

**OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW**  
**Bowmanville Open House, June 26<sup>th</sup> 2008**  
**Community Questions Summary**

<b>Community Question</b>	<b>Community Answers</b>
<p>What do you enjoy about your community?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Access to good healthcare, local farmers, rural feeling yet close to greater centres. Walkable, people sized...sense of community; helpful friendly people.</li> <li>2. It still has a country feeling and my wish is that this is taken into consideration.</li> <li>3. Active downtowns.</li> <li>4. Access to healthcare, communication and doing business with local farmers. Feeling safe and community.</li> <li>5. The old parts of the communities, e.g. Bowmanville, Newcastle, Orono are pleasant, "people scale".</li> <li>6. My family live in the area.</li> <li>7. It still has a rural feeling, while being close to significant urban centres, e.g. Greater Metro Toronto.</li> <li>8. Easy access to green space. Abundance of local producers (food, arts and other goods). Actual downtown cores of unique businesses with a localized personal touch. Affordability.</li> <li>9. Clarington has a small town atmosphere to it. Helpful, friendly people who are not rushing to make a two-hour rush hour commute home after work.</li> </ol>
<p>How has Clarington changed in the past 10 years?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bedroom community, big box stores, moved too slowly with regard to public transportation, infrastructure, industry (very few p perpetual bedroom community, example hospital).</li> <li>2. Rapid growth of subdivisions.</li> <li>3. Improved recreation facilities and services. Improved retail and medical services.</li> </ol>

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Air quality has suffered; farms have been sold/lost to development of subdivisions. Growth of population but no significant improvement in support network/infrastructure.</li> <li>5. Many subdivisions for commuters, little new industry. Hospital has become part of large faceless “health corporation”.</li> <li>6. I’ve only lived in Clarington for 4 years. I haven’t noticed too many changes; one thing that I have noticed though is that there are a lot more cars on the road.</li> <li>7. Too slowly with respect to transportation, supportable industry and infrastructure.</li> <li>8. Significant residential development without supporting retail infrastructure. Concerned that one must drive to the “convenience” store. Introduction of the “Big Box” mentality – we are beginning to look like a cookie cutter community.</li> <li>9. I have only lived here 5 years.</li> </ol>
<p>What changes would make Clarington even better?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. More accountability from Council. Keep high-rises to a minimum. Clear definition between urban and rural land use. Have enhanced downtown districts.</li> <li>2. Better traffic flow.</li> <li>3. Arterial roads without schools to facilitate easy north/south cross town transportation.</li> <li>4. More access to healthcare, more accountability of Councillors to public. Less input/implementation of demands from Region. More stringent building responsibilities, solar/wind turbine technology used instead of ignored. Keep high rises to minimum. Upgraded road works for feeders to the 407.</li> </ol>

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Build on the downtown cores and old neighbourhood model. More GO Transit! The Brookhill project is interesting but it is gobbling up more farmland.</li> <li>6. Access to waterfront/beach area (particularly in Courtice). Preserve historic homes/buildings. Doors open event.</li> <li>7. A new definition between urban and local land use.</li> <li>8. Improve green space linkage between communities that would contribute to reliance on currently unsustainable transportation means. More old neighbourhood economic areas. Brownfield development not greenfield.</li> <li>9. I would like to see the downtown business districts enhanced to protect their historical values.</li> </ol>
<p>What sets Clarington apart from other communities?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Easy access to rural area, local produce.</li> <li>2. Little employment.</li> <li>3. Currently there are still farms/farmland.</li> <li>4. Neither urban, suburban nor rural. There is no traditional “core + suburbs + rural” pattern. Makes it difficult to call it a community.</li> <li>5. The opportunity to plan for a small ---- base, before explosive growth affects planning.</li> <li>6. Significant rural/agricultural space. Not yet a community who live here simply to sleep before hopping into their cars again to head into the GTA.</li> <li>7. To me the fact that there are small communities, e.g. Newcastle, Orono; that each have their own personality yet bland together to make the one larger community.</li> </ol>

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<p>What issues need to be addressed in this Official Plan Review?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Transit, wider streets, easier access to 401.</li> <li>2. Improvement in Region wide public transit. Single car driveways in a commuter town with 2 cars in every driveway. More high density housing in downtown area. Addressing the aging population – and motorized wheelchairs.</li> <li>3. Timelines need to be coordinated with the Regional Plan and then relayed to the public.</li> <li>4. Preserving farmland, walkable communities. Attracting desirable commercial/light industrial to provide local employment. OPG Darlington new build needs balance otherwise Bowmanville becomes a bit of a “company town”, like GM in Oshawa. Air quality is poor.</li> <li>5. Transportation is the main determinant of growth. How will “Go” expand? How will the 401 expand – 35/115, will the 407 be toll free, if so what will be the alternate --- east west route?</li> <li>6. How to create jobs here in Clarington so need for commuting and urban sprawl; increased density, but appealing density.</li> </ol>