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PACKED HOUSE FOR THE FIRST PUBLIC WORKSHOP OF THE OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW

Georgina, ON— The first public workshop of the Official Plan Review was held on Thursday night at the ROC Chalet. Staff, steering committee representatives, project consultants and 46 Georgina residents began the process of establishing the direction that the updated Official Plan should take.

Director of Planning and Building <u>Harold Lenters</u> introduced the project and the project consultant, <u>Jim Dyment</u> (representing MHBC Planning), who led attendees through group exercises to identify long-term priorities for the municipality. The group's collaborative efforts began the process of developing a vision for the Plan to capture the identified guiding principles which focused on sustainability, the environment, economic development and growth management.

"Public participation is imperative in establishing an Official Plan that reflects the values of the community," said Mr. Lenters. "We were able to obtain insightful suggestions from the participants and hope that residents continue to be involved throughout the Official Plan review process."

Every voice of Georgina is encouraged to contribute to all public engagement conversations as the future of the municipality should be directed by those who are living, working and growing in Georgina.

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