

# **Merton**

## PLANNING STUDY

### **Study Update**

#### **What is happening with the Merton Planning Study?**

The initial open houses for the Merton Planning Study were held on May 15 and 16, 2013. A report was provided to the Planning and Development Council on June 10, 2013 with an update on the study process. At that meeting, Council directed staff to continue to develop options to reflect conditions as the studies unfold and the consultation with the public continues. Background material for the Merton Planning Study can be found on the town's project webpage.

Since that time staff has expanded the opportunities for public engagement through stakeholder meetings and the Merton Idea Forum.

#### **What is the Merton Idea Forum? What have we heard to date?**

The Merton Idea Forum was added to the town's website enabling residents an easy way to share ideas and comments with the town and each other on the Merton Planning Study.

Throughout the summer and the fall staff has continued to receive input from the public through the Merton Idea Forum. We have heard from many members of the public with ideas as well as comments on the long term use of the lands. Comments have included concerns with the potential loss of the Deerfield Golf course, development on the lands located east of Fourteen Mile Creek — specifically with the site located at Third Line east of the creek, and the protection of the natural heritage areas.

Staff is also launching an [Online Survey](#) to obtain additional input from the public on the most important elements to be considered when determining the most appropriate land uses. We encourage you to take a few minutes to complete the survey so we can understand what is most important to you.

#### **What is the status of the technical studies? When will they be available?**

The technical studies required to be completed for the study have been under review by the Town of Oakville, Conservation Halton and Halton Region. It is important that all of the technical studies that are completed meet the town's terms of reference requirements and standards. The town's peer reviewer (AMEC Environment and Infrastructure) has consolidated its comments on the draft technical studies and has forwarded them to the landowners group. Once the technical studies are revised and updated to address all of the study requirements, they will be posted on the town's website.

Staff will use the completed technical information, together with the public's input, to prepare the proposed draft land use designations and policies for the study area lands.

### **When will a revised option for the lands be available for public comment?**

Assuming the technical reports are completed by the end of 2013, staff hopes to present a draft land use plan option at a public open house in the spring of 2014. Please see the updated study process and revised timing for the study.

We encourage you to take the Online Survey, share your thoughts and ideas through the Merton Idea Forum or provide your comments directly to the attention of the project staff noted below. Thank you.

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