DOWNTOWN GEORGETOWN PLANNING STUDY



Town of Halton Hills Planning, Public Works and Transportation Committee

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

The Planning Partnership

INTRODUCTION TO PROJECT

THE TEAM

The Planning Partnership

Meridian Planning Consultants
PLAN B Natural Heritage
Cole Engineering Group Ltd.
Bray Heritage
N. Barry Lyon Consultants Ltd.
SCS Consulting Group

A vision and planning framework to make Downtown Georgetown the best place to live, work and play



Purpose of the Study

- To develop a clear vision and detailed planning framework (land use and built form) for Downtown Georgetown
- To produce a Secondary Plan for Downtown Georgetown as a basis for evaluating the merits of future development applications, particularly intensification proposals, to ensure the heritage character and multi-faceted, mixed use function of the area is protected
- To comprehensively evaluate the capacity of the area to accommodate intensification of a magnitude and scale
 appropriate for the area



Technical Advisory Committee

to provide technical review and analysis

- Policy Planner (Project Manager)
- Heritage Planner
- Development Review Planner
- Manager of Planning Policy
- Economic Development Representative
- Manager of Development Engineering
- Manager of Transportation
- Manager of Parks and Open Space
- Halton Region Planner
- Credit Valley Conservation Planner
- Halton Hills Hydro Representative



Project Steering Committee

provide input and to raise the interests of the groups/organizations they represent

- Mayor Rick Bonnette
- Regional Councillor Fogal (Chair)
- Councillor Kentner
- Councillor Johnson
- Downtown Georgetown BIA
- Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce
- Heritage Halton Hills Committee
- Halton Hills Cultural Roundtable
- Halton Hills Library
- Town Sustainability Implementation Committee
- Halton Hills Hydro
- Active Transportation Committee
- Two Downtown Georgetown Residents
- Downtown Georgetown Business/Land Owner



STUDY SCHEDULE



We are here

OVERVIEW OF PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

Let's get people engaged:

61,000 people living in Halton Hills

42,000 people living in Georgetown **5000** 15-24 years old **8500** over 55

High school and elementary school students

Clubs, interest groups, service clubs, residents groups

Landowners and developers

BIA members and management



OVERVIEW OF PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

Identified the level of public engagement in each phase based on Town's Engagement Strategy to clarify how the public's contribution will be considered.

- What's important to you?
- Design, design, design
- **3** Downtown Plan



Three milestones with 20+ ways to share thoughts and get involved



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Downtown Visioning Workshop: let's get started

12 hours, many ways to participate

What's great about Downtown Georgetown and how can we make it even better?

Kick Off
Presentation

Visual
Preference
Survey





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3 Workshop



Focus group conversation





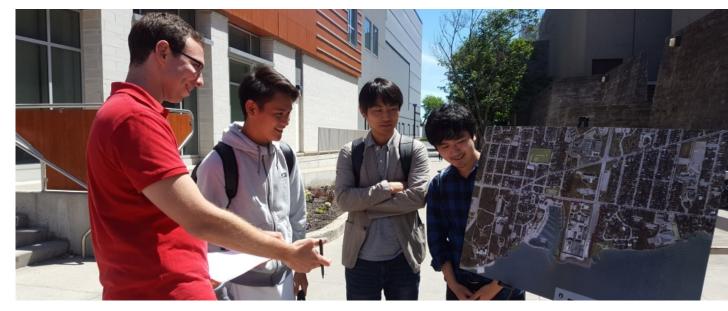
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One on One Interviews



Peer to peer conversation





What's great about Downtown Georgetown and how can we make it even better?

Roving

Destination

Downtown

Discussions



Pop Up Studio







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Share your thoughts online

Downtown Georgetown Planning Study

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REGISTER to get involved!

Who's listening

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Photos



TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

Q & A

Document Library

Terms of Reference (2.91 MB) (pdf)





We are just getting started on the Destination Downtown Land Use Study and would like to hear your thoughts on Downtown Georgetown.



