

NOTICE OF SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING

To be held by Planning and Growth Management Committee
(Pursuant to Subsection 26(3)(b) of the Planning Act)

Proposed Official Plan Amendment Pertaining to Economic Health and Employment Lands Policies and Designations

DATE: November 21, 2013
TIME: 9:30 a.m., or as soon as possible thereafter
PLACE: Second Floor, Committee Room 1
Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, Toronto

PROPOSAL – PURPOSE AND EFFECT

The City of Toronto is currently undertaking a review of the Official Plan which was adopted by Council in 2002 and came into effect in 2006. A copy of the current Official Plan can be viewed or downloaded from the City's website: www.toronto.ca/planning/official_plan/introduction.htm.

The Planning Act requires that an Official Plan be reviewed at least every 5 years. The holding of public hearings on the Official Plan Review may be delegated by Council to Planning and Growth Management Committee under Section 24 of the City of Toronto Act and the Toronto Municipal Code.

After extensive public consultation, new Official Plan policies for the economic health of the City and the designating and mapping of Toronto's Employment Lands are being recommended.

The proposed amendment would delete Sections 2.1.3, 2.2.4, 3.5.1, 3.5.3, 4.6 and Site and Area Specific Policy 154 of the Official Plan in their entirety replacing them and adding new employment land policies addressing matters including: stimulating the growth of new office space near rapid transit; preserving most of the City's existing employment lands solely for business and economic activities; the inclusion of two employment lands designations – Core Employment Areas and General Employment Areas – and new mapping to show these designations; conversion and removal of employment lands; requirements for the replacement and increase of non-residential floor area for new development in mixed use and regeneration areas in specific areas of the City; and, promoting a strong and diverse retail sector.

The proposed amendment would also amend Map 2 and amend Maps 13 to 23 of the Official Plan.

A staff report with the proposed draft official plan policies was considered by City Council at its meeting of November 27, 28 and 29, 2012. Council directed that the draft policies, designations and mapping be the basis of consultations, open houses and meetings to obtain feedback.

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2012/pg/bgrd/backgroundfile-51493.pdf>)

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2012/pg/bgrd/backgroundfile-51834.pdf>)

At its meeting of June 11 and 12, 2013, City Council considered a report outlining the results of the public consultation and staff recommendations for further refinements of the draft policies. Council adopted several recommendations including the endorsement of two, rather than three, employment area designations and directed staff to further consider and refine the proposed policies.

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2013/pg/bgrd/backgroundfile-58085.pdf>)

At its meeting of September 12, 2013 the Planning and Growth Management Committee adopted recommendations set out in a report from the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning Division, directing staff to use a draft proposed Official Plan Amendment as the basis for consultation at an open house on that was held on September 19, 2013 and to give some further consideration to those proposed policies.

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2013/pg/bgrd/backgroundfile-61159.pdf>)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A printed copy of the proposed Official Plan Amendment that will be considered by Planning and Growth Management Committee will be available to be viewed from Monday to Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the following locations starting on October 31, 2013:

City Clerk's Office
Toronto City Hall, 10th floor, West Tower
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

City Planning
Metro Hall, 22nd floor
55 John Street
Toronto, ON M5V 3C6

Should you require additional information about the proposed Official Plan Amendment you may contact Paul Bain at 416-392-8781 (pbain@toronto.ca).

A copy of City Planning's Final Report on the proposed Official Plan Amendment will be available on the City's web site at <http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/agendas.html> on November 15, 2013.

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC MEETING

You are invited to attend the Special Public meeting to make your views known regarding the proposed Official Plan Amendment. To assist in scheduling, if you wish to address the Planning and Growth Management Committee, please notify the City Clerk, Planning and Growth Management Committee, by calling 416-397-4579, or e-mail pgmc@toronto.ca by no later than 12:00 noon on November 20, 2013.

If you wish to submit written comments, please forward them to the City Clerk, attention: Nancy Martins, Administrator, Planning and Growth Management Committee, City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, 10th Floor, West Tower, Toronto, ON M5H 2N2, or by Fax: 416-392-1879, or by e-mail to pgmc@toronto.ca.

The Planning and Growth Management Committee will review the proposal and any other material placed before it, in order to make recommendations on the Official Plan Amendment. These recommendations will then be forwarded to Toronto City Council for its consideration.

FURTHER INFORMATION

If you wish to be notified of the adoption or refusal of the proposed Official Plan Amendment, you must make a written request to the City Clerk, attention: Nancy Martins, Administrator, Planning and Growth Management Committee, at the address set out in this notice or by Fax: 416-392-1879.

Official Plan Amendment and Appeal: If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the City Clerk, attention: Nancy Martins, Administrator, Planning and Growth Management Committee, at the address set out in this notice or by Fax: 416-392-1870 before the Council decision on the proposed Official Plan Amendment, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision to the Ontario Municipal Board and may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

People writing or making presentations at the public meeting: The *City of Toronto Act, 2006*, the *Planning Act*, and the City of Toronto Municipal Code authorize the City of Toronto to collect any personal information in your communication or presentation to City Council or its committees.

The City collects this information to enable it to make informed decisions on the relevant issue(s). If you are submitting letters, faxes, e-mails, presentations or other communications to the City, you should be aware that your name and the fact that you communicated with the City will become part of the public record and will appear on the City's website. The City will also make your communication and any personal information in it - such as your postal address, telephone number or e-mail address - available to the public, unless you expressly request the City to remove it.

The City videotapes committee and community council meetings. If you make a presentation to a committee or community council, the City will be videotaping you and City staff may make the video tapes available to the public. Direct any questions about this collection to the City Clerk's Office at 416-397-4579.

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Dated at the City of Toronto this 10th day of October, 2013.

Ulli S. Watkiss
City Clerk

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