



City of Belleville

Public Information Centre #1: What We Heard

Loyalist West Secondary Plan Update

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Introduction

This document provides a detailed summary of what we heard at the first Public Information Centre (PIC) for the Loyalist West Secondary Plan (LWSP) Update, which took place on February 2, 2022 between 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM. The event was held virtually via Zoom video conference and streamed live on YouTube (to watch the recording of the virtual PIC, go to [Virtual Public Meeting - Loyalist \(west\) Secondary Update](#)). The PIC consisted of a presentation, an interactive feedback component, and question and answer periods by the project team. In total, approximately 30 individuals attended the PIC on the City's Zoom platform.

The purpose of this PIC was to provide attendees with an overview and purpose of the project, including what preliminary work has been done to date. Efforts were also made to gather feedback from the community on a range of topics, which is further described in the following section.

The PIC presentation began with a statement of land acknowledgement with respect to the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte, which was accompanied by a moment of silent reflection. The project team then provided a project overview, followed by a question and answer period that allowed attendees to ask questions about: the purpose of the project; the purpose of a secondary plan; the 2010 Loyalist Secondary Plan and why it needs to be updated; objectives for community engagement and consultation throughout the project; and the project timeline, which started in Fall of 2021 and is expected to be completed by the Winter of 2023.

The presentation closed with an interactive polling segment, where a total of six polling questions were asked on the following topics: neighbourhoods and their amenities (e.g., convenience stores); open spaces; transportation and mobility, with respect to automobiles, public transit, and active modes of travel (e.g., walking, cycling); and the relationship between the LWSP area and Loyalist College. The project team encouraged attendees to elaborate on their responses to the polling questions during the question and answer period that followed. The project team has also encouraged the public to submit comments or make general inquiries (via email, phone, or the comment form on the project website) at any point during the project.

A summary of what was heard is presented in the sections below.

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2.0 What We Heard: Feedback during the PIC

Throughout the PIC, there were several opportunities for the project team to gather feedback from attendees. The project team encouraged attendees to ask questions and/or leave comments in the Zoom session's Chat and Question and Answer functions, respectively, at any point during the PIC (refer to Section 2.2 below). The PIC also had a segment dedicated to gathering feedback on specific topics of interest, which is explored in further detail in Section 2.1 below.

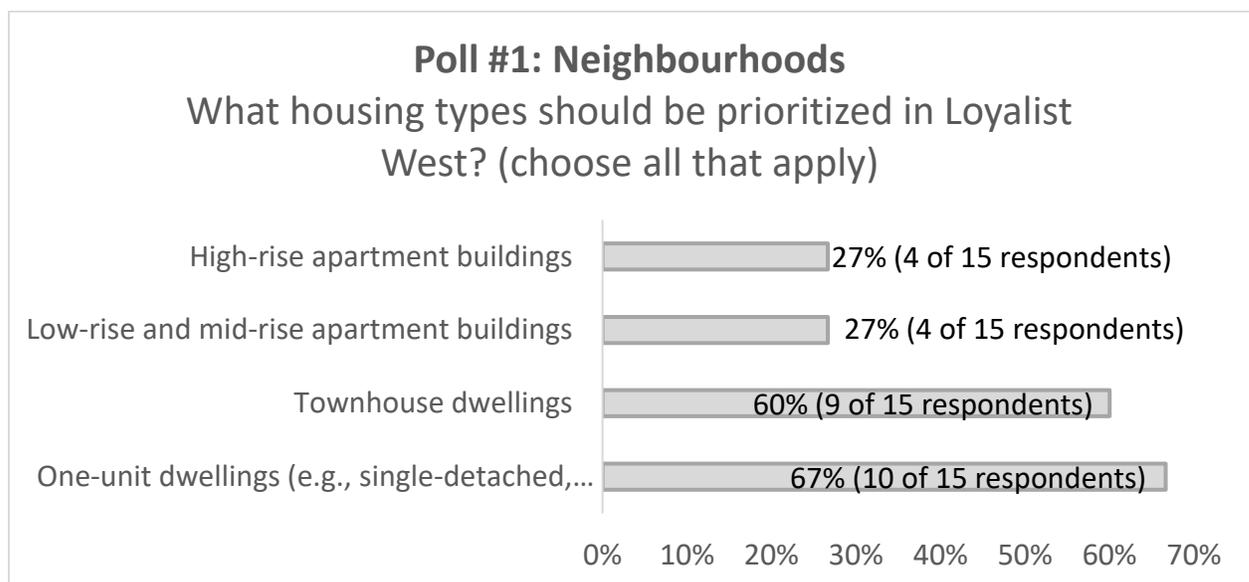
2.1 Interactive Component: Zoom Polling

The latter half of the PIC presentation consisted of an interactive feedback component with attendees, where the project team asked them a series of six polling questions on a range of topics. The responses to these polling questions are outlined below.

