

## Reporting Back on the February Council Strategic Session

Question / Comment Summary	City Staff Response / Action
<p>How can the new Official Plan consider changing family demographics (e.g., multi-generational households)?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Housing Needs Assessment will explore ways to expand housing choice for Kitchener’s forecasted population growth.</li> </ul>
<p>The Big Ideas and Focus Areas should reflect the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Innovation</li> <li>Emerging Technologies (e.g., artificial intelligence)</li> <li>Human Connection</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>City staff have refined and will continue to refine the Big Ideas and Focus Areas which will form part of the upcoming “Conversation Kits” in Phase 3 community engagement.</li> <li>The forthcoming new “Transportation and Mobility Plan” project includes scope to consider emerging transportation technologies.</li> </ul>
<p>How is the new Official Plan considering market trends such as e-commerce?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The “Non-Residential Uses Technical Study” has analyzed trends in the market and retail landscape and provided policy recommendations that allow the city and developers to respond to topics like e-commerce.</li> </ul>
<p>How can the Official Plan address matters such as transit and environmental initiatives which are the responsibility of other orders of government?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>While transit service is delivered by other orders of government (e.g., Provincial, Regional) and private-sector providers, the Official Plan can direct new growth to locations best served by transit today and in the future.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Official Plan can reflect our commitment to building A Green City alongside other corporate initiatives and commitments (e.g., tree canopy targets, stormwater management initiatives etc.).</li> </ul>
<p>How can the Official Plan enable flexibility in developing different housing types in neighbourhoods? Is there an opportunity to review minimum lot sizes through the Official Plan?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Official Plan will explore ways to increase housing diversity in neighbourhoods.</li> <li>Future projects, such as comprehensive Zoning By-law reviews following completion of the new Official Plan, can explore a wide range of lot and building requirements which shape development.</li> </ul>
<p>How can the Official Plan address gaps in shops and retail offerings in existing neighbourhoods?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Non-Residential Study as part of Kitchener 2051 has studied gaps in non-residential uses across the city, and the new Official Plan will set out policies to address these gaps.</li> </ul>
<p>How can the Official Plan support the introduction of new facilities such as hotels and convention centres?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Non-Residential and Growth Scenarios Studies are exploring ways that Kitchener can grow to accommodate the needs of our evolving community, including new urban centres.</li> </ul>