

Zoning By-Law Consolidation & Update

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April 14, 2021

What We Heard

The second P.I.C. for the new Belleville Zoning By-law Consolidation and Update took place on Wednesday April 14, 2021, between 4:30 and 6:15 pm. The event was held virtually via Zoom video conference and streamed live on YouTube. It consisted of a presentation, an interactive feedback component, and a question and answer period. In total, 9 individuals attended the P.I.C. on Zoom, and members of the project team were in attendance to answer questions.

The PIC presentation provided attendees with an update on the zoning by-law review, which is now in its second phase. This phase of work consists of undertaking the analysis to consolidate the three existing by-laws. The presentation detailed the technical analyses and key outcomes with respect to harmonizing the definitions and general provisions, consolidating the zones, and beginning to make the related changes to the mapping in relation to the draft Official Plan (O.P.) designations. A drafted list of the consolidated zones was presented, as well as the draft lists of primary permitted uses for each zone.

After the presentation, feedback was gathered through an online poll platform called Mentimeter, followed by an open-ended question and answer period. The Mentimeter poll was accessible to anyone with a computer or smartphone and an internet connection. Everyone was invited to participate, including the attendees on Zoom or those watching the live stream on YouTube. A summary of what we heard is provided below.

Feedback from the Mentimeter Poll

A Mentimeter poll allowed the project team to ask attendees questions on the draft consolidated zones and their permitted uses, and gather polling results in real-time. The project team encouraged attendees to elaborate on their responses to the questions through the Zoom platform's "chat" function or by unmuting themselves to provide further commentary.

What are some of your favourite things about Belleville?



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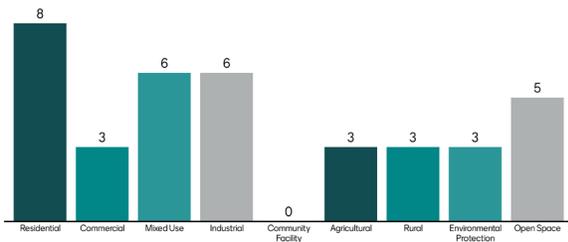


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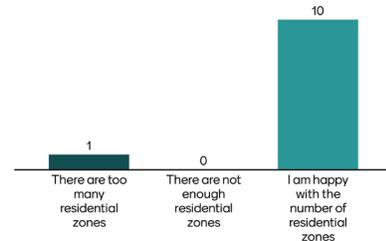
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What zoning interests you the most? Choose all that apply.



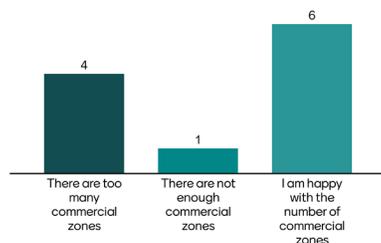
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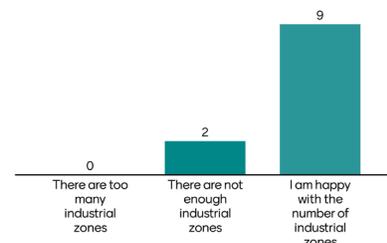
The first Mentimeter poll question (above, left) asked attendees what zoning interests them the most, and to select all that may apply. Attendees were the most interested in the Residential, followed by the Mixed Use and Industrial zones, and then the Open Space zone. Other zones that were selected to be of interest included the Commercial, Agricultural, Rural, and Environmental Protection zones.

The second Mentimeter poll question (above, right) asked attendees what they thought about the new structure for residential zones (5 zones total). The response was positive overall, indicating that there were the right amount of drafted residential zones, with one attendee expressing that there were too many residential zones.

In the new zoning structure, there are 6 commercial zones. What do you think about the new structure for commercial zones?



In the new zoning structure, there are 5 industrial zones. What do you think about the new structure for industrial zones?



The third Mentimeter poll question (above, left) asked attendees what they thought about the new structure for commercial zones (6 zones total). More than half of the respondents were happy with the number of commercial zones, and just under half of the respondents expressed that there were too many, and one attendee felt there weren't enough.

The fourth Mentimeter poll question (above, right) asked attendees what they thought about the new structure for industrial zones (5 zones total). The response was positive overall, with nine of the eleven respondents expressing satisfaction with the number of industrial zones.

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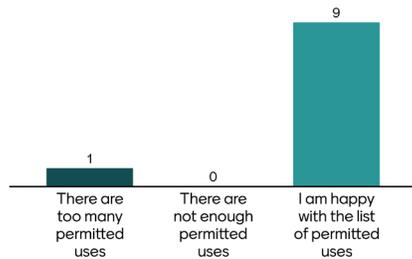


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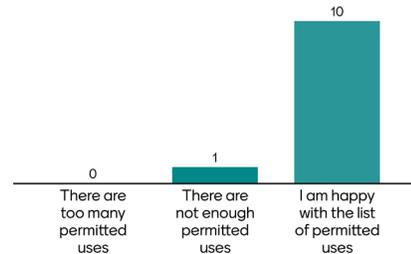
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What are your thoughts on the permitted uses in the agricultural zone?



The fifth Mentimeter poll question (above, left) asked attendees what they thought about the permitted uses in the agricultural zone. The response was positive overall, with only one attendee expressing that there were too many permitted uses.

What are your thoughts on the permitted uses in the rural zone?



The final Mentimeter poll question (above, right) asked attendees what they thought about the permitted uses in the rural zone. The response was positive overall, with only one attendee expressing that there weren't enough permitted uses.

Feedback from the Question and Answer Period

During the open question and answer period that followed the polls, the following topics were discussed¹:

- The zones and residential typologies which allow accessory dwelling units (i.e., second unit dwellings);
- Zones which permit group homes, with some concern expressed regarding parking impacts;
- Home occupations and home industries, including permitted uses and how provisions differ based on the intensity of the land use impacts on neighbouring properties (e.g., parking, noise pollution), the presence of employees on site, and their outdoor storage requirements;
- The approach to cannabis growing operations in industrial zones;
- Recreational uses in rural zones; and,
- A suggestion to consult with utility companies when the draft consolidated Zoning By-law is released.

The Project Team will now begin work on the consolidated draft Zoning By-law document and maps. Should the Official Plan process formally close in early 2021, the Project Team expects to hold the next P.I.C. in late summer 2021, to invite input and feedback on the draft updated Zoning By-Law. Updates will be made available throughout the project via the Story Map which is accessible at the project webpage:

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¹Also received comments related to the integration of parks planning and new development, particularly in the Loyalist Secondary Plan Area, which is beyond the scope of this study.

