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Lesley	McMullin	The Sharing Place Food Centre	Agency / Community Organization	January 16, 2026	Local and Regional Food System Planning: While the Draft Official Plan references local food production, it does not include explicit policy direction committing the City to develop, adopt, or implement a local or regional food system strategy or to collaborate with partners on ongoing food system planning and monitoring (Section 7.2.8 – Local Food Production).	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. A policy has been added to address this comment.
					Regional Agricultural System and Local Food Economy: The Draft Official Plan supports urban agriculture and food processing but does not explicitly recognize Orillia’s role within the broader regional Agricultural System or provide clear direction related to regional food strategies, agricultural investment, or value-added agri-food activities (Section 7.1 – Economy Introduction; Section 7.2.8 – Local Food Production).	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. Comment has been addressed, in part. Agriculture wording added to section 7.1 in line with Economic Development Strategic Plan and clarity added to section 7.2.8 b.i)
					Food Assets and Access to Nutritious Food: Although grocery stores, food banks, and farmers markets are identified as amenities in Strategic Growth Areas, current policies do not explicitly address walkable or transit-accessible access to nutritious food outlets, particularly in underserved communities, or the integration of food assets within community improvement initiatives (Section 3.3.1.2 – Strategic Growth Areas; Section 7.2.3(c) – Community Improvement Plans).	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. Comment has been addressed, in part. Updated wording in SGA section and added reference to food systems in CIP policies.
					Affordable and Barrier-Free Food Access: Markets and food trucks are primarily addressed within a tourism and downtown activation context, with limited policy emphasis on their potential role in improving affordable and barrier-free access to nutritious food in neighbourhoods with limited availability (Section 7.2.4 – Tourism).	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. Wording has been added to policy re: food trucks and other tourism initiatives.
					Urban Agriculture in Parks and Public Facilities: While the Draft Official Plan supports urban agriculture in general terms, it does not clearly identify community gardens, orchards, greenhouses, or other food-producing uses as permitted or encouraged components of parks, institutional lands, or public facilities, despite their broader environmental and climate resilience benefits (Section 3.4.6 – Parks and Major Open Space; Section 3.4.7 – Major Institutional; Chapter 5 – Parks, Open Space, and Culture).	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. Section 3.4.2 permits community gardens in all designations. Wording added to include "orchards" as well. Recommend not referencing "greenhouses" as these are specific uses and can include industrial greenhouses -- community garden guidelines can speak to what constitutes a community garden.

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					<p>Indigenous Food Sovereignty and Reconciliation: The Draft Official Plan establishes reconciliation as a guiding theme but does not explicitly address Indigenous food sovereignty, access to traditional foods, or Indigenous-led food initiatives within local food production or land use policy frameworks (Chapter 2 – Vision and Themes; Section 7.2.8 – Local Food Production).</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. Comment has been addressed, in part. Wording added to Section 7.2.8.
					<p>Glossary and Definitions: The absence of a clear definition for “food asset” in the Official Plan glossary is identified as a gap, noting that a consistent definition would support interpretation and implementation of food system-related policies across the document (Section 10.7 – Glossary).</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. Comment has been addressed.
Lisa	Streets	N/A	Resident	January 15, 2026	<p>Density and Height – Downtown Fringe: The commenter expresses general support for increased density and building height south of the downtown area, citing available open space, existing infrastructure, and limited impact on scenic views in this part of the city.</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record.
					<p>Built Form and Views – Coldwater Road Corridor: Concerns are raised regarding potential impacts of taller buildings along Coldwater Road east of West Street, with a preference for lower density and lower building heights to maintain existing lake views, particularly for pedestrians.</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. Consideration has also been given to this issue through the permitted heights shown on Schedule B-1 of the Draft Official Plan, and section 3.5 (Urban Design and Built Form).
					<p>Affordable and Accessible Housing: Interest is expressed in affordable and accessible housing options, including tiny home communities, with an emphasis on strong connectivity to local services, transit, and active transportation routes to support this form of development.</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record.
					<p>Housing Affordability Policy: The commenter calls for stronger and more clearly articulated housing affordability policies, including a locally informed definition of “affordable,” and notes the importance of integrating affordable housing within neighbourhoods rather than concentrating it in isolated areas.</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. The Draft Official Plan does not prohibit affordable housing from being located anywhere in the city where residential uses are permitted.
					<p>Consultation on Housing Needs: The submission suggests that consultation with shelters and local housing support organizations would help better inform affordable housing policy and implementation in the Official Plan.</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record.

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					<p>Protecting All Wetlands: The letter emphasizes the role of wetlands in flood mitigation, climate resilience, and ecological health, and identifies a need for policies that protect all wetlands regardless of size or designation to reduce flood risk and safeguard natural assets.</p> <p>Ensuring Science-Based Wetland Buffers: The submission highlights the importance of establishing science-based buffers around wetlands, noting that inadequate buffers can compromise wetland function and species habitat, and that ecological impacts should be clearly assessed and mitigated where full buffers are not feasible.</p> <p>Avoiding Urban Sprawl and Embracing Gentle Density: The letter supports growth patterns that avoid urban sprawl and promote gentle density through multi-unit and mid-rise housing forms, citing benefits related to housing affordability and more efficient use of existing infrastructure.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. Schedule C delineates all wetlands (local and significant). Policies for development and site alteration are consistent with Provincial policy and the NHS Study.</p> <p>Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. Buffer policies have been established consistent with the policies of the PPS.</p> <p>Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. The City will update the Zoning By-law following completion of the OPR -- which will look at appropriate regulations for gentle density in neighbourhoods.</p>
Dorthea	Hangaard	Couchiching Conservancy / Ontario Nature	Agency / Environmental Organization	January 15, 2026	<p>Promoting Infill Development: The submission encourages prioritizing infill and redevelopment on vacant or underutilized lands already designated for growth, noting that this approach may help reduce development pressure on remaining wetlands and urban greenspaces.</p> <p>Protecting the Langman Sanctuary Wetland Complex: Concerns are raised that the Langman Sanctuary wetland complex has not been adequately accounted for in the proposed boundary expansion mapping, and the area is identified as a high-priority habitat requiring protection.</p> <p>Climate Resilience and Co-Benefits: The letter notes that wetland protection and compact urban growth can provide multiple co-benefits, including flood mitigation, biodiversity conservation, climate resilience, and long-term community livability.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record.</p> <p>Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. This feedback has been shared with the Project Team leading the Settlement Area Boundary Expansion project.</p> <p>Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record.</p>
Don	Munro	N/A	Resident	December 17, 2025	<p>Overall Plan Direction: The commenter notes that the 2025 Draft Official Plan reflects contemporary planning priorities related to sustainability, housing diversity, intensification, and mixed-use development, and generally supports the City's objective of limiting urban sprawl while protecting natural heritage features.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record.</p>

