

What is an Official Plan?

An Official Plan is a legal document which provides the framework for future development and redevelopment within the city. As a result the Official Plan forms the basis of what the city will look like in the next 20 years.

The Official Plan is made up of text and maps. The maps divide lands in the city into different land use designations. The text includes policies describing land use designations with a general list of permitted uses. Other planning documents and processes, such as the Zoning By-law help implement the City's Official Plan.

How does this affect me?

The Official Plan affects all land within the City of Cambridge. It provides a vision of what the future can be like and generally deals with growth of the city showing where new homes, schools, businesses and parks should be located.

The Official Plan includes policies about the construction of new services such as roads and sewers as well as protecting our natural and built environment. The Cambridge Official Plan includes policies, information and direction relating to:

Growth Management – Direct growth to the built up areas of the City

Residential - Intensification in existing neighbourhoods (higher density redevelopment)

Transportation - Emphasis on alternative forms of transportation

Environmental - Protection and management of the natural environment

Parks and Open Space – Acquire land to meet future cemetery, recreation, parks and open space demands

Employment – Protection of industrial land and encouragement of higher density industrial development

Rural and Agricultural – Protection of existing rural and agricultural land

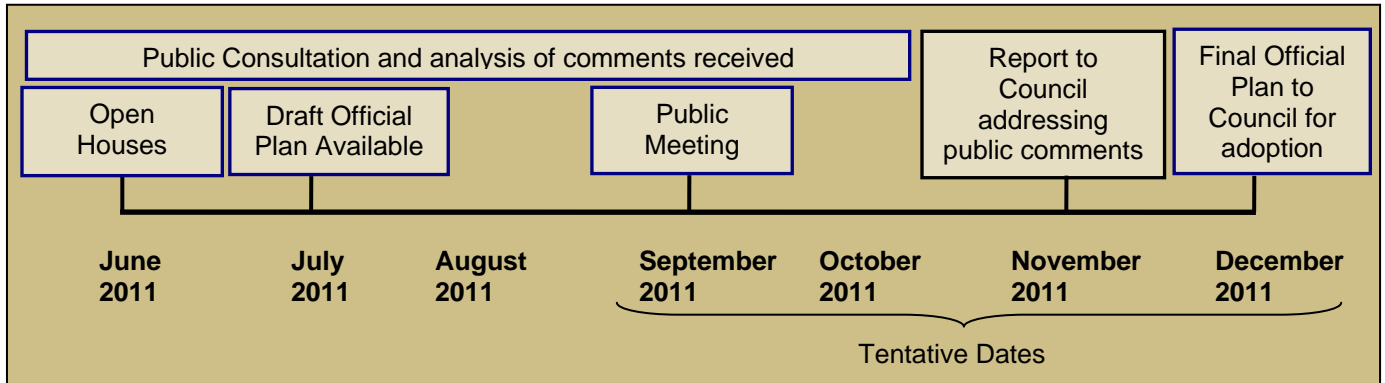
Institutional – Generally permitted throughout the City subject to compatibility guidelines

Cultural Heritage – Protection of cultural heritage resources.

Maps – Future land use pattern plus proposed infrastructure and other information

Vision Statement – Overall vision for Cambridge in the future

Official Plan Process



How can I express my opinion?

In person at one of the following information sessions:

Date	Time	Location	Address
Fri June 3, 2011	9:30am – 9:00pm	Cambridge Centre Mall	355 Hespeler Rd.
Sat June 4, 2011	9:30am – 6:00pm	Cambridge Centre Mall	355 Hespeler Rd.
Mon June 6, 2011	12:00pm – 7:00pm	Preston Public Library	435 King St. E.
Wed June 8, 2011	12:00pm – 7:00pm	Hespeler Public Library	5 Tannery St. E.
Sat June 18, 2011	9:00am – 12:00pm Presentation at 10:00am	Historic City Hall	46 Dickson St.
Wed June 22, 2011	4:00pm – 9:00pm Presentation at 7:00pm	Cambridge City Hall	50 Dickson St.

Your input is important. You can provide your comments, questions and concerns by contacting the Policy Planning Division of the Planning Services Department.

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If you wish to be notified of any future information on this matter, you must sign the register provided at a public open house for this purpose, or make a written or email request to the City of Cambridge Policy Planning Division.