

What is Plan-it Windsor?

Your street. Your neighbourhood. Your city.

Plan-it! Windsor is your central place online to learn about all of Windsor's various plans that work together to shape your city, your neighbourhood, and even your street. You can find us by going to www.citywindsor.ca and clicking on Plan-it Windsor!"

Did You Know?

That no matter where you live in Windsor there is a park or green space within walking distance from your home! (Under 1 kilometre)

Want to get involved?

Attend another event?
Visit us on the web at www.citywindsor.ca (and click on Plan-it Windsor) to learn when the next public event is going to be held.

Are you a MySpace user?
Then be sure to sign up at www.myspace.com/planitwindsor to provide us with your comments and feedback on what is important to you!

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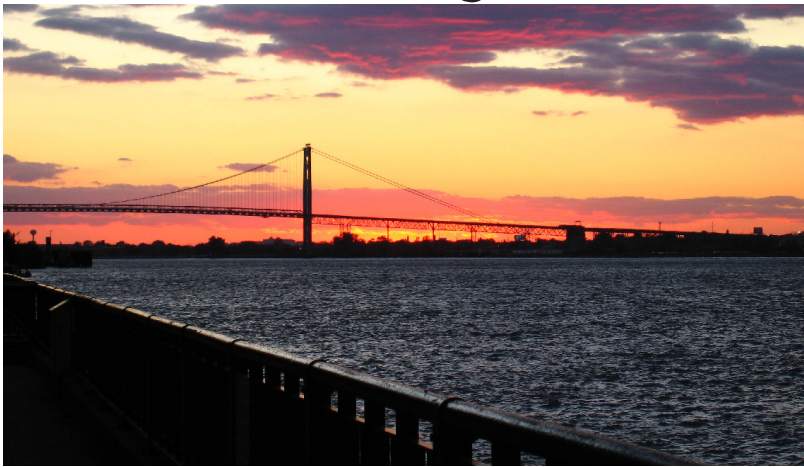
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Windsor's Official Plan Review Begins

Welcome

The people of Windsor enjoy a quality of life that is the envy of many other communities, both in Canada and abroad. We have great parks within walking distance of our homes. Our scenic waterfront gardens feature sculptures, fountains and playgrounds, and planners from other cities study them in their attempts to create something similar. We plan for people with disabilities, so that they can find their way through our city safely. Our downtown is increasingly a mix of business, education, residence and recreation; the vibrant heart of the city. These are just a few



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of the many assets that make Windsor a great place to live, work and visit.

This ever-improving quality of life has much to do with our city's Official Plan. Its policies regulate how

we as a community use our land and build a healthy, prosperous city. To make sure that the Official Plan can anticipate the many challenges of today and tomorrow, City Council has asked that it be brought to all the people of our city for comment and advice.

The City of Windsor will be holding public meetings over the coming months. On behalf of City Council, I invite all Windsor residents to attend these meetings or contact the City of Windsor 311 information service to learn more. This is your opportunity to tell us what is important to you and how you want your city to be.

Sincerely,



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You Should Know....

What is an Official Plan?

There are many plans that work together to develop and shape a city. The Official Plan tells how land will be used in the City. An Official Plan is extremely important because it:

- Outlines the future vision of the city.
- Establishes policies that help to achieve orderly growth and development.
- Shows where sewers, water mains, parks, roads, sidewalks and other services will go in the City.
- Gives a framework for other policies and regulations, such as zoning by-laws.
- Helps people know what they can do with their property.

What does the Official Plan Review mean to me?

The Official Plan Review can directly impact you. From your health, to your employment, to your overall quality of life the Official Plan Review is something that you should be involved in!

How can Windsor's Official Plan Review make me healthy?

Official plans determine many things within a city that can affect your health. This includes things such as:

- Ensuring there are parks and green space within walking distance of your home to enjoy
- Determining the creation and placement of sidewalks
- Identifying the need to include bike lanes and trails
- Creating neighbourhoods that have various services and facilities within walking distance

In fact, according to Dr. Andrew Pipe of the University of Ottawa Heart Institute, the biggest health problem facing Canadian cities is the lack of sidewalks.

How can Windsor's Official Plan Review make me green?

Official plans determine how the city will use its land. The Official Plan has an impact on the environment as it determines things such as:

- Maintaining a healthy and flourishing natural environment
- Protecting nature including the environment and various endangered species
- Increasing the quantity and quality of our green spaces
- Improving the water quality through our streams and rivers
- Improving the overall air quality by always considering the impact of development on the surrounding area

How can Windsor's Official Plan make my city attractive?

Official Plans set out what the city should look like so that it can be a magnet for visitors, new residents, and more investment. The Official Plan considers matters like:

- Making a great first impression at key entrances to the city
- Focusing attention on beautifying major roads and city facilities
- Preserving the best of our past
Setting minimum standards for how we build for the future

How can Windsor's Official Plan Review make me money?

The Official Plan considers the development and creation of jobs and includes things such as :

- Providing a wide range of employment opportunities at appropriate locations throughout Windsor
- Encouraging new industries and development to employ new workers
- Determining how the land can be used and what places would be attractive to different industries
- Determining where transit routes will be placed so that residents can reach businesses