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					<p>Watercourse and Floodplain Protection: In addition to shoreline setbacks, the commenter emphasizes the need for stronger protection and enhancement of watercourses such as Ben’s Ditch and Mill Creek, and other sensitive areas identified through the 2023 Floodplain Mapping Study.</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. The City is continuing work on the Floodplain Mapping Study related to Ben's Ditch and Mill Creek. Detailed mapping and new policy will be included in the Final Official Plan as adopted by Council.
					<p>Intensification and Height Management: The submission supports increased building heights to meet Provincial growth requirements and endorses managing height and density through site-specific zoning and implementing zoning by-law amendments rather than rigid designation-based height limits.</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. Further detailed direction on building height will be provided in the City's ZBL, however, the overall maximum building height desired in the City was developed through both the Official Plan Review and the Settlement Area Boundary Expansion project. The maximum 12 storey height is tied to the overall expected densities to be achieved in the City through intensification, was supported by the public via a Council resolution, and thus is it is desirable to require an amendment to the Official Plan for building taller than 12 storeys.
					<p>Building Heights – Memorial Avenue and Atherley Road: The commenter suggests increasing maximum building heights along portions of Memorial Avenue and Atherley Road, noting these corridors’ infrastructure capacity, access to trails and parks, and potential to support mixed-use development and a broader range of housing price points.</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. The intent of identifying these lands as Corridors and designating them as Mixed-Use - Evolving is to allow for their intensification while still directing the highest densities and mix of uses to Downtown and Nodes, to cluster amenities for walkability. Please note that through the Final Draft Official Plan, the maximum building height in Corridors has been changed from six storeys to eight storeys.
					<p>Built Form and Public Realm on Arterial Roads: The submission recommends that taller buildings along these corridors incorporate upper-storey step-backs, pedestrian-scale design, and opportunities for terraces, landscaping, and publicly accessible open space, and notes that not all arterial or collector roads offer the same redevelopment potential.</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. Policies implementing this guidance can be found in section 3.5 of the Draft Official Plan.

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					HRC Property – Shoreline and Natural Heritage Use: The commenter raises concerns about whether Natural Heritage System lands permit low-impact public uses such as walking and cycling trails, noting that Policy 3.4.12.5(a)(i) lacks clarity on this point.	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. The site-specific policy for the former HRC reflects the Provincial ownership of the property. As of the drafting of this Official Plan, the City does not have clarity on the future uses of the property, and so maintaining the Major Institutional designation and Site Specific policy as-is is the best course of action.
					HRC Property – Land Use Designation and Housing: Given the Draft Plan’s emphasis on housing supply and affordability (Section 3.6), the submission suggests revising land use designations on the HRC property to accommodate residential development along the ridgeline while retaining other areas as Major Institutional and Parks and Major Open Space with full natural heritage protection.	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. Please see response above related to the HRC property.
					Floodplain Lands and Public Access: The commenter recommends that floodplain-mapped areas be explicitly protected and enhanced, while allowing bicycle and nature-walk trails where environmental conditions permit.	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. Please see response above on upcoming floodplain policies.
					Natural Heritage System Connectivity: Questions are raised regarding whether Section 10.3.5 (Public Land Acquisition) provides sufficient authority to establish specific Natural Heritage System linkages, and it is suggested that explicitly identifying these connections under Section 10.7.1.39(a) would reduce future appeals or amendments.	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. The City's authority to require land conveyances for various purposes comes from the <i>Planning Act</i> , however, the conveyance of land must occur through the development process and is subject to addition studies. Preparation of the Draft Official Plan included an in-depth review of the Natural Heritage System and does identify a variety of natural heritage features, linkages, and restoration opportunities in the lands referenced.
					Affordable Housing and Parking: The submission seeks clarification on whether affordable housing can be developed above existing municipal parking lots in the Downtown Core without Official Plan amendments, and notes that clearer policy direction may be required.	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. Residential uses, including affordable housing, are permitted as-of-right in Downtown, so the example scenario would not require an amendment.
					Public Realm and Tree Canopy: The commenter suggests expanding public realm policies to explicitly permit and encourage native vegetation planting within the boulevard area, in addition to street trees, referencing Sections 3.5.2.4 and 3.5.2.5.	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. Please see newly added language in Section 3.5 around native vegetation.

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					<p>Open Space and Connectivity – North Ward: The submission identifies a lack of parks, open space, and trail connections in the North Ward, particularly between West Street and Laclie Street, and notes that this gap could create long-term livability and equity concerns without policy direction.</p> <p>Boundary Expansion: The commenter asks whether future boundary expansion is limited to industrial, commercial, and recreational purposes until non-sensitive lands within the existing boundary are fully utilized, and suggests this should be explicitly stated and enforceable.</p> <p>Monitoring and Accountability: Concerns are raised that the Draft Plan weakens implementation accountability compared to the 2010 Official Plan, noting that Policy 10.2(b)(c)(i–iv) makes monitoring reports optional, and emphasizing the importance of enforceable, transparent monitoring and reporting mechanisms.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. The Official Plan creates the structure and framework for parks and open space, as well as trails, but any issues of need or deficiency will be dealt with through separate City processes like a parks master plan.</p> <p>Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. Any future boundary expansion is subject to detailed Provincial criteria which require demonstration of land need, among other things.</p> <p>Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. \</p>
Elaine	Peterson	N/A	Resident	January 15, 2026	<p>Flooding and Climate Change Impacts: The commenter identifies frequent and severe flooding in the Davey Drive area, noting that climate change and extreme weather events have increased flood risk and should be a key consideration in future development decisions.</p> <p>Intensification in Flood-Prone Areas: While acknowledging the need for intensification within the Downtown Growth Area, concerns are raised that intensification should be carefully planned and context-sensitive rather than applied broadly across flood-affected neighbourhoods.</p> <p>Natural Heritage Protection – Atherley Road / Front Street Corridor: The submission expresses concern about development along and behind the Atherley Road and Front Street corridor and suggests expanding natural heritage areas to protect habitat, trails, and ecological functions.</p> <p>Environmental Feature Mapping: The commenter notes that certain environmentally sensitive features, including a fish spawning area in Pumpkin Bay, do not appear to be identified on mapping associated with the Draft Official Plan.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record.</p> <p>Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. Planning for intensification and development in Orillia will be informed by the ongoing floodplain mapping work being undertaken by the project team.</p> <p>Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. Certain areas of the city have been identified as Restoration Enhancement Opportunities, which offer potential for the expansion of the Natural Heritage System and introduction of new linkages.</p> <p>Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. Natural Heritage mapping reflects current data available to the City.</p>