2.1.1 Polls 1 through 3: Neighbourhoods

The first three Zoom polling questions were on the topic of neighbourhoods.

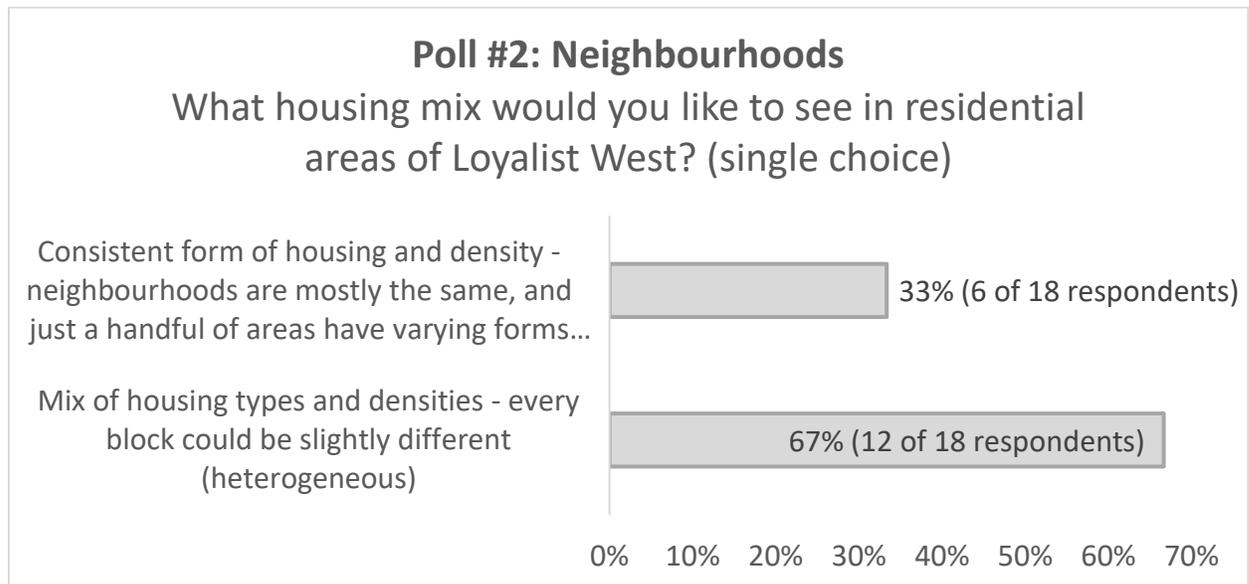
Figure 1: Poll #1, Neighbourhoods



The first Zoom poll question (Figure 1 above) was a “choose all that apply” question that asked attendees what housing types should be prioritized in Loyalist West. The question received input from 15 respondents. **The key highlights for Poll #1 are as follows:**

- There was interest in all housing types, however the most interest was shown in one-unit dwellings (67% of respondents), followed by townhouse dwellings (60% of respondents).
- Some interest was shown in apartment buildings of all densities, specifically high-rise apartments (27% of respondents) and low- and mid-rise apartments (27% of respondents).

