

Attachment 4 – Resident Land Use Roundtables

What: Small group engagements on specific land use matters of interest to the community, held within different areas of the community on different dates/times. Could be held in a ‘town hall’ format.

How: A Roundtable could be created through an enabling terms of reference, and approved via Council resolution.

Why: Fosters direct engagement with municipal officials, to receive information, ask questions, give input/discuss ideas, etc. Municipal officials could record input and consider in decision making. Topics could include “de-mystifying” various processes, methods to consider neighbour impacts, input into development or subdivision requirements, specific community plans, etc.

Who: Any interested member of the public. Small groups preferable.

When: Completely flexible, but some municipalities host 2-4 times per year.

Example: A variation of this approach was used to inform and engage participants of the proposed development plans for the Sturgeon Valley, the Villeneuve Airport Area, and more.

Advantages:

- Attendees could fully engage in the topics to learn more, explore, ask questions, and offer input.
- Specific topics could be chosen by Council, and/or solicited from the public.
- Those residents who may have the greatest interest in the specific topic, or that are most likely to be affected by a specific policy or regulation, could be invited or attracted to participate.
- Opportunity for residents to ask whatever else they may like, in addition to topic of the day.
- No training or special context required to participate.
- Resource requirements are temporary, unless held ongoing each year.

Limitations:

- Participation could vary depending on topics, location and timing of sessions.
- Creates resource requirements for both Council and Administration (to prepare agendas, prepare materials, attend, follow up, prepare reports, etc.).