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					Infrastructure Constraints and Flood Mitigation: The submission highlights existing infrastructure limitations, including shallow sewer mains and unsuccessful flood mitigation measures, and emphasizes retaining natural and permeable landscapes to absorb floodwaters.	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. Please see response above on upcoming floodplain policies.
Filippo	Micela	Antec Appraisal Group	Consultant / Agent	December 5, 2025	Area-Specific Policy Omission: The commenter notes that Policy 3.3.11.3 appears to be missing from the Draft Official Plan for a property within the Area-Specific Policy area and requests clarification on the reason for its omission or confirmation of whether the policy has been relocated or renumbered elsewhere in the document.	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. The policies and mapping related to the site-specific areas and municipal services overlay have been comprehensively reviewed as part of final draft Official Plan.
Veronica Osei-Akoto Brown / Joanna Craig	Brown / Craig	Canacre Ltd. / Infrastructure Ontario / Hydro One Networks Inc.	Provincial Agency / Utility	November 4, 2025	Protection of Hydro Corridors: The submission emphasizes the importance of maintaining hydro corridor lands for their primary purpose of electricity transmission and distribution, consistent with Provincial Planning Statement direction related to infrastructure protection.	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record.
					Terminology Consistency: The commenters request consistent terminology throughout the Official Plan when referring to hydro corridors, electricity infrastructure, and Hydro One Networks Inc., noting that consistent naming improves clarity and alignment with provincial agencies.	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. Comment has been addressed.
					Permitted Use of Electricity Infrastructure: The submission notes that electricity generation facilities and transmission and distribution systems may be required in any location and requests that Official Plan policies clearly permit such infrastructure across land use designations, subject to applicable regulations.	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. Comment has been addressed.
					Secondary Uses in Hydro Corridors: The commenters seek clearer policy direction on compatible secondary uses within hydro corridors, noting that appropriate secondary activities can be accommodated while maintaining the primacy of electricity transmission and distribution functions.	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. Comment has been addressed.
					Burial of Utility Wires and Cables: The submission requests clarification that requirements for burying electricity distribution infrastructure should apply only where feasible and be the responsibility of the developer or proponent, noting that transmission-level burial is not feasible.	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. Please note that there are no related policies in Official Plan.

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					<p>Screening of Electricity Infrastructure: The commenters request that policies clarify that any required screening of electricity generation facilities and transmission and distribution systems be undertaken at the expense of the developer or proponent.</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. Comment has been addressed.
					<p>Coordination for Future Transportation Corridors: The submission emphasizes the importance of consultation with Hydro One Networks Inc. and provincial agencies when planning future transportation corridors that may intersect with hydro corridor lands.</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. Please note that there are no related policies in Official Plan.
					<p>Setbacks and Corridor Constraints: The commenters raise concerns that setbacks associated with pipelines should not restrict electricity generation facilities or transmission and distribution systems, noting that pipeline easements often overlap with hydro corridors.</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. Comment has been addressed.
					<p>Ongoing Agency Consultation: The submission requests continued notification and involvement of Infrastructure Ontario and Canacore Ltd. during the Official Plan review process, particularly on matters affecting hydro corridors and other provincial properties.</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record.
Isatu	Barrie	N/A	Resident	December 16, 2025	<p>General Feedback and Engagement: The commenter expresses appreciation for the City's engagement process and meeting, and notes satisfaction with the zoning approach applied to their area, acknowledging the City's responsiveness and commitment to community involvement.</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record.
Jeannine	Hutty	N/A	Resident	November 17, 2025	<p>Bird-Friendly Building Design and Agricultural Land Protection: The commenter supports the Official Plan but suggests that new buildings incorporate bird-safe glazing to reduce bird mortality and expresses concern about further industrial or commercial development occurring on agricultural lands (Section 3.5.4).</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record.
					<p>Public Transit Amenities and Access to Waterfront: Concerns are raised about the lack of bus shelters, benches, and convenient transit access to Couchiching Beach Park, particularly for seniors and residents relying on public transportation during evenings and weekends.</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. Please note that policies regarding transit amenities have had minor revisions for the final Draft Official Plan.

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					<p>Walkability, Streetscape Maintenance, and Public Safety: The submission identifies poor sidewalk coverage and maintenance, litter accumulation, and pedestrian safety concerns, and suggests improved streetscape management and enhanced on-street presence in key areas to support walkability and safety (Section 3.5.2.4).</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record.
					<p>Senior Housing and Affordability: The commenter highlights affordability pressures faced by seniors on fixed incomes and identifies a need for more affordable seniors' rental housing with on-site medical or support services, including smaller units or alternative housing forms (Section 3.6.1.5).</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. Affordable housing and housing with supports are both encouraged and widely permitted in the Draft Official Plan.
					<p>Environmental Protection – Fireworks and Balloon Releases: The submission requests a city-wide ban on fireworks and balloon releases due to impacts on wildlife, pollution, and environmental health (Section 10.1.7.1.21).</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. Please note that these matters do not fall within the jurisdiction of the City's Official Plan.
					<p>Drinking Water Quality and Infrastructure Location: Concerns are raised regarding drinking water taste and quality, as well as the location of the existing water filtration plant, with a suggestion that long-term planning consider improved water treatment infrastructure in a more suitable location.</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. Please note that these matters do not fall within the jurisdiction of the City's Official Plan, however the Draft Official Plan has policies and mapping to protect drinking water sources.
Jonathan / Joshua	Pauk / Morgan	MORGAN Planning & Development Inc.	Consultant / Agent	January 16, 2026	<p>Land Use Designation – Neighbourhood: The submission supports the Draft Official Plan's redesignation of 230 Murphy Road to "Neighbourhood," noting that it provides an appropriate policy basis for future residential development and supports the City's residential intensification objectives.</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record.
					<p>Road and Trail Alignment Flexibility: The submission requests that Section 1.3(k) be amended to allow minor refinements to the location of proposed trail networks, not just roads, to provide flexibility where trails traverse the subject property.</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. Comment has been addressed.
					<p>Consistency Across Schedules and Policies: The submission identifies inconsistencies between Schedules G and H regarding the depiction of trails and requests clarification to ensure that references to trail locations are consistent throughout the Official Plan, including in Section 1.3(l) and Section 4.</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. Comment has been addressed and policy clarified. The mapping of the trail in this location has also been revised to follow Brook Trout Drive.