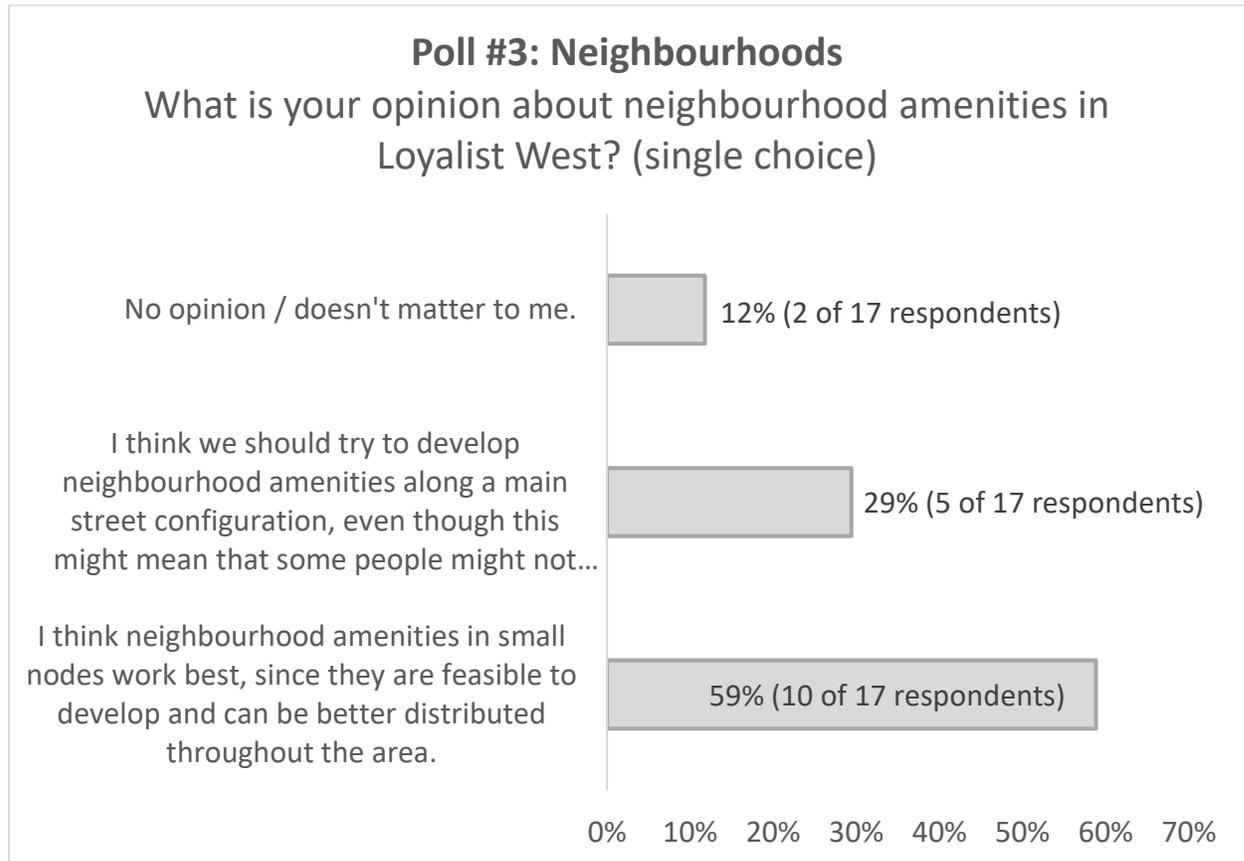
Figure 2: Poll #2, Neighbourhoods



The second Zoom poll question (Figure 2 above) was a single choice question that asked attendees what housing mix they would like to see in the residential areas of Loyalist West. The question received input from 18 respondents. **The key highlights for Poll #2 are as follows:**

- The most interest was shown in having a mix of housing types and densities, where every block is slightly different (67% of respondents).
- Some interest was shown in having neighbourhoods of consistent forms of housing and densities (33% of respondents).

