



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

FROM THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2019 MEETING

Clarington extends work on Residential Neighbourhood Character Study



Photo above: 14 Concession Street West

Clarington’s Residential [Neighbourhood Character Study](#) has been extended to allow for more public input. The study looks at the character of three established neighbourhoods in Bowmanville and how they may be affected by new development and redevelopment in the area. Around 100 residents participated in several guided walking tours and public workshops designed to look specifically at the character and key qualities of these residential areas. In fact, in response to the large public interest, the Municipality held another public workshop on September 12 and continues to gather public input on the proposed [study recommendations](#) until September 20. As the timeline for this project has lengthened, Council has also extended its Interim Control By-law for up to one year until September 2020, to prevent any incompatible development in these study areas. The final report with recommendations will be presented to Council in early 2020.

For more information on the Neighbourhood Character Study, see report [PSD-038-19](#).

Clarington Library and Museum to merge operations in the new year

The Clarington Public Library Board and the Clarington Museum and Archives Board will be merging as of January 1, 2020. Council approved the merger of two Clarington cultural institutions that inherently serve the community by providing universal access, community engagement and opportunities for learning. The merger will involve a structural change while simultaneously allowing both the Library and Museum to retain two critical provincial grants that help fund and support all the activities both institutions provide. Under the merger, the Library Board will act as the overall governing body.

For more information on the merger and new structure, see report [CAO-009-19](#).



Photo above: Sarah Jane Williams Heritage Centre



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Council sets Budget Guidelines

Clarington Council has directed staff to prepare a budget for 2020 with a target increase of two per cent on the local portion of taxes. This target is based on Council's newly-adopted Budget Policy that has guidelines in place for Municipal staff when planning the annual budget. The guidelines for any tax increase are based on the Consumer Price Index and other requirements to manage the Municipality's capital assets such as roads and facilities. The proposed two per cent increase is merely a guide; ultimately Council will review all budget submissions for next year and determine priorities for key services. Council finalized all meeting dates for budget discussion. Council will review the proposed budget during a special General Government Committee session on January 13, 2020. Budget ratification will occur during the Council meeting on January 20, 2020.

For more information, see report [FND-023-19](#).

Council changes proposed ZONE Clarington mapping

The Municipality has been directed to pause work on any rural area zoning amendments while the Province reviews its Provincial Policy Statement or PPS. The PPS is a document that guides municipal planning; any changes to that document may have an impact on Municipal planning policy and zoning regulations. Clarington has been conducting a comprehensive review of its two current Zoning By-laws to ensure that they conform with its Official Plan and Provincial policy. The review called [ZONE Clarington](#) is looking at zoning in both rural and urban Clarington. In all areas, the review is looking at land zoned Environmental Protection (EP), in addition to other matters. Some residents have expressed concern over the zoning provisions, and the amount of rural land zoned EP as shown in the first draft of the zoning by-law mapping released by the Municipality last November. To simplify the maps, Council has asked staff to remove two specific EP provisions from the current mapping; they are the 90-metre Environmental Review Area and the 30-metre Minimum Vegetation Protection Zones. While these areas will be removed from the draft zoning by-law mapping, the Municipality will still need to provide for the protection of significant environmental features from development through policy and regulation, as currently required by provincial policy. During the three-month pause on the rural zoning, Clarington Staff will continue to work with rural residents answering any questions and concerns.

For more information on Council's zoning decisions, see item 17 and 18 of report [JCR-001-19](#).

Clarington Budget 2020

Coffee House

October 8, 10 & 17

Join us for coffee and learn more about the Municipality of Clarington's 2020 proposed budget. Find out what key services the Municipality provides, how they are funded, and how the budget planning process works.

Tuesday, October 8, 2019 6 to 7:45 p.m. Clarington Public Library, Newcastle Branch	Thursday, October 10, 2019 6 to 7:45 p.m. Municipal Administrative Centre, Council Chambers	Thursday, October 17, 2019 6 to 7:45 p.m. South Courtice Arena
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