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					Trail Location Through Development Review: While supporting enhanced active transportation and trail networks, the submission emphasizes the need for flexibility to review and potentially adjust trail alignment through the development approval process where trails cross the subject property.	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. Comment has been addressed and policy clarified. The mapping of the trail in this location has also been revised to follow Brook Trout Drive.
Gillian / Linda	Siddall / Rodenburg	Lakehead University	Institution	January 16, 2026	Overall Plan Vision and Direction: Lakehead University expresses support for the overall direction and vision of the Draft Official Plan, particularly its emphasis on complete, livable, connected, and resilient communities and long-term, sustainable growth to 2051.	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record.
					Compact Urban Form and Mobility: The submission supports the Plan’s intent to direct growth toward a more compact urban form and to strengthen transportation planning and mobility options beyond private automobiles.	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record.
					Major Institutional Lands – Policy Recognition: Lakehead supports the Draft Official Plan’s recognition of Major Institutional lands and notes that the policy framework appropriately reflects the role of major institutions in supporting employment, economic resilience, and community well-being.	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record.
					Long-Term Flexibility for Institutions: The submission encourages maintaining sufficient flexibility within the Major Institutional policy framework to allow institutions to adapt over the long term to changing academic, research, student, and community needs while remaining aligned with the intent of the designation.	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. The Major Institutional designation has been written to be very permissive for a range of institutional uses, and land use permissions will be specialized through the City’s Zoning By-law.
					Coordination, Infrastructure, and Implementation: Lakehead supports the Plan’s emphasis on coordinated growth and alignment between land use, infrastructure, and mobility, and expresses interest in continued collaboration as the Official Plan moves toward implementation, including through supporting strategies and future planning work.	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record.

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Ray	Duhamel	The Jones Consulting Group Ltd., on behalf of Orsi Group	Consultant / Agent	January 15, 2026	<p>Natural Heritage Mapping – Source Data and Accuracy: The submission questions the use of Provincial Natural Heritage Area mapping on Schedules A, B, and C, noting that the data is intended to be illustrative and may not reflect on-the-ground conditions, and raises concerns that current policies allow only minor refinements despite potential mapping inaccuracies.</p> <p>Natural Heritage Mapping – Site-Specific Requests: The submission identifies several locations where wetlands, woodlands, fish habitat, or linkages are mapped despite existing development approvals, technical studies, or current land uses indicating such features do not exist, including lands at Bass Lake Sideroad, Toboggan Hill, West Ridge Place, West Ridge Trailside, Stone Ridge, and Xchange.</p> <p>Restoration Enhancement Areas: Concerns are raised regarding the identification of Restoration Enhancement Areas on Schedule C and related policies in Section 8.2.3.3, citing a lack of clear justification, potential impacts on lands with existing or planned development, and uncertainty regarding the intent of conceptually identifying these areas.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. A comprehensive Natural Heritage Study was undertaken to inform the draft Official Plan, relying on multiple sources of data to determine the mapping. This mapping was presented as part of an Issues and Options Report, as well as the Policy Directions Report (endorsed by Council in February 2025).</p> <p>Toboggan Hill - Provincial and City data identify both and unevaluated wetland and woodland on the site. Without some kind of natural heritage evaluation which demonstrates these features are not present, significant, or that development on or adjacent to the lands would not impact the ecological function of the features, it is not recommended to remove the features from the mapping at this point.</p> <p>3001 Bass Lake Side Road - Comment addressed. Mapping has been updated to Parks and Open Space.</p> <p>Champlain SWM Pond - Comment addressed. Mapping has been updated to Parks and Open Space.</p> <p>West Ridge Trailside - Comment addressed. Mapping has been comprehensively updated to align with the approved Neighbourhood Plan for Trailside.</p> <p>Please note that Restoration opportunities are not Natural Heritage Features. They are the identification of areas or sites which offer opportunity to improve, add to, restore, link, etc. the City's Natural Heritage System, through discussion between the development proponent and the City.</p> <p>Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. Comment has been addressed. Upon further review, policies related to restoration enhancement areas have been removed from the Official Plan. Policies related to enhancement of the NHS have been added to guide general review and application of the NHS.</p>

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					<p>Lake Simcoe Watershed Mapping: The submission requests clarification and revisions to the Lake Simcoe Watershed layer on Schedule C, including renaming the layer to align with the Lake Simcoe Protection Act boundary and identifying areas that do not drain toward Lake Simcoe based on approved storm drainage plans.</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. Comment has been addressed in part. The label on Schedule C has been revised to read "Area subject to the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan". No changes to the mapping are proposed -- the arrows indicate the area subject to the LSPP, not direction of drainage.
					<p>Fish Habitat Mapping: The submission questions whether the Fish Habitat layer on Schedule C is based on stream mapping and notes that not all watercourses provide fish habitat, requesting clarification to improve mapping accuracy and interpretation.</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. Please note that the <i>Fisheries Act</i> allows for development in fish habitat subject to further study. The City of Orillia has taken the direction provided by the province and extended protection to all watercourses and naturally occurring waterbodies through inclusion in the NHS. This is in recognition of the important role that watercourses and waterbodies have in contributing to a functional NHS beyond fish habitat.
					<p>Employment Areas and Flex Employment: The submission raises concerns about the inclusion of Flex Employment lands within Employment Areas, noting potential inconsistency with PPS and Planning Act definitions and requesting clearer distinction to avoid confusion regarding what constitutes an Employment Area (Section 3.3.3(d)(ii)).</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. Comment has been addressed. The Employment Area framework has been substantially changed in this Final Draft OP to move the Flex Employment lands (now designated "Flex Business") to the Community Area. These lands are not subject to Employment Area policies.
					<p>Strategic Growth Areas – Block 103: The submission notes that Block 103 has conditional site plan approval for a townhouse development that does not meet the minimum density and height requirements of the Mixed-Use – Evolving designation, and requests redesignation to Neighbourhood to reflect the approved development (Sections 3.2(a)(v) and 3.4.4.3(a)).</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. Comment has been addressed. While the City is not generally considering site-specific redesignation requests through the Official Plan Review, in the case of these lands, given the conditional site plan approval for the site, it is appropriate to move the lands into the Community Area and designate them as Neighbourhoods.

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					<p>Minimum Density in Growth Areas: Concerns are raised regarding applying a minimum residential density of 47 units per hectare to Designated Growth Areas, noting Council direction, market demand for ground-oriented housing, and potential impacts on approved or planned developments, including West Ridge Trailside and Stone Ridge (Section 3.2(a)(v)).</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. While 47 units per hectare may be higher than would be achieved through certain forms desired by the market, the intention of this policy is to achieve a mix of housing forms and densities in residential/mixed-use development sites. This intention is supported by more flexible permissions for lands in the Neighbourhoods designation (including Neighbourhoods - Evolving).
					<p>Neighbourhood Plan Threshold: The submission requests revisions to Section 3.3.5.4(a) to clarify that only developable land area should be considered when determining whether a Neighbourhood Plan is required in Designated Growth Areas.</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. A Neighbourhood Plan is intended to address all lands, not just developable lands. For example, it is important that a development area which has natural heritage features includes consideration of those features in its Neighbourhood Plan.
					<p>Site-Specific Policy Continuity: The submission requests additional site-specific policies to recognize previously approved Official Plan Amendments, zoning, neighbourhood plans, and OMB-based permissions to avoid compliance issues under the new Official Plan (Section 3.4.12).</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. Comment has been addressed, in part. New policy b) has been added. New policy c) has not been added as it is not appropriate for applications that have only received Complete Application status be grandfathered and Trailside has been exempt from the urban design policies in the site specific policies of the OP.
					<p>Urban Design Policies: The submission raises concerns regarding urban design requirements related to maximum block lengths, townhouse garage configurations, outdoor amenity areas, and restrictions on mixed-use buildings, noting potential impacts on flexibility, development cost, and housing attainability (Sections 3.5.2.1, 3.5.3.4, 3.5.4.4, and 3.5.4.6).</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. These urban design requirements are critical for achieving the built environment and public realm envisioned by the Official Plan for Strategic Growth Areas.
					<p>Affordable Housing Targets: The submission recommends clarifying that affordable housing targets in Strategic Growth Areas be applied across the area as a whole rather than on a site-specific basis, citing feasibility and development cost considerations (Section 3.6.1.5(c)).</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. The affordable housing policies in the Official Plan are intended to set up an environment where new development proposals demonstrate a good-faith attempt to provide some level of affordable housing. While the City does not have access to planning tools to require affordable housing, the expectation is that proponents demonstrate why affordable housing units may or may not be feasible.