Figure 3: Poll #3, Neighbourhoods



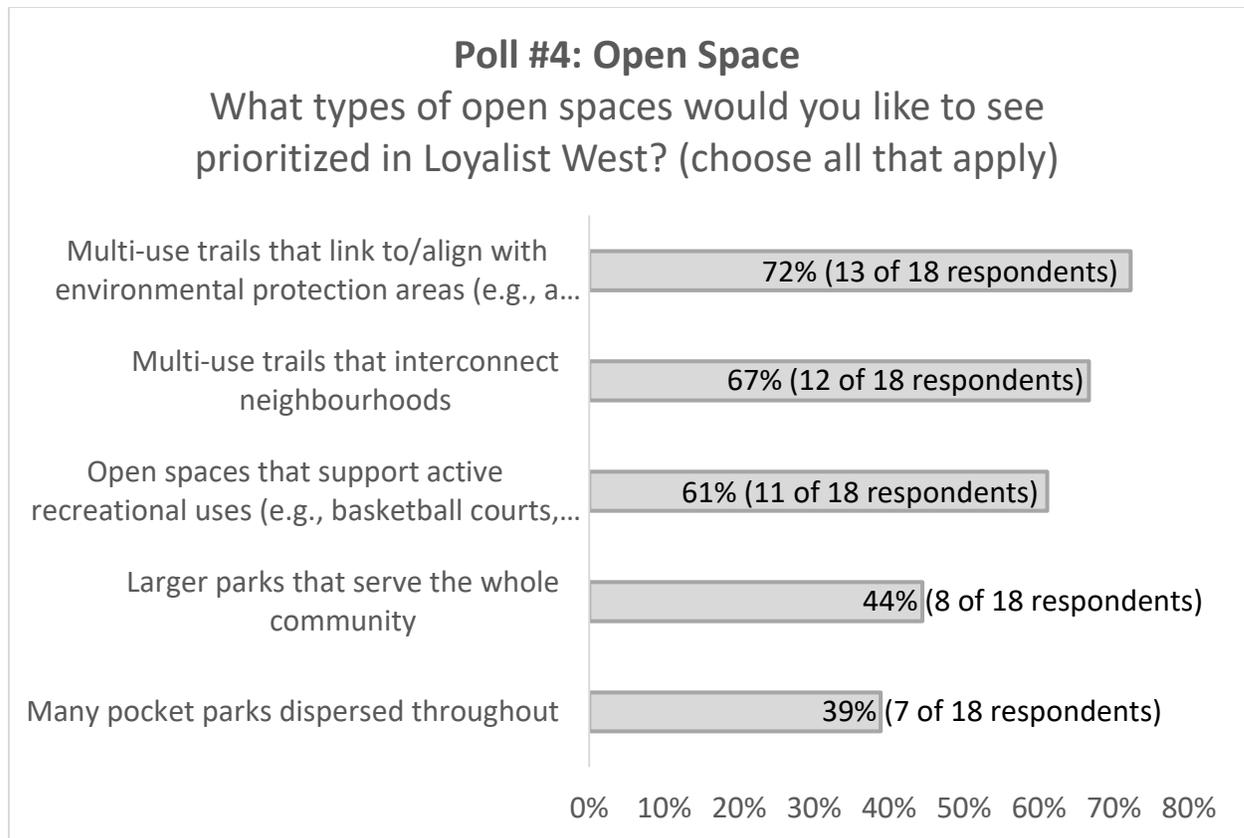
The third Zoom poll question (Figure 3 above) was a single choice question that asked attendees what their opinions were about neighbourhood amenities in Loyalist West. The question received input from 17 respondents. **The key highlights for Poll #3 are as follows:**

- The most interest was shown in small nodes of neighbourhood amenities (59% of respondents), followed by a main street configuration of neighbourhood amenities (29% of respondents).
- 12% of respondents had no opinion on the matter, and they did not elaborate on their choice.

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Poll 4: Open Space

Figure 4: Poll #4, Open Space



The fourth Zoom polling question (Figure 4 above) was asked on the topic of open space. It was a “choose all that apply” question that asked attendees what types of open spaces they would like to see prioritized in Loyalist West. The question received input from 18 respondents. **The key highlights for Poll #4 are as follows:**

- There was interest in all of the types of open spaces that were listed, however the most interest was shown in multi-use trails, specifically those link to/align with environmental protection areas such as Potter’s Creek (72% of respondents), as well as those that interconnect neighbourhoods (67% of respondents).
- Interest was shown in open spaces that support active recreational uses (61% of respondents).
- Generally speaking, parks were of interest to attendees, with larger, community-serving parks garnering more interest than a wide dispersal of smaller pocket parks (44% of respondents versus 39% of respondents, respectively).

