

## Millennial Advisory Committee – Sept 29, 2021

### Mayor's Update

- MTSA study has kicked off – staff at next meeting
  - Non-BMMAC MTSA sessions are virtual and are listed online for attendance. These MTSA's are critical due to population growth out to 2051. These are focused around Aldershot GO, Burlington GO, and Appleby GO. By 2051, these MTSA's would be 25,000 person mini-city centres to accommodate with future growth and would require increased services.
    - The majority of the current proposals are for 1-bedroom units; largely due to the cost of a 3-bedroom unit being greater in cost than a 3-bedroom townhome, cost being driven by the super structure. The opposite seems to be true when it comes to affordability, in that high rises are not more affordable than low-rise growth.
    - GTHA pricing being second only to Vancouver. All major urban centres in Canada are seeing cost escalations.
    - There are pandemic related real estate factors pushing for people to move to where they want to live, and when COVID hit many people left the cities.
    - RER growth is priority to support the growth using public transportation. The aim is to be complete walkable communities. It cannot just be high rises.
    - Majority of the committee present are living in 3-bedroom units, mix between Condos, Town-Homes, and Detached Homes.
- Creating 'complete communities' in Burlington
- Creating around the GO Stations
- Important for us to hear from committee about what they're looking for in their communities
- 2020 Lakeshore, they've had a pre-application meeting. No application has been submitted yet
- Staff are picking up waterfront study
- Looking for feedback on taxes/budget
  - Tax Assessment Growth - This is based on new growth vs current growth. New Tax payers and New Units provide assessment growth, which cushions tax increases. What we have seen is more people in units; adults living in their parents unit or multiple families in one unit. This does not increase tax base, but does increase intensification. Example of Alton Village, where many units have multiple families per unit. As a result the amenities and community centres are over crowded.

### Status of the Committee

- Outstanding staff direction that had numerous items – one being the Millennial Advisory committee a formal committee of council
- That means there would be more formality, recruitment, membership, terms of reference, etc.
- The staff from the Mayor's office have been providing this clerk support since the beginning of the committee in tandem with the efforts of the Co-Chairs of the BMMAC.
- Staff direction is caught up on a larger review of citizen engagement as a whole – beyond citizen committees

- There was a report about volunteer committees that came up, however, this report did not necessarily touch on the items that were directed to address and items that council were not prepared to address at that time; however, it did address some items that needed to be addressed at the time which were taken care of within a year. Council has asked the clerks to go back and standardize committees and come up with new committees. The plan is to encourage engagement in smaller chunks – quick wins. Then came COVID and much of the committee work stalled.
- Today it was presented by the Clerks department that they will not be returning to the advisory committee review until 2023-2024. A report will be coming this fall for items that Council can review to determine priorities until 2023-2024.
- We can continue meeting as a committee with regular monthly meetings, online – and hopefully in person – as we are an important touch piece for engagement and voice of our generation. Staff and our elected leaders value our outlook on relevant items arising within the city.
- We are currently listed with all of the other advisory committees on the City’s Web Page. We can post on the City Website or the Mayor’s website, or elsewhere.
- This committee is unique, as the Co-Chairs and the Committee set the agenda. The Mayor attends as a resource.
- Open to any input from the committee

#### Christmas Market in Ward 2

- Approved for 2 years, with a few chances to provide experiences to improve. Rory is a non-voting Board member involved with the initiative. This has been years in the making, and this is year-1 for the 4-day event in December 2021.
- 4 day event
- Board is always looking for members and volunteers
- Family Friendly, outdoors, licensed, style based on the German-style Christmas market, with a group of vendors with holiday wares based on a Canadian/Burlington market.
- The Christmas Market is applying for grants from the Ontario chamber of commerce and fundraising.
- Primarily focused on downtown vendors and the adjacent restaurants near Village Square and the parking lot. The Elgin Promenade will be animated as part of this the initiative.
- Committee supportive of the initiative to foster Christmas-Community spirit, local businesses, music and food/drink. Music will be coordinated in partnership with the Sound of Music.
- Concerns from committee: crowds can get very intense and there’s no heating and nowhere to get warm drinks, need methods to keep the crowds from getting too intense
- Need accessible washrooms, and open city hall area. Porta Potties will be brought in
- What usage is the square between Scriveners and Kelly’s Bakeshop? Can this be arranged to be a part of it? Maybe year 2?

#### Waterfront hotel redevelopment proposal

- Pre-Application Meeting has occurred. As opportunities become more real with a statutory public meeting, we should delegate at that time.

- They cannot re-develop the area without completing a waterfront study, which has not been completed. This will look at the whole area comprehensively.
- There was a group previously in Burlington that issued points on the development based on a “thin red line” to keep the development in a way that provides greater green space within Spencer Smith Park.
- The City is looking for a proposal that is between 18-24 storeys.
- Should ensure there are public washrooms at the ground floor to accommodate the increased public usage of the park
- Previously the committee delegated on this in our first years, from 2016-2018.
- Mayor will let the committee know when the waterfront study gets started
- Planning staff could come talk to committee
- She'll also let the committee know if there's any delegation opportunities

#### Optional – Brants Street Pedestrianization

- Put aside for this season based on strong feedback from Brant St businesses
- Concern over how the businesses could benefit
- Businesses wanted to get a working group together for this fall so they could bring something forward next spring
- ITAC report posted online
- What previous councils have found is that when roads are closed, it works best when something's going on, i.e. animated event
- Idea of 'flex streets'? – cars share space with people walking/cycling. Slows cars down a lot

#### Other

- Treats in the streets? For this Halloween? – connect with BDDBA

Adjourn: 8:25 pm