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Community Questions Summary

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What do you enjoy about your community?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It is a pleasant place to live 2. Either I am not aware of it or there is not as much crime as some areas
How has Clarington changed in the past 10 years?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Roads near Bowmanville Courtice area are becoming too busy to operate farm machinery safely 2. Starting to see some larger stores which means we don't have to go to Oshawa to shop as often – I hope we see more stores soon
What changes would make Clarington even better?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agriculture is the second largest industry in the Region and yet it is usually looked at with the attitude “it is only a farm” 2. Agriculture needs to be taken more seriously
What sets Clarington apart from other communities?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The mixture of rural and urban – unfortunately I am not sure we can afford this luxury in the future at least to the extent we have now – with the cost of building and maintaining infrastructure when we are so spread out
What issues need to be addressed in this Official Plan Review?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete development as you go, don't leave pockets of farmland isolated between developed areas – it is too hard to expand 2. If you want strip encourage recreational areas, e.g. golf courses 3. Provide buffer between farms and residential areas. A chain link fence between subdivisions and farms is unacceptable 4. A side road should be absolute minimum especially if the farm area is locked in to agriculture for a number of years 5. MDS does not protect farms from new subdivisions 6. Farms use chemicals and some chemicals will likely require substantial set backs from residential areas

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	7. Some sprays have an application window of only a few hours, wind or no wind, making drift unavoidable in some cases – buffers are absolutely essential

Visioning Question	Visioning Answers
What do you like about the current vision?	1. The effort to increase local jobs to reduce commuting
What would you like to change?	1. Don't use farms as urban separators unless they are large enough to be viable agriculturally and easy to move machinery to other areas and provide well established buffers such as BC or north end of London, Ontario.
What do you think is missing and would like to add to the vision?	1. No real vision for agriculture 2. Farms are getting larger at a fast rate and will continue to do so 3. The vision seems to be for small farms which I think will have trouble competing in the near future