

# 3 Promote Collaboration

## 3.1 Introduction

Mississauga promotes participation, collaboration, education and partnerships with the public, businesses, institutions, cultural industries and all levels of government in the planning process.

3.1.1 Mississauga encourages all individuals and groups to take an active interest in the planning of the city.

3.1.2 Mississauga will ensure ongoing consultation with the public and stakeholders on the implementation of this Plan.

3.1.3 Mississauga will take into consideration people with disabilities in the consultation with the public.

3.1.4 Mississauga will develop a public participation program as part of any Official Plan review. Public participation programs will be designed to increase public awareness, encourage active public involvement in the planning process, and, where

appropriate, facilitate consultation and joint planning.

3.1.5 Planning policies and reports will be made available to encourage continuing public awareness and input into the process and to assist in preparing briefs, submissions and responses to planning activities.

3.1.6 In the consideration of proposed development applications to amend the official plan, the zoning by-law and plans of subdivision, adequate information will be made available to the public, signs outlining the proposed land use will be erected on-site by development applicants and at least one public meeting will be held.

3.1.7 Public notice must be given at least 20 days prior to the holding of a statutory public meeting by Planning and Development Committee, General Committee, or City Council. Statutory notice of the public meeting can be given by advertisement:

- a. in a digital and/or print newspaper; or
- b. by individual notice forwarded to owners and



Figure 3-1: An example of public engagement for the Hurontario/Main Street Corridor Master Plan, which explores the introduction of rapid transit on Hurontario Street from Port Credit to downtown Brampton.

occupants of land within 120 m of the lands subject to a development application as shown on the last revised assessment roll or tax roll; and by posting a notice, clearly visible and legible from a public highway or other place to which the public has access, at every separately assessed property within the subject land or, if posting on the property is impractical, at a nearby location chosen by the Clerk of the municipality or the Secretary/Treasurer of the planning board.

3.1.8 If an open house is required by the Planning Act, notice will be given by advertisement in a digital and/or print newspaper.

3.1.9 The public meeting will be held by Planning and Development Committee, which is a standing Committee of City Council, or by City Council.

3.1.10 If the meeting is held by the Planning and Development Committee, the recommendation will be considered by City Council at a meeting open to the public. Any person may arrange to appear before Planning and Development Committee or City Council by contacting the Office of the City Clerk. Consideration of Planning and Development Committee recommendations by City Council for matters requiring a public meeting under the *Planning Act*, will not occur until 30 days from the date when notice of public meeting was given. In unusual circumstances - for example, when an Ontario Municipal Board hearing has been

scheduled or when no City Council meeting is scheduled because of a holiday period - Planning and Development Committee recommendations may be brought forward for the consideration of City Council prior to the expiry of the 30 day period.

3.1.11 Should a proposed plan of subdivision, official plan amendment and/or a proposed amendment to the zoning by-law change significantly subsequent to the public meeting, City Council may hold a second public meeting. If the change is not significant and still reflects the intent of the recommendation of City Council, a further public meeting may not be required prior to approval of the application by City Council.

3.1.12 Mississauga will develop a consultation protocol with members of Aboriginal communities on planning matters that affect their interests.

## 3.2 Community Planning

Mississauga is committed to an ongoing process to undertake local area reviews. An integral part of this process is the engagement of the local community to ensure that their needs, desires and aspirations are addressed.

3.2.1 The public and other stakeholders will be engaged throughout the local area review process. This may include but not be limited to, the development of a vision for the study area, the



Figure 3-2: Mississauga is committed to engaging the community in the planning process. As planning studies are prepared the City may use a variety of techniques to involve the community, such as holding community meetings, hosting open houses, conducting workshops or creating working groups.

preparation of a directions report to form the basis of the local area review, and the formulation of policies and revisions based on comments received from stakeholders.

3.2.2 The City may consider establishing a Local Advisory Panel as input to the local area review.