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					<p>Roadways and Parking Standards: Concerns are raised regarding minimum right-of-way widths, detailed road design standards, and the discouragement of surface parking, noting potential conflicts with approved developments, evolving engineering standards, and impacts on housing affordability (Sections 4.3.1.3, 4.3.1.6–4.3.1.9, and 4.6.1.2).</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. As with urban design policies, these policies are critical to the evolution of Orillia's Strategic Growth Areas into walkable and highly-liveable communities. Approved developments will not be required to retrofit, however where new Official Plan direction can be feasibly incorporated into development, it is encouraged.
					<p>Implementation and Transition Policies: The submission requests inclusion of transition policies to deem existing approvals and complete applications compliant with the new Official Plan and suggests revisions to the glossary to clarify terminology related to residential building forms (Section 10 and Section 10.7).</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. Please note that this is not typical practice for Official Plans, although it is common for Zoning By-laws. The City is bound to abide by existing approvals, especially where amended or site-specific zoning has been approved. Furthermore, area- and site-specific policies from the City's existing Official Plan are being carried forward in the new draft Official Plan.
Tom	Roberts	Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital	Institution	January 15, 2026	<p>Overall Plan Vision and Support: Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital expresses strong support for the Draft Official Plan's vision for sustainable growth, noting that the Plan provides a solid framework for a healthy, connected, and resilient community aligned with long-term healthcare planning objectives.</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record.
					<p>Recognition of Hospital Role and Redevelopment Opportunities: The submission supports policies that recognize the hospital as a community and economic asset, including provisions that acknowledge redevelopment opportunities for the existing hospital site and permit public facilities across most land use designations (Sections 3.3.1.3.e.iii, 3.4.2, and 7.1).</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record.
					<p>Innovation and Health Science Facilities: The submission supports policies encouraging innovation and health science facilities in proximity to the new hospital site, noting the importance of integrating healthcare infrastructure into the City's long-term growth framework (Section 7.2.2).</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record.

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					<p>Clarification of Hospital Campus Location: The submission requests a minor wording change in Section 7.2.6(a) to replace the phrase “in west Orillia” with “at Lakehead University” when referencing the planned new hospital campus, to more accurately reflect its location.</p> <p>Ongoing Coordination and Engagement: The submission expresses interest in continued coordination with City staff and stakeholders as the Official Plan advances toward adoption and implementation, particularly on matters related to healthcare infrastructure and community integration.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. Comment has been addressed. Wording updated as requested.</p> <p>Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record.</p>
Rahim	Baird	Infrastructure Ontario	Provincial Agency	December 18, 2025	<p>Area-Specific Policies – Missing Policies: The commenter inquires whether all Area-Specific Policies have been incorporated into the Draft Official Plan and notes that Policies 3.3.11.4 and 3.3.11.5 could not be located, requesting clarification on their status or location within the document.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. The policies and mapping related to the site-specific areas and municipal services overlay have been comprehensively reviewed as part of final draft Official Plan.</p>
Lauren	Capilongo	Malone Given Parsons Ltd. (on behalf of Rexton Developments Ltd.)	Consultant / Agent	January 26, 2026	<p>Land Use and Downtown Designations: The submission notes that the Draft Official Plan’s proposed Downtown and Mixed-Use – Growth designations and height permissions for the subject lands are generally consistent with existing Official Plan permissions and support redevelopment of the site.</p> <p>Natural Heritage Mapping – Significant Woodlands: Concerns are raised regarding the identification of portions of the subject lands as “Significant Woodlands” in the Draft Official Plan, noting that these designations were not present in the 2010 Official Plan and appear to result from revised definitions and mapping approaches.</p> <p>Definition of Significant Woodland: The submission identifies concerns with the revised definition of “Significant Woodland” in Section 10.7.1.57, noting that the Draft Official Plan allows woodlands to be considered significant if they meet only certain criteria, which differs from the current Official Plan approach.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record.</p> <p>Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. The features identified in the Draft Official Plan was determined through the Natural Heritage Study completed as part of the Official Plan Review.</p> <p>Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. The features identified in the Draft Official Plan was determined through the Natural Heritage Study completed as part of the Official Plan Review. One of the recommendations from the Policy Directions Report was to change the conjunction from “and” to “or” to not have all three criteria required to be met.</p>

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					<p>Environmental Studies and Site Conditions: Based on preliminary findings from an Environmental Impact Study being prepared by Riverstone Environmental Solutions Inc., the submission states that the wooded areas on the subject lands do not meet the Draft Official Plan criteria for significant woodlands due to size, fragmentation, and limited ecological function.</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. Following completion and approval of an Environmental Impact Study, the limits of the features may be refined to reflect the ultimate development limits.
					<p>Requested Schedule C Revisions: The submission requests that Schedule C – Natural Heritage be revised to remove the “Significant Woodlands” designation from the subject lands, citing the ongoing environmental analysis and the Draft Official Plan’s proposed definition of significant woodland (Section 10.7.1.57).</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. Following completion and approval of an Environmental Impact Study, the limits of the features may be refined to reflect the ultimate development limits.
Carina	Nunes	Simcoe County District School Board	School Board / Public Agency	January 16, 2026	<p>Growth Forecasts and School Needs: The School Board notes that the Draft Official Plan appropriately reflects population and employment forecasts to 2051 and acknowledges the need to plan for additional elementary and secondary school sites as part of intensification and settlement area boundary expansion.</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record.
					<p>Neighbourhood Plans and Pupil Accommodation: The submission supports policies requiring Neighbourhood Plans to address pupil accommodation in Designated Growth Areas, noting that this approach supports complete communities and reduces reliance on alternative accommodation strategies (Section 3.3.5.4).</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record.
					<p>Public Service Facilities – Permitted Uses: The School Board supports policies permitting schools across most land use designations but requests clarification and consolidation of policies to align with the Provincial Planning Statement definition of public service facilities, including revisions to Sections 3.4.2, 3.4.6.2, and 3.4.7.2.</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. Comment has been addressed.
					<p>Mixed-Use Evolving – School Building Height: Concerns are raised that minimum building height requirements in the Mixed-Use – Evolving designation may restrict replacement or redevelopment of existing elementary schools, and clarification or exemption is requested for publicly funded elementary schools (Section 3.4.4.3).</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. Comment has been addressed.

