

Mayor's Millennial Advisory Committee meeting – Nov 17, 2021

- Mayor's Update
 - **UGC**
 - On Nov 10, the City received official notification of the boundary adjustment of the UGC from Minister Steve Clark, and the Minister also confirmed the removal of the MTSA designation in the downtown
 - Takes effect immediately and impacts all future developments
 - Prior applications to 10 Nov are grandfathered with the UGC; these applications are with the OLT
 - The City of Burlington is advocating that the tribunal consider the city's vision for the downtown and the new changes with the UGC and MTSA brought in by the provincial government
 - There are roughly 7 applications
 - Staff and Council worked hard on this and will continue to work with the MPP Jane McKenna and Minister Steve Clark to ensure development in downtown Burlington is appropriate given the wishes to the residents and the availability of infrastructure needed to support it.
 - **Housing Strategy**
 - Meeting to go over housing needs and supports
 - Identify the 5 pillars of the cities housing strategy; virtual open house on Monday 29 Nov from 7-9pm on Zoom with Staff reviewing the report and Monday 7 December 2021 during the Community Planning Regulation and Mobility Committee meeting (delegate for this meeting)
 - **Get Involved Burlington**
 - Reminder to get involved
 - Seeking feedback on Draft Pedestrian and Cycling plans
 - Rural Burlington Active Transportation Plan closes on 6 December 2021
- Christmas Market
 - Reminder to come out and participate in Burlington's first Christmas Market!
- MTSA
 - General support for development in the identified MTSA's around the GO Stations
 - There is a lack of parks and social space outdoors
 - The additional roads and parking lots are not all marked as flex streets. The development around these zones should reflect the flex street requirements to ensure more social space.
 - The new roads are in the designs by default not cycling friendly, should be required. This should help to boost multi-modal transit as it will be harder to add in later.
 - Parks are what has drawn and retained most of the millennials on the committee to Burlington, these should be added in to the plan to encourage a quality of life.

- The parks should have connected multi-use trails to the existing multi-use trails within the city.
 - For Appleby GO, connection missing on the east side via a bridge
 - For Burlington GO, not good connection via Queens Drive
 - The plan is an honest attempt to highlight use of space for the reality that we will see population growth, and attempts to provide accessible areas for this population growth
 - There should be a greater attempt to blend the industry into the zoning; attempts should be made to include the industrial zones and permit them to go larger to ensure further advanced manufacturing and agri-businesses are able to sustain and grow
 - There should be a mix of housing that can accommodate families; 1-2 kids.
 - Families will need space, and affordability will not play a role if people cannot find the space to exist.
 - There does not seem to be any provision for social services or spaces to provide services for families; we need to be mindful of these growth features
 - Social services
 - Spaces for social support (food bank, clothing bank, womens shelter, etc.)
 - Child care & Schooling
- Waterfront hotel redevelopment
 - Double check on Get Involved Dates upcoming
 - Needs adequate parking
 - The city is not the builder; this is a fact. The developer is a private business that is operating within guidelines from the city and community. The city cannot just expropriate land.
 - The height is not an issue.
 - The design is not good. It should be iconic. Not bland or feeling like we are in the Financial District or at any Condo in Mississauga. It should be unique and attract people to Burlington to the waterfront and the pier.
 - Need to be mindful of transportation and ensure it adapts within the cities plans
 - Should also provide some value for entertainment and social spaces
 - The architecture should change to look more art nouveau; to frame Burlington more as a destination with a waterfront
 - All parking needs to be underground. Should include cycling parking, indoors in a secure room; maybe heated.
 - Access to the park and waterfront should be welcoming and enhance the park's natural facilities
 - Should include public washrooms on the ground level and space for the provision of restaurants or cafes
- Other items:
 - Lack of lights in parks at night
 - Most of the parks are not adequately lit
 - Park lighting should be enhanced, and some parks just need light

- This would encourage people to go to the parks and enhance general safety at the parks
- The parks should be used further for events to ensure they are used and generate more revenue for the community
- Nick communicating with Councillor Paul Sharman on this; the committee supports this initiative
- Recommend documentary called Social Life in Small Urban Places, from 1980s, talks about making small spaces accommodating, inclusive, and desirable.
 - There is also a book

Adjourned: 9:03 pm