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Newcastle Open House, June 17th 2008
Community Questions Summary

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What do you enjoy about your community?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That so far we can still enjoy some measure of public safety. 2. The people, mixed land use; green spaces, agricultural and the commercial areas. Still not the “hustle and bustle” of larger urban areas. 3. People – openness and responsiveness of Regional and Clarington officials – access to first class hospitals and services. 4. Taxes, pool that is being built, being a volunteer with the hall board and Lions Club. 5. There is still the country and farms. Small town familiarity. 6. Historical current and future identity of community (is) a peripheral viewpoint.
How has Clarington changed in the past 10 years?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Too much! Too fast! Population growth and infrastructure are not in balance. 2. High growth, more multi-cultural, more commercial establishments. More awareness of needing to plan carefully for the future. Better transit throughout the municipality; population aging in some areas. 3. Obvious and first is population growth (a good thing e.g. expanded tax and person power base). More cultural diversity. 4. Growth. 5. Getting too big – lose control about many things – growing too fast. 6. Familiar (and) vs. the new development – how to establish a vantage for new communication.
What changes would make Clarington even better?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Slow down residential development. Let infrastructure (e.g. roads, sewers, etc.) catch up. Bring back maternity ward and hospital expansion. 2. Roads to accommodate current traffic and /or extension of GO/commuter trains/better parking for commuters.

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Develop an educational program to overcome the fear and dread to growth and change. 4. New fire hall in Newcastle. 5. Slow down, let infrastructure catch up. 6. Maintain strength of individual areas – and establish visions of communication with new visions and experiences.
<p>What sets Clarington apart from other communities?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sadly, I'm seeing it become more urban and beginning to lose its identity. 2. People still seem to care about each other. History is important to community members. 3. It is still an immature amalgamation, which has not yet grown into the city it should be. This includes a lack of xxxxxxxxxxxxxx 4. Clean, a good place to live. 5. Greet belt. Oak Ridges – peripheral vision. Vulnerability still apparent.
<p>What issues need to be addressed in this Official Plan Review?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Population, infrastructure, maintenance and encouragement of agriculture, green space, balanced industries and services. 2. Careful planning re: density of population so services are in place. Awareness of what is important to current population so essence of municipality if maintained. 3. Enabling service sectors, e.g. places of worship, service clubs and volunteer sector. 4. Highway 407. 5. With additional housing there is congestion on roads. Use common sense – not developers' ideas. 6. Bio-regional support systems. Community focus – festivals – blends of culture – diversity.