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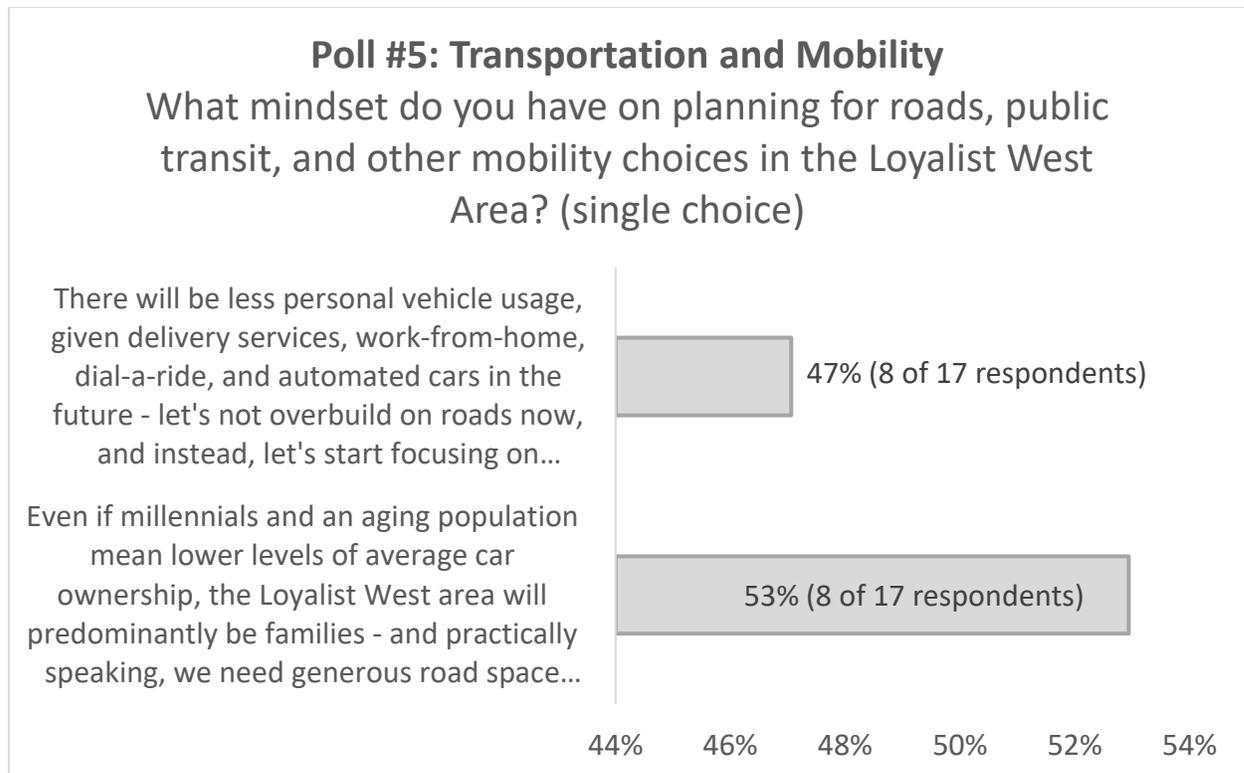
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Poll 5: Transportation and Mobility

