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Planning & Development Services

2013 Comprehensive Zoning Review

Technical Paper #3: General Provisions

Introduction

New legislation in the *Planning Act* requires municipalities to update its Zoning By-law within three years of a new Official Plan coming into effect. The Town's Official Plan came into effect on August 14, 2012. The goal of the Comprehensive Zoning Review is to revise and update our current zoning standards primarily to implement the policies of the Town's Official Plan, incorporate new standards for the Aurora Promenade and also update standards related to the general provisions to apply current progressive planning practice and regulations.

Issues to be addressed

The following General Provisions issues are under consideration:

- Dated General Provisions
 - Old provisions from enactment of the zoning by-law (1978)
 - General Provisions need to reflect 2013 standards
- Parking standards
 - Assess comparable municipal parking standards to reflect updated parking provisions in the Greater Toronto Area.
 - Specific Promenade Parking Policies as per the Official Plan

Dated General Provisions

Many existing provisions in the zoning by-law remain from the current 1978 by-law. In many cases, the general provisions reflect standards from 1978 (example: preservation of agricultural uses). Previous updates and office consolidations added to the general provisions but a comprehensive update of existing provisions was never conducted.

General Provisions need to reflect the Official Plan and Aurora beyond 2013. Updated General Provisions will include necessary urban provisions to reflect the standards of a growing municipality

Parking Standards

Parking Standards were incorporated in 1978. New standards were included usually as a site specific by-law amendment over time. Parking Standards will reflect current standards have been incorporated in other Zoning By-laws in the Greater Toronto Area. Parking standards will reflect policies introduced in the Aurora Promenade Plan

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