Development application guidelines



Draft Official Plan Amendment or Zoning By-law Amendment

What is the purpose of this?

A *draft Official Plan amendment or Zoning By-law amendment* is a document that proposes revisions to the Official Plan or Zoning By-law based on a development application.

Who should prepare this?

Draft amendments should be prepared by a full member of the Canadian Institute of Planners (MCIP).

When is this required?

A *draft Official Plan amendment or Zoning By-law amendment* is required as part of a complete planning application.

Why do we need this?

When a development proposal does not conform with the policies of the Official Plan, and/or the regulations of the Zoning By-law, the proponent must clearly outline the requested modifications with justification.

How should this be prepared?

A *draft Official Plan amendment* should follow the format used by the Town, including the following items:

- purpose
- location
- basis
- amendments to the Plan text
- amendments to figures or schedules
- figures or schedules with changes indicated

A *draft Zoning By-law Amendment* should follow the By-law format used by the Town, including the following items:

- amendment(s) to the Zoning By-law text
- amendment(s) to the zoning maps

What else should we know?

The draft Official Plan amendment or Zoning By-law amendment may be included in the Planning Justification Report.

What other resources are there?

Town of Oakville – Examples of amendments from Planning and Development Council staff reports:

http://www.oakville.ca/townhall/agendas-minutes.html

Town of Oakville - Active Development Applications: http://www.oakville.ca/business/planning-applications.html