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					Landscaping Standards and School Design: The submission notes that high landscaping standards along arterial and collector roads may not align with Ministry of Education funding formulas for school construction and requests flexibility for school sites (Section 3.5.3.3).	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. Please note that this matter may be dealt with through the planning process, as these standards are still subject to discussion through Site Plan Control.
					Parking Location and Design for Schools: The School Board identifies conflicts between parking location policies and typical school site design, noting that front-yard parking is often necessary to maximize play space and ensure safe circulation, and requests policy flexibility for public schools (Sections 3.5.3.5, 3.5.4.9, and 4.6.1.2).	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. Comment has been addressed, and exception for front yard parking provided for schools.
					Active Transportation and School Access: The submission strongly supports the Plan's emphasis on active transportation and recommends additional policy direction to ensure safe, connected routes to schools, including consideration of winter maintenance and school travel planning (Sections 4.2, 4.4, and 4.8).	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. Comment has been addressed, and policy revised as suggested.
					Private Roads and Student Transportation: Concerns are raised regarding private streets and lanes that may not accommodate school buses, and the submission requests policy direction to ensure safe access from residential developments to public roads for student pick-up and drop-off (Section 4.3.1.9).	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. A new policy in Section 4.3.1.9 has been added that reads " b) vi. Lanes and private roads should be designed, where feasible, to accommodate school buses and provide safe and direct access to public roads for student pick-up and drop-off."
					Parks, Co-Location, and Parkland Dedication: The submission supports policies encouraging parks adjacent to schools and co-location of public service facilities, and requests exemption of school lands from parkland dedication requirements given their public and recreational function (Sections 5.2 and 5.2.3).	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. A new policy in Section 5.2.1 has been added that reads " g) Where possible, the City encourages the co-location of parks adjacent to institutional and <u>public service facilities</u> to support shared use, accessibility, and community activity."
					Natural Heritage Conveyance and School Lands: The School Board raises concerns regarding policies that may require conveyance of Natural Heritage System lands from school properties and requests clarification to ensure alignment with Education Act requirements and continued ability to develop or redevelop school sites (Sections 10.3.5 and 10.4.3).	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. Please note that this policy has been written in a way to provide flexibility and discretion on the part of the City. This can include discussion with school boards as public agencies on site-specific concerns for any new or expanded school sites.

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Kirk / Michael	Mawhinney / Hurlburt	Cornerstone Baptist Church, Orillia	Institution / Faith Organization	December 22, 2025	Mixed-Use – Growth Minimum Height Requirements: While supporting the Mixed-Use – Growth designation for the subject property, the submission requests that the minimum three-storey height exemption be expanded to include places of worship and associated accessory uses to allow flexibility for future expansion or redevelopment (Section 3.4.3.3(a)).	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. Comment has been addressed. This exemption is reasonable and has amended language in both Mixed-Use designations to exempt institutional uses from minimum three-storey height requirement.
					Block Pattern and Street Conveyance Requirements: The submission requests clarification that policies requiring new public streets or mid-block connections in Mixed-Use – Growth areas apply only to comprehensive site redevelopment and not to building additions or minor alterations (Section 3.4.3.3(e)).	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. Please note that this policy has been deliberately maintained to allow for flexibility in discussions between City Staff and development proponents. The details of where mid-block connections or new streets will be located can be determined through Site Plan Control.
					Incorrect or Missing Policy References: The submission notes that policies within the Mixed-Use – Growth designation reference Sections 1.1.1 and 1.1.1.1, which do not appear in the Draft Official Plan, and requests clarification or correction of these references (Sections 3.4.3.2(a) and 3.4.3.2(b)).	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. Comment has been addressed.
Daniel	Branzea	SmartCentres	Developer / Landowner	November 18, 2025	Overall Support for Strategic Growth Areas: The submission expresses general support for the Draft Official Plan and its vision for Strategic Growth Areas, noting flexibility is important to allow the shopping centre to evolve over time while continuing to operate with large-format retail and surface parking.	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record.
					Overall Support for Strategic Growth Areas: The submission expresses general support for the Draft Official Plan and its vision for Strategic Growth Areas, noting flexibility is important to allow the shopping centre to evolve over time while continuing to operate with large-format retail and surface parking.	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record.
					Site Orientation and Street Wall Policies: The submission requests greater flexibility in site orientation and street wall policies to allow alternative development forms over time, noting that strict requirements may limit the ability to build out vacant portions of the shopping centre in accordance with the approved site plan (Section 3.5.3.1).	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. These urban design requirements are critical for achieving the built environment and public realm envisioned by the Official Plan for Strategic Growth Areas.

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					<p>Parking, Loading, and Service Areas: The submission raises concerns that policies restricting parking and service areas in front yards may limit redevelopment flexibility for large-format retail sites and requests more discretionary policy language (Sections 3.5.3.5 and 3.5.4.9).</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. As with urban design policies, these policies are critical to the evolution of Orillia's Strategic Growth Areas into walkable and highly-liveable communities. Approved developments will not be required to retrofit, however where new Official Plan direction can be feasibly incorporated into development, it is encouraged.
					<p>Surface Parking in Strategic Growth Areas: The submission seeks clarification and flexibility in policies discouraging surface parking, noting that structured or underground parking may not be feasible for all development phases and could affect the viability of retail uses (Section 4.6.1.2).</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. As with urban design policies, these policies are critical to the evolution of Orillia's Strategic Growth Areas into walkable and highly-liveable communities. Approved developments will not be required to retrofit, however where new Official Plan direction can be feasibly incorporated into development, it is encouraged.
					<p>Access and Loading Requirements: The submission requests that policies addressing loading areas and servicing facilities allow greater flexibility, particularly for commercial developments where functional loading access is essential (Section 4.6.1.3).</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. As with urban design policies, these policies are critical to the evolution of Orillia's Strategic Growth Areas into walkable and highly-liveable communities. Approved developments will not be required to retrofit, however where new Official Plan direction can be feasibly incorporated into development, it is encouraged.
					<p>Implementation and Site Plan Consistency: The submission emphasizes the importance of ensuring that Official Plan policies continue to allow development of the shopping centre in accordance with the existing approved site plan while enabling future adaptation to more compact, mixed-use forms if market conditions change.</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. As with urban design policies, these policies are critical to the evolution of Orillia's Strategic Growth Areas into walkable and highly-liveable communities. Approved developments will not be required to retrofit, however where new Official Plan direction can be feasibly incorporated into development, it is encouraged.
Christine / Victoria	Hyde / Lemieux	Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board	School Board / Public Agency	January 16, 2026	<p>General Support for Draft Policies: The School Board expresses support for several policies in the Draft Official Plan that promote complete communities, active transportation, parks and open space, public service facilities, and coordinated growth, noting alignment with long-term school planning objectives.</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record.

