



## NOTICE OF OPEN HOUSE AND PUBLIC MEETING

### City Initiated Amendment for new Housing Policies Official Plan Amendment No. 149

The City of Niagara Falls has initiated an amendment to the City's Official Plan to implement the action items of the City's Housing Strategy by including affordable housing targets and a framework for achieving the targets.

***To ensure public safety, Open House Meetings and City Council Public Meetings are being held virtually.***

#### OPEN HOUSE

**Date:** Tuesday, July 19, 2022

**Time:** 5:00 PM

**Place:** City Hall 4310 Queen Street (STAFF ONLY)

Representatives from the City's Consultants, Dillon Consulting in association with Tim Welch Consulting, and City Planning Staff will attend remotely to present the draft amendments to you and to answer questions. Any public individual/group interested in participating in the meeting should register by 4:30pm, **July 18, 2022** by emailing [planning@niagarafalls.ca](mailto:planning@niagarafalls.ca). You can also participate by providing comments as outlined below.

#### COUNCIL MEETING

**A Public Meeting of Council has been scheduled for:**

**Date:** Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Time:** Public Meetings start at 1:00 PM Public Meeting will take place in accordance with Council's agenda.

**Place:** Council Chambers, City Hall, 4310 Queen Street (COUNCIL AND LIMITED STAFF ONLY)

Visit <https://niagarafalls.ca/city-hall/council/schedule.aspx> to watch the Council Meeting

**Any public individual/group interested in making comments on this application or viewing and/or participating in this meeting are encouraged to use the methods noted further below.**

#### PROPOSED AMENDMENT

The City's Housing Directions Study Phase 2: Housing Strategy was presented to City Council on March 22, 2022. Council received and endorsed the Strategy and directed Staff to begin implementation through an Official Plan Amendment including consultation with the community. The Housing Strategy is set out in 21 theme-based actions that includes new policy directions, programs and tools that will work together in the short, medium, and long term to help achieve the City's 40% affordability target for all new built housing.

The draft amendment to the Official Plan aims to:

- Update policies to provide opportunities for the achievement of affordable housing targets, promote a greater diversity of housing types, ensure a healthy supply of rental units and provide a framework of tools to implement these policies.
- Creation and monitoring of second units.
- Clearly define the City's role and responsibility in supporting housing affordability.
- Introduce a policy to review all surplus municipal lands for housing suitability.

## HAVE YOUR SAY

You are invited to provide input and participate in the Public Meeting. During this time, written comments are the preferred method of receiving public input. Written comments may be sent by mail or email. You can also provide oral input by joining the electronic meeting.

## WRITTEN SUBMISSION

Please provide written input, or to request notice of Council's decision, by mailing your comments to the Department of Planning, Building & Development, City Hall, 4310 Queen Street, Niagara Falls, Ontario, L2E 6X5 or send an email to [bdick@niagarafalls.ca](mailto:bdick@niagarafalls.ca) on or before **August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022**.

## ORAL SUBMISSION

To participate in the remote electronic public meeting please pre-register with the City Clerk by sending an email to [billmatson@niagarafalls.ca](mailto:billmatson@niagarafalls.ca) before 4:30 pm on **August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022**. All registrants will be provided with instructions on how to use your computer, tablet or phone to participate in the remote electronic public meeting. Registrants will be notified of Council's Decision.

## VIEW THE MEETING

The remote electronic Public Meeting can be live-streamed on the City's webpage of the Council Meeting Schedule at <https://niagarafalls.ca/city-hall/council/schedule.aspx> on the day of the event. The meeting will also be archived on the same webpage for viewing after the event.

## MORE INFORMATION

More details regarding the source and creation of these policies may be found at <https://letstalk.niagarafalls.ca/employment-lands-strategy>.

A copy of the draft official plan amendment are posted online and can be viewed at <https://niagarafalls.ca/city-hall/planning/current-planning-applications.aspx>. Print copies are also available from the Planning Department upon request.

A copy of the Planning, Building and Development Recommendation Report on the amendments will be available at <https://niagarafalls.ca/city-hall/council/schedule.aspx> after 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 4, 2022.

For more information, please contact Brian Dick, Manager of Policy Planning at (905)356-7521, extension 4247; or visit the Planning, Building and Development Department, second floor, City Hall, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:40 p.m. or email [planning@niagarafalls.ca](mailto:planning@niagarafalls.ca).

## LEGAL NOTICE

### Section 17 of the Planning Act

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the City of Niagara Falls, the decision may not be appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) later.

**If you rent your property to seven (7) or more tenants, please post a copy of this notice in a location on your property which is visible to all of the residents.**

Dated at the City of Niagara Falls this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022.

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