

HISTORIC NEIGHBOURHOODS STRATEGY

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Historic Neighbourhood Strategy

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What is the Historic Neighbourhood Strategy?

The Historic Neighbourhoods Strategy is a community planning initiative unlike any other undertaken by the City of Barrie in the past. This is a process that is driven by the residents of the Historic Neighbourhoods because it is the residents who know best the needs, opportunities and constraints found within their neighbourhoods.

Why is the City doing this?

Barrie's historical City Centre has been identified within the Provincial Places to Grow Growth Plan as an area for residential and employment intensification. As a result, our City's older historical neighbourhoods are expected to experience an increase in development activity, changing social issues and additional pressure for transitional land uses in the near future. The Historic Neighbourhoods Strategy is a proactive way to address the existing situation and plan for anticipated future growth.

Where are the Historic Neighbourhoods?

The Historic Neighbourhoods are residential neighbourhoods that surround the historic City Centre to the north and west of the historic downtown, to the west of Centennial Beach and to the south of the Allandale Train Station.

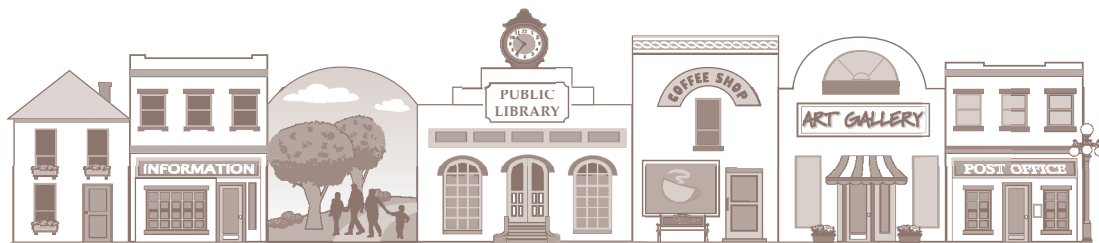
When is this process taking place?

The development of the Strategy is taking place right now and we encourage your involvement!

A Community Committee, comprised of residents from the historic neighbourhoods, interested City Councillors and City Staff is now being created. Lynn Morrow of Lynn Morrow Consulting has been retained to facilitate the Community Committee meetings and assist the Committee members with the development and implementation of a broad-based community outreach and communications consultation program. As well, the City has provided a dedicated Project Planner, Stacey Forfar. Both Stacey and the consultant will provide on-going support to the members of the Community Committee as well as the many other residents of these neighbourhoods, for the length of this process from June 2009 to June 2010.

How is this being done?

This planning process is unlike any undertaken before in the City of Barrie. Recruiting residents of the historic neighbourhoods for the Community Committee was among the initial tasks of the project. With the Committee in place, the members will work with the Communications consultant and City staff to develop a Community Outreach and Consultation Plan over the summer months to be launched in September 2009. This Plan will be designed to reach a broad cross-section of residents to maximize their involvement. Ultimately, the Community Committee members, supported by the Project Planner, will draft and finalize the Historic Neighbourhood Strategy.



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What will the final Historic Neighbourhood Strategy look like?

By June of 2010, the Community Committee will have a final Historic Neighbourhoods Strategy. While we anticipate common opportunities and constraints, the Strategy will recognize the unique issues and opportunities of each neighbourhood in a dedicated chapter. Most importantly, the Strategy will be accompanied by an Action Plan that will identify both short-term and long-term goals and projects as well as the anticipated costs and timelines associated with successful implementation.

How Can I Become Involved?

If you are a resident of the Historic Neighbourhoods you are encouraged to become involved in this project. As this process unfolds, there will continue to be many ways for you to become involved, including offering photographs of the features that define your neighbourhood for you, providing your thoughts through an interview or submitting comments online and/or through workshops exploring particular issues that have been recognized through this process. Please contact Stacey Forfar at sforfar@barrie.ca or 705-739-4220 x4434 to speak with her or visit our website at <http://hns.barrie.ca> to learn more about this process and the many ways in which you can become involved.



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