



NOTICE OF OPEN HOUSE

City Initiated Amendment for Delegated Authority

Official Plan Amendment No. 155 and Delegation By-law

The City of Niagara Falls has initiated an amendment to the City's Official Plan to update and implement policies to reflect the *Supporting People and Businesses Act, 2021* ("Bill 13"), amendments to the *Planning Act* regarding delegating approval authority to staff for specific development applications.

OPEN HOUSE

An Open House has been scheduled for:

Date: Thursday, September 14, 2023

Time: 5:00 PM

Place: City Hall, 4310 Queen Street and/or Web-based Platform

A representative from the Planning, Building & Development Department will attend to present the proposal to you and to answer questions. 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 *Supporting People and Businesses Act, 2021* has made amendments to the *Planning Act* which permit Council to delegate planning decisions dealing with minor amendments to zoning by-laws as well as certain aspects related to draft approved plans including minor revisions, extension of a lapsing period, and approvals of draft plans. Additionally, delegating deeming by-laws, technical consent applications, lifting part lot control, and simple grant Community Improvement Plan applications is proposed. Delegating these authorities would help streamline the approval process for certain development applications.

The draft amendment to the Official Plan aims to:

- Introduce policies to outline criteria for specific types of development applications to be delegated and permit specific development applications to be delegated from Council to Staff; and
- Update policies to ensure consistency with delegated approval authority.

DOCUMENTS

Digital copies of documents submitted may be obtained at <https://niagarafalls.ca/city-hall/planning/current-planning-applications.aspx>.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Public input on applications is invited. 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 or by attending in person.

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 jhannah@niagarafalls.ca on or before **September 13, 2023**.

ORAL SUBMISSION

To attend and/or participate remotely at the Open House please pre-register by sending an email to jhannah@niagarafalls.ca before 12 noon on September 14, 2023.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information, please contact Julie Hannah, Senior Manager of Current Planning at (905) 356-7521, extension 4107 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m, or email jhannah@niagarafalls.ca.

FORMAL PUBLIC MEETING

The formal Public Meeting required by the *Planning Act* with City Council will be held at a later date. Separate notice of that meeting will be provided after the Open House and thirty (30) days before the Public Meeting is to occur.

Dated at the City of Niagara Falls this 2nd day of September 2023.

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Director of Planning