Figure 5: Poll #5, Transportation and Mobility

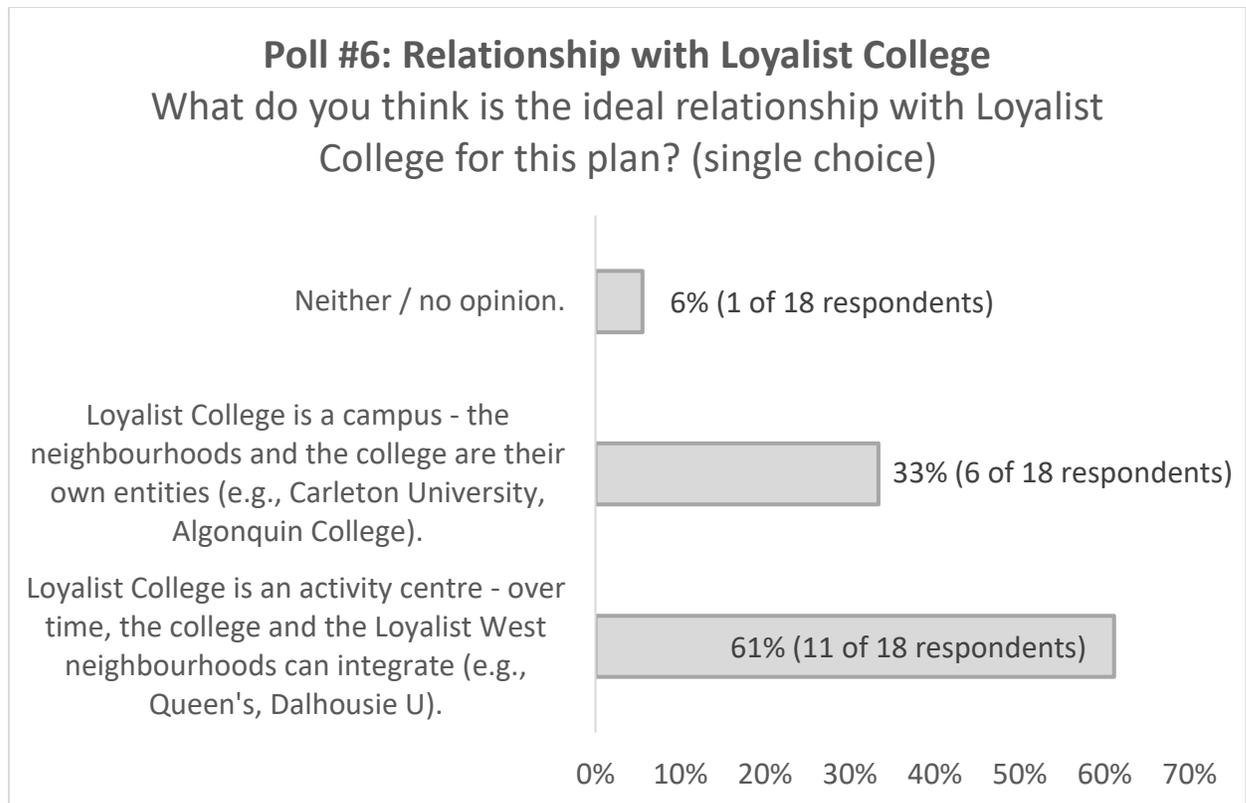


The fifth Zoom poll question (Figure 5 above) was asked on the topic of transportation and mobility. It was a single choice question that asked attendees what mindset they had on planning for roads, public transit, and other mobility choices in Loyalist West. The question received input from 17 respondents. **The key highlights for Poll #5 are as follows:** attendees' interests were roughly equal across both of the possible responses to the question; prioritizing roads was slightly more preferred (53% of respondents) than prioritizing transit and cycling (47% of respondents).

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Poll 6: Relationship with Loyalist College

Figure 6: Poll #6, Relationship with Loyalist College



The sixth Zoom poll question (Figure 6 above) was on the topic of the relationship between the Loyalist West area and the existing Loyalist College. Loyalist College is in the study area and represents an opportunity to shape future development in synergy with the school. It was a single choice question that asked attendees what they thought is the ideal relationship with Loyalist College for this plan. The question received input from 18 respondents. **The key highlights for Poll #6 are as follows:**

- More than half of the respondents (61%) were interested in seeing Loyalist College integrate itself into the surrounding neighbourhoods and become an activity centre.
- 33% of respondents viewed Loyalist College as a distinct campus.
- 6% of respondents did not have any opinion on this question, and they did not elaborate on their response.

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2.2 Feedback from Question and Answer Periods

Throughout the PIC presentation, the project team gave attendees opportunities to ask questions or provide comments during question and answer periods, whether verbally or in written form (in the Chat or Question and Answer applications in the Zoom session).

During the question and answer period that followed the project overview in the former half of the presentation, interest was shown in:

- how and when the public and stakeholders are engaged throughout the LWSP update project;
- how the LWSP update will be coordinated with ongoing projects and developments; and,
- whether the LWSP area is currently serviced.

During the question and answer period that followed the interactive Zoom polling in the latter half of the presentation, interest was shown in:

- student-friendly housing types in proximity to Loyalist College;
- how the community's relationship with Loyalist College may unfold (e.g., potential to access its facilities);
- safety features (e.g., adequate lighting; traffic-calming measures) in the LWSP area;
- maintaining and protecting established environmental protection areas within the LWSP area;
- potential improvements or additions to transportation-related infrastructure (e.g., adding a roundabout at the intersection of Wallbridge-Loyalist Road and Bell Boulevard; adding trail links to the Potter's Creek Conservation Area; creating an overpass for the CP rail line at Wallbridge-Loyalist Road); and,
- the potential loss of farmland.

Next Steps

As next steps in the LWSP update project, the project team will:

- draft an interim report that will summarize the work completed to date;
- begin to frame a refreshed vision for the LWSP area, based on the preliminary community feedback received;
- create a preliminary plan and test the viability of servicing it with infrastructure; and,
- present the preliminary plan to stakeholders and the public for their feedback.