

Richmond Hill Official Plan Summit Summary Report

The Official Plan Summit was an exciting opportunity for the community to come together and celebrate People Plan Richmond Hill's achievements: a new Strategic Plan and the forthcoming new Official Plan. On May 27 – 28, 2009 residents and business owners joined Mayor Dave Barrow and Summit Guest-speaker Alex Steffen of Worldchanging.com to discuss the future of our community!

Who attended?

On May 27, 2009 over 160 residents and stakeholders attended the *People Plan Richmond Hill Celebration for the Strategic Plan and the Official Plan* at the McConaghy Centre at 10100 Yonge Street. Over 80 residents, stakeholders and representatives attended the May 28, 2009 *Official Plan Multi-Stakeholder & Public Workshop* and *Official Plan Public Information Centre*.

What was discussed on May 27, 2009 at the *People Plan Richmond Hill Celebration for the Strategic Plan and the Official Plan*?

The Town's new Strategic Plan and Official Plan Discussion Papers were made available to participants, who also had the opportunity to view information panels on the Official Plan process. In addition, staff and consultants were on hand to discuss the Downtown and Regional Centre models that were on display.

The evening's discussion was kicked off by Mayor Barrow, who reviewed the achievements of *People Plan Richmond Hill* and discussed the future of the Town. Alex Steffen, Co-Founder and Executive Editor of Worldchanging.com and the Official Plan Summit's Guest Speaker, delivered an inspiring presentation on sustainability, community building and the role of cities in the "green economy." Summit participants also viewed an exciting Official Plan video, which reviewed the Town's policy context and the achievements of the *People Plan Richmond Hill* process.



What was discussed on May 28, 2009 at the *Official Plan Multi-Stakeholder & Public Workshop*?

Over 80 residents and stakeholders participated in the all-day workshop. The facilitated session provided participants the opportunity to discuss and provide input on eight key policy areas for the forthcoming Official Plan. In roundtable format, participants discussed the following topics: housing, economy, intensification, urban design, transportation, environment, parks and heritage. Staff and consultants were on hand to provide technical input where needed. Participants recorded their comments on sheets which were displayed during the Official Plan Public Information Centre at 7:00 p.m.

What happened at the *Official Plan Public Information Centre*?

For those unable to attend the *Official Plan Multi-Stakeholder & Public Workshop* during the day, the *Official Plan Public Information Centre* was an exciting way to contribute to the formulation of the Town's new Official Plan. A presentation featuring the Official Plan video kicked off the evening session. Participants had the opportunity to discuss eight policy areas at topic stations, examine display boards and review notes taken during the daytime workshop.

Where can I get more information?

Additional information will be updated periodically. Photos, an online stream of the Official Plan video and a summary of key findings will be posted on the Official Plan homepage at www.richmondhill.ca/officialplan.



