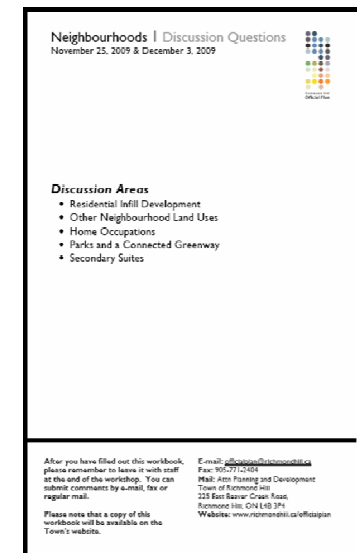
Who attended?

Over 50 residents and stakeholders attended one of two Neighbourhood Consultation Sessions held at the Oak Ridges Recreation Centre and Elgin Barrow Arena.

What was heard at the Neighbourhood Consultation Sessions?

Workshop discussions included:

- Residential Infill Development;
- Other Neighbourhood Land Uses (such as daycares, places of worship, private or public schools);
- Home Occupations;
- Parks and a Connected Greenway; and
- Secondary Suites.



Comments received during these consultation sessions highlighted the following:

1. Ensuring Compatible Residential Infill and Redevelopment

- Centres and corridors identified on the urban structure should sustain the majority of intensification
- New development in neighbourhoods should be a ‘good fit’ with existing character

2. Other Neighbourhood Uses

- Existing neighbourhood commercial should be retained and enhanced to integrate better with other uses within neighbourhoods

3. Home Occupations and Live-Work Units

- Policies should allow professional home occupations and identify criteria (i.e. adequate onsite parking, limited number of employees, structural appearance)
- Home occupations and live-work units should blend in with neighbourhoods

4. Parks and a Connected Greenway

- Parks should continue to be maintained and enhanced through better connections, naturalization / landscaping
- Improved connectivity and accessibility to parks should be encouraged to promote walkability and healthy neighbourhoods

5. Secondary Suites

- Secondary suites should be permitted in dwellings that meet identified criteria such as adequate parking, building code and fire requirements

Where can I find more information?

The Neighbourhoods Presentation and workbook can be found on the Official Plan homepage at www.richmondhill.ca/officialplan