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					<p>Public Service Facilities and Child Care: The submission requests clarification to ensure child care facilities are explicitly included with public elementary and secondary schools as permitted uses, reflecting Ministry of Education direction and alignment with the Provincial Planning Statement (Section 3.4.2(a)(ii)).</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. Comment has been addressed.
					<p>Parking Location for School Sites: The School Board raises concerns that restrictions on front-yard parking may conflict with Ministry of Education standards and school safety requirements, and requests exemptions for local institutional uses to allow appropriate parking and bus circulation (Sections 3.5.3.5(c) and 4.6.1.2(c)(i)).</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. Comment has been addressed.
					<p>Urban Design Standards for Institutional Uses: While generally supportive of urban design objectives, the submission notes that publicly funded schools may not be able to meet façade design, buffering, green roof, and material requirements due to Ministry design standards and funding constraints, and requests exemptions for local institutional uses (Sections 3.5.4.1(h) and 3.5.4.9(b-f)).</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. Please note that these matters may be dealt with through the planning process, as these standards are still subject to discussion through Site Plan Control.
					<p>Sidewalks Adjacent to Schools: The submission supports walkability objectives and requests enhanced sidewalk requirements on roads flanking school sites to support safe pedestrian access and active transportation to and from schools (Section 4.3.1.7(b)(ii)).</p>	Thank you for your comment. A new policy in Section 4.3.1.7 has been added, that reads " c) Where possible, the City encourages enhanced design requirements for local roads adjacent to <u>public service facilities</u> to facilitate safe pedestrian access and active transportation."
					<p>Trails and Active Transportation Connections: The School Board encourages strengthening trail and active transportation policies to explicitly include linkages to and from institutional uses, supporting safe and convenient routes for students (Section 4.4(c)).</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. Comment has been addressed.
					<p>Surface Parking Policies: The submission reiterates the need for flexibility in surface parking policies for school sites, noting that front-yard parking is often necessary for safety, circulation, and outdoor activity space preservation (Section 4.6.1.2(c)(i)).</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. Comment has been addressed.

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					<p>Long-Term Accommodation Planning and Boundary Expansion: The School Board references its Long-Term Accommodation Plan and notes that future school needs may evolve in response to boundary expansions and growth patterns, requesting continued coordination with the City as the Official Plan is refined and implemented.</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record.
					<p>Ongoing Collaboration: The submission requests ongoing consultation and collaboration with the City throughout the Official Plan Review and implementation process, and notes that positions may be refined as additional information becomes available.</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record.
Christine / Charlotte / Pauline	Bushey / Knegt / Loo	Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit	Public Health Agency	January 12, 2026	<p>Submission Scope and Supporting Policy Framework: The Health Unit submits coordinated comments on the Draft Official Plan supported by the attached <i>Healthy Community Design – Policy Statements for Official Plans</i> (revised April 2014), which provides evidence-based guidance to inform health- and equity-focused land use planning.</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record.
					<p>Overall Health and Equity Lens: The submission supports the direction of the Draft Official Plan and identifies opportunities to strengthen clear, implementable policy direction across public health priority areas to reinforce complete, connected, inclusive, and equitable neighbourhoods.</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record.
					<p>Natural Environment, Climate, and Greenspace: The submission supports policies protecting water resources, natural heritage, tree canopy, and climate resilience, and recommends extending greenspace and tree canopy considerations into Employment Areas to support air quality, worker well-being, and heat mitigation (Section 3.3.3).</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record.
					<p>Parkland Provision and Equity: The submission recommends applying an equity lens to parkland dedication and cash-in-lieu policies to ensure equitable access to shaded, cooling, and socially supportive park spaces across neighbourhoods (Sections 3.4.12.5(a)(i) and 5.2.3(c)).</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. This suggested policy is better suited to be addressed in the City's Parks, Recreation, Culture, and Trails Master Plan, which plans for parkland supply and location.

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					<p>Brownfields and Contaminated Lands: The submission supports remediation and redevelopment of contaminated lands and recommends strengthening implementation language related to Community Improvement Plans to ensure consistent application city-wide (Section 8.6.1(c)).</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. Expanding language in CIP policies is unnecessary as they simply enable the CIP. Further detailed implementation language is better placed in a CIP itself.
					<p>Transportation, Parking, and Emissions Reduction: The submission supports transportation demand management and policies discouraging surface parking in Strategic Growth Areas, noting associated air-quality, climate, and public health co-benefits (Sections 4.8(e) and 4.6.1.2).</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record.
					<p>Shade, Comfort, and Climate Protection: The submission commends policies addressing shade and weather protection for trails and transit users and recommends further integrating climate-responsive and sustainable design into built form and public-realm policies (Sections 4.4.1.2(h), 4.5(a)(vi-vii), 3.5.2.3(e), and 5.2.5(c)).</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record.
					<p>Community Resilience and Climate Projections: The submission recommends strengthening resilience policies through the use of forward-looking climate projections to inform long-term planning, infrastructure design, and maintenance (Section 8.4.2).</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. The project team feels the language in the draft OP concisely provides this direction for the purposes of an Official Plan, and more detail would be better suited to the City's climate change planning work.

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					<p>Traffic Safety and Active Transportation: The submission supports Complete Streets and recommends elevating traffic calming as a public-realm design principle, with emphasis on safety in school zones and around health, recreation, and community destinations (Sections 3.5.2, 4.3.1.10, and 4.8). Direction should include providing sidewalks on both sides of school-adjacent streets, safe cycling routes, trail and walkway connections, and convenient access to public transit. Add policy direction to Section 4.0 Transportation and Mobility to establish designated school safety zones around all schools, incorporating reduced speed limits, traffic calming measures, and limited public parking to deter personal vehicle use. This recommendation fits most appropriately within Section 4.8 Transportation Demand Management and Smart Mobility, where school travel planning is already referenced, with complementary placement in Section 4.2 General Policies Enhance Section 10.6 Consultation and Engagement by strengthening Section 10.6.1.2 Community Consultation to formalize partnerships between planning, transportation, education, and public health to embed school travel planning into community health and mobility strategies.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. Comment has been addressed.</p>
					<p>Designated Growth Areas and Connectivity: The submission recommends strengthening Designated Growth Area intent and land use policies to require integrated active transportation and transit infrastructure, including continuous pedestrian and cycling networks (Sections 3.3.5.1, 3.3.5.2, and 4.3).</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. Comment has been addressed.</p>
					<p>Alcohol Outlet Location and Density: The submission recommends introducing policy direction to manage the location and clustering of alcohol outlets, including separation from sensitive uses, to support safer social environments (Sections 3.3.5.1, 3.3.5.2, and 3.5.2.4).</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. The City has no authority to direct this through land use planning.</p>

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					Public Realm, Wayfinding, and Inclusive Design: The submission recommends stronger policy direction for wayfinding, signage, and universal design to support pedestrian comfort, safety, accessibility, and navigability (Sections 3.4.2, 3.5.2, 3.5.3, and 10.4.3).	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. Comment has been addressed.