Downtown Design Summit: let's start designing

April 2018: 12 hours, 3 designers, 3 teams, 2 design sessions, 7 ways to participate

What could Downtown Georgetown look like? Three options: buildings, green

space, streets and parking



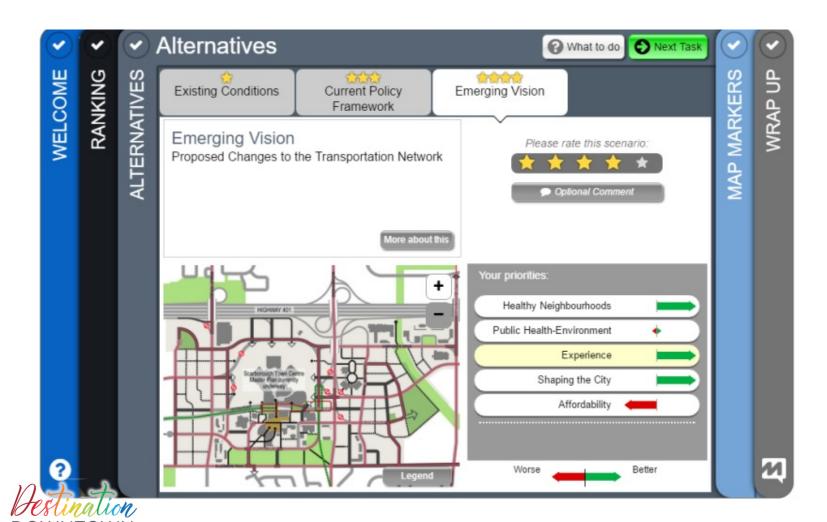


- Register to participate in one of two public design sessions
- Concurrent focus group conversations
- Pin up of options generated at design sessions
- Pick up a workbook, send us your ideas
- Attend the wrap up presentation that summarizes the design options and the next steps
- Look at the three options as consolidated and refined by the team and posted online
- Have a look at the three options on display in the Town Hall

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Downtown Open House: Draft Downtown Plan

12 hours, two presentations, talk to us one-on-one at the open house, complete the interactive displays

Here's what you said, best of the best of the three concepts, preferred land use and built form concept, preferred transportation network

Share your thoughts online





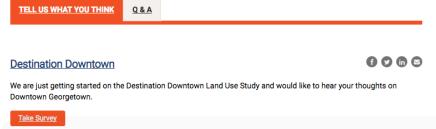


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We want to hear from you!



Bestination DOWNTOWN The Town of Halton Hills is preparing Destination Downtown, a Plan to ensure that the multi-faceted and mixed-use function and cultural identity of Downtown Georgetown are enhanced.

There will be particular focus on:

Historic Character

Natural Areas

Housing areas

Businesses

Public Spaces

Get involved!



Answer questions to help plan for the future of Downtown Georgetown. See back of postcard...

Pre-postage is supplied, simply answer questions anonymously, then drop in mailbox.

What We Heard

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October 2017

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Meaningful and interactive public and stakeholder engagement and participation will form the foundation of the Downtown Georgetown Planning Study.

So far, more than 100 comments have been provided.

Please continue to share your thoughts:

letstalkhaltonhills.ca

@dtowngtown #destinationdowntown

What we asked:

- 1. What is great about Downtown Georgetown?
- 2. I would come to Downtown Georgetown more often if...

Ways we connected:



One-one-one conversations at the Georgetown Farmer's Market (October 7th, 2017)



Handout surveys



Comment postcards handed out at Masquerade on Main (October 28th, 2017)



The project web page: letstalkhaltonhills.ca

What's important to you:

- Sense of community
- · Community events (farmer's market)
- Small town feel
- Variety of restaurants, shops, and local businesses
- Walkability and attractive streetscaping
- Historic charm

What could make Downtown Georgetown even better:

- More restaurants and patios
- · More community events (live music)
- Cycling infrastructure
- Heritage preservation
- · More public, gathering spaces
- More specialty shops (hardware store, bakery)
- Additional transit and parking options



Downtown Georgetown Planning Study





Destination DOWNTOWN



The Town of Halton Hills has launched **Destination Downtown**, which is a study to develop a vision and new planning framework for Downtown Georgetown. The conclusion of the study will result in a Secondary Plan for Downtown Georgetown, which will guide development over the next 20 years with respect to land use, building height, density, and urban design.

The Downtown Planning Study will be undertaken in six phases over the next 18 months. Each phase of the study includes opportunities for you to participate. The first public session is a **Visioning Workshop**. At this workshop you will collaborate with the project team in developing the Vision and Guiding Principles which will guide the development of alternatives for land use and built form in Downtown Georgetown.

Please join us on:

Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2018

Time: 6:30 pm Registration, Presentation at 6:45 pm

Location: Hillsview Active Living Centre - Georgetown (318 Guelph Street East

(Unit #9 - back of building)

STUDY SCHEDULE - NEXT STEPS

Public consultation event #2 in early April 2018



We are here

February 20, 2018:

- Technical Advisory
 Committee Meeting #2
- Steering Committee Meeting #2
- Public consultation event #1