

OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW
Orono Open House, June 16th 2008
Community Questions Summary

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<p>What do you enjoy about your community?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Green spaces – walking trails – community spirit – local produce. 2. Green areas. Many improvements have been made to business over the last years. The towns have created an identity. 3. Easy access to rural areas. Local community activities, visual arts centre activities. Respect for historical buildings. 4. Strong community. Schools, stores, park land in close proximity. Scale – small enough we can relate/talk. Village like a large family. 5. Diverse community – heritage. Close to major centres. Good transportation system. Good retail sector. Recreational and trail systems. 6. Its scale. 7. The depth of our heritage and appreciation for it. The rural atmosphere, the small-town flavour. 8. Scale – we can relate to it – feel it is complete, good diversity, preservation. Sense of identity, community of communities, green spaces, local produce is easily available, close to economic centres.
<p>How has Clarington changed in the past 10 years?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Loss of farmland, trees and green spaces. Increased housing and commercial spaces. 2. Many people have moved into the area, busier on the roads. 3. More traffic – suburbs. Variety in retail outlets, restaurants. 4. Growth – residential, big box stores. Growth of Courtice – subdivision on subdivision with no focal point. 5. Influx of residential. Increased retail. 6. Loss of farmland and architectural heritage.

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	7. More people, houses, roads. Addition of natural trails in our valley lands – has opened up access to our natural lands.
What changes would make Clarington even better?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Controlled growth. Communities where housing, jobs, schools and shopping are all easily accessible – no commuting required. Taking a lead on sustainable living programs, increased recycling program. 2. I would like to see the secondary roads wider to allow people to walk and make bike riding safer. 3. Taking leadership as a green community. More access to buying local produce. More choice in accommodation for seniors – not for profit housing. 4. Better public transportation. More jobs. Good quality multi-residential. 5. More industrial serviced land. Employment opportunities. Better enhanced transportation system. GO or re-invent train stops in Clarington. Infrastructure. 6. We should grow at a rate that can be absorbed into our community. It should not absorb our community. 7. Controlled growth. Well thought out and designed neighbourhoods. More public transportation systems. More employment lands. 8. Infrastructure needed to support population growth. Ease of getting car through downtown Bowmanville. GO Station.
What sets Clarington apart from other communities?	1. People are really involved and care about how the land is used, especially if we are giving up farmland.

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Made up of many different communities, e.g. villages of different sizes combined. 3. Lake Ontario. Industry town. 4. Access to major transportation. Close to educational facilities. 5. It's home. 6. We are a group of small rural communities which will experience growth – we have an opportunity to shape our future. 7. Large area that has good mix of rural and urban. 8. For the most part things go along fairly well.
<p>What issues need to be addressed in this Official Plan Review?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the long term impacts? 2. Transportation – public and otherwise. Respect our heritage. Don't demolish heritage housing and buildings in favour of high rises. Don't go too high on apartment buildings. Have road allowances wide enough for sidewalks and bike paths. 3. Imagination in sustainable communities with east of transportation that is not car dependent. 4. Urban sprawl. Preservation of agriculture as a sustainable industry. Transportation – bike lanes. Infrastructure for public transit. 5. Sustainable growth of jobs and people with an eye to preserving our largest industry – agriculture. A return to growing as a whole community not a bedroom community. 6. Intensification of Orono urban boundary. 7. Help the smaller villages grow so that we do not fade away.