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					<p>Parks, Open Space, and Year-Round Access: The submission recommends strengthening policies related to equitable park investment, universal design, four-season access, shoreline connectivity, and integration of parks with neighbourhoods and trails (Sections 5.2, 5.2.1, 5.2.2, and 3.3.5.4(c)(i)(3)).</p> <p>n 5.2 Open Space Network Policies, specifically Section 5.2.1(g) Parks Provision and Acquisition and Sections 5.2.2.2 Waterfront Parks, 5.2.2.3 Community Parks, 5.2.2.4 Neighbourhood Parks, and 5.2.2.5 Parkettes, to explicitly permit and encourage community gardens, edible landscaping, and other forms of urban agriculture within the parks system, including opportunities to integrate and support the existing waterfront greenhouse as a community food-growing, education, and demonstration facility. Encourage the integration of neighbourhood-level gathering spaces, such as small community rooms, outdoor common areas, or flexible public spaces, within new developments and through improvements to existing parks and facilities.. This direction is best incorporated into Section 3.5.3.4 Amenity Areas (3.5.3 Site Design), with cross-references to Section 3.4.5 Neighbourhoods (including 3.4.5.6 Development Policies in Evolving Neighbourhoods) to reinforce the role of gathering spaces in neighbourhood design, and to Section 5.2.1(c) Parks Provision and Acquisition (5.0 Parks and Open Space) to acknowledge opportunities for incorporating gathering spaces through park improvements</p> <p>design guidance added to Section 5.2.2 Design of Parks and Open Space and Section 3.5.3.4 Amenity Areas to reinforce inclusive, accessible, and all-season design expectations across both public spaces and development-related amenity areas.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. Please note that this policy direction is included in Section 5.2 of the Draft Official Plan.</p>

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					<p>Food Access and Local Food Systems: The submission recommends strengthening policy direction to support equitable access to nutritious food, urban agriculture, food infrastructure, and food-system monitoring, informed by the attached Healthy Community Design policy framework (Sections 7.2.8, 3.2(a)(vii/ix), 3.4, 5.2, 10.2, and 10.3). SMDHU recommends strengthening Section 3.4 Land Use Designations, specifically Sections 3.4.3 Mixed-Use – Growth, 3.4.4 Mixed-Use – Evolving, and 3.4.5 Neighbourhoods, to explicitly permit and encourage small and medium-sized food retailers, including grocery stores, mobile food vendors, and farmers’ markets, within or adjacent to residential areas</p> <p>Update Section 3.3.1 Strategic Growth Areas, particularly Sections 3.3.1.4 Nodes and 3.3.1.5 Corridors, to prioritize food access in areas planned for intensification. Embedding food-access policies in these sections would support walkability, reduce transportation barriers, and advance the Plan’s guiding principles of Inclusion and Wellness</p> <p>Strengthen Section 3.5 Urban Design and Built Environment, including Section 3.5.1(b) to recognize urban agriculture as a built-environment element, Section 3.5.2.3 Waterfront Design and Section 3.5.2.4 Streetscape to incorporate edible landscaping and food-producing plantings into the public realm, and Section 3.5.3.3 Site Landscaping to encourage community gardens, edible landscaping, rooftop food gardens, and the use of existing food-producing assets such as the waterfront greenhouse as part of site-level design and community programming.</p> <p>recommends expanding Section 3.4.2(a)(v) General Policies for All Designations to include edible landscaping and rooftop food gardens and embedding urban agriculture as a permitted or encouraged use within the relevant Land Use Designations, including Residential Areas, Mixed-Use Areas, Institutional Areas, and Community Uses</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. The policies in section 3.4 (Land Use Designations) already has widely permissive policies that would not restrict food-related uses. Incentives for improving food-access may be worth consideration, but best practice for land uses in OPs is to be as broad as possible and leave specifics to zoning.</p>

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					Housing, Equity, and Engagement: The submission recommends strengthening affordable housing, accessibility, Indigenous partnership, and inclusive engagement policies to better prioritize equity-deserving populations and culturally safe consultation (Sections 3.6, 3.5.4.1, and 10.6).	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. Comment has been addressed.
Kaitlin	Webber	TransCanada PipeLines Limited (via MHBC Planning)	Utility / Infrastructure Agency	November 19, 2025	Pipeline Infrastructure Context: The submission notes that TransCanada PipeLines Limited operates two high-pressure natural gas pipelines and associated facilities within easements crossing the City of Orillia, which are federally regulated under the Canada Energy Regulator.	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record.
					Provincial Policy Alignment: The submission highlights that TCPL pipelines are identified as infrastructure and major facilities under the Provincial Planning Statement, and requests that Official Plan policies protect pipeline corridors and mitigate impacts from adjacent sensitive land uses.	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record.
					Utilities and Pipelines Policies: The submission requests revisions to the Utilities and Pipelines policies to better align with federal regulatory requirements, damage prevention practices, and TCPL development standards (Section 9.3).	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. Comment has been addressed.
					Development Proximity and Consultation: The submission requests early consultation with TCPL for development proposals within proximity to pipeline facilities to address safety, population density implications, and potential impacts on pipeline integrity.	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. Comment has been addressed.
					Setbacks and Land Use Compatibility: The submission requests that development near pipeline rights-of-way incorporate appropriate setbacks consistent with TCPL standards and the City's Zoning By-law to ensure safety, access, and long-term operation of the infrastructure.	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. Comment has been addressed.
					Open Space within Pipeline Corridors: The submission supports the use of pipeline rights-of-way for passive parkland or open space, subject to TCPL easement rights and operational requirements.	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. Comment has been addressed.

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					Mapping and Data Accuracy: The submission identifies a gap in pipeline corridor mapping due to recent boundary changes and offers to provide updated GIS data for Schedule F, subject to a confidentiality agreement.	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record. Comment has been addressed.
Jill	Rettinger	Victoria Point Ratepayers Association	Residents / Community Association	January 8, 2026	Natural Heritage and Significant Woodlands: The Ratepayers Association expresses strong support for the proposed redesignation of wooded areas on Victoria Point from Stable Neighbourhood to Natural Heritage, including recognition of Significant Woodlands, Wetlands, and Wildlife Habitat, noting the ecological, climate resilience, and community benefits of long-term protection as shown on Schedules B and C.	Thank you for your comment, it has been taken into consideration and will form part of the public record.