

Community Engagement Review

Grand River Accessibility Advisory Committee

GRAAC

Thursday, April 24, 2025

Agenda

- Welcome and Introduction – 2 minutes
- Project Overview – 5 minutes
- Our Approach to Engagement – 5 minutes
- Your Feedback – 10 minutes
- Closing Remarks – 2 minutes

Project Overview

- 2023-2026 Strategic Plan Action Item: Enhance the City's Engagement Practices
 - ✓ Phase 1: Internal engagement with leadership and staff
 - **Phase 2: External engagement with the community**
 - Phase 3: Public input analysis
 - Phase 4: Council approval and launch of revised policy, framework and a new strategy

Our Approach to Engagement

Engagement Purpose:

- Identify current engagement experiences, and areas of excellence and improvement
- Identify barriers to participation and measