



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

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.

COUNCIL MEETING

Public Meetings may be attended remotely and electronically or in person.

A Public Meeting of Council has been scheduled for:

Date: Tuesday, October 24, 2023

**Time: Public Meetings start at 4:30PM
The Public Meeting will take place in
accordance with Council's agenda.**

Place: Council Chambers, City Hall, 4310 Queen Street

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 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.

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 dfoley@niagarafalls.ca on or before **October 24, 2023**.

Comments are preferred to be provided before 4:30 p.m on **Monday October 23, 2023** to be included in Council's agenda package.

ORAL SUBMISSION

To participate remotely and electronically or in person at the public meeting please pre-register with the City Clerk by sending an email to billmatson@niagarafalls.ca before 4:30 pm on **October 23, 2023**. All registrants who indicate they wish to attend remotely and electronically will be provided with instructions on how to participate in the public meeting using an electronic platform. Registrants will be notified of Council's Decision.

VIEW THE MEETING

The 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

For more information please contact Danielle Foley, Planning Student at (905)356-7521, extension 4282, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or by email anytime at dfoley@niagarafalls.ca.

A copy of the Planning, Building & Development Department's Recommendation Report on the application will be available at <https://niagarafalls.ca/city-hall/council/schedule.aspx> after 4:00 p.m. the Thursday before the meeting.

LEGAL NOTICE

If you do not provide input by speaking at a public meeting or by making a written submission to the City you may not be able to appeal the decision 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 22nd day of September, 2023.

Andrew Bryce MCIP, RPP
Director of Planning