

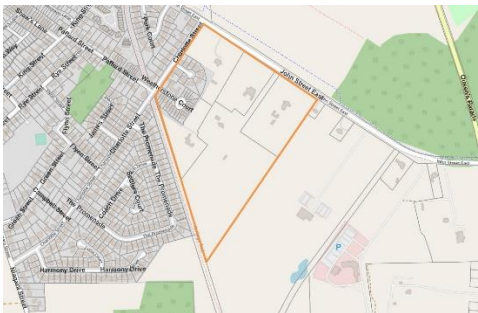




NOTICE OF OPEN HOUSE AND PUBLIC MEETING

	What:	Notice of Open House and Public Meeting for an Official Plan Amendment (under Section 22 of the <i>Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13</i> , as amended)
	When:	Open House: Monday, January 29, 2024 at 5:00 pm Public Meeting: Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 6:00 pm
	Where:	Open House: Electronically via the directions below Public Meeting: In-person at Town Hall, Council Chambers, 1593 Four Mile Creek Road, Virgil, or electronically via the directions below
Regarding:		Character Study for Rand Estate and John Street East (File OPA-01-2024)
	<p>The purpose of the Character Study for the Rand Estate and John Street East area (the “Study”) is to define the character of the area and provide policy to guide future change. The Official Plan Amendment is based on the results of the Study, fundamental principles of good planning and urban design, and follow the following principles:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conserve, integrate and maintain significant cultural heritage features. 2. Protect, enhance and maintain significant natural features and functions. 3. Ensure cultural and natural heritage features are visible to the public. 4. Accommodate active transportation connections through the area as part of a system of connected natural and cultural heritage features. 5. Maintain compatibility and cohesion between distinct places. 6. Accommodate a mix of housing types and sizes and compatible commercial uses. 7. Respect the scale and character of existing development in the area and in adjacent neighbourhoods. <p>The subject area includes the land bounded by the Heritage Trail, Charlotte Street, John Street East and in proximity to the urban area boundary in Old Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, as shown in the map below.</p>	
		

Dialogue is encouraged:

You are invited to attend the Open House and Public Meeting to gather information and provide input regarding this matter.

Town Hall is open for the public to attend Committee of the Whole and Council Meetings, including Public Meetings, in-person. Alternatively, the public will continue to have the option to register in advance to participate electronically.

The Open House will continue to be held electronically at this time.

If you wish to participate electronically at the Open House or Public Meeting, you must register in advance with the Town Staff noted below. You will receive an email on the date of the meeting with instructions to connect to the Open House and/or Public Meeting on your computer, tablet or telephone.

- **Open House** – Aida Nasr (aida.nasr@notl.com or 905-468-3266)
(register as soon as possible but prior to 12 noon on Monday, January 29, 2024)
- **Public Meeting** – Clerks Department (clerks@notl.com or 905-468-3266)
(register as soon as possible but prior to 12 noon on Monday, February 5, 2024)

If you wish to attend the Public Meeting in-person, registration with the Clerk is appreciated.

If you wish to view the Open House and/or Public Meeting for information purposes, registration is not required. The meetings will be recorded and available for viewing after the meetings on the Town’s website at <https://www.notl.com/council-government/mayor-council/meetings-agendas-minutes>

Please Note: Written comments on the application are encouraged and must be submitted to the Town Clerk, at 1593 Four Mile Creek Road, P.O. Box 100, Virgil, ON L0S 1T0 or via email at clerks@notl.com referencing the above file number. Unless indicated otherwise, all submissions, including personal information, will become part of the public record.

For more information:

Information on the Study and the draft Official Plan Amendment may be obtained on the Town’s website at <https://www.notl.com/node/3011> or at the Community and Development Services Department within Town Hall.

The Town also invites you to get in touch at any time if you have any questions or comments about the Study. Please contact Kirsten McCauley, Director of Community and Development Services, by phone at 905-468-3266 ext. 243 or by email at Kirsten.McCauley@notl.com.



If you wish to be notified of the future decision with respect to the amendment, you must submit a written request to the Town Clerk including your name and the address to which such notice should be sent.

If a person or public body does not share their views in writing to the Town Clerk or orally at a statutory Public Meeting before a decision is made, the person/public body:

- a) Is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake to the Ontario Land Tribunal; and
- b) May not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

Dated at the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, January 17, 2024
Grant Bivol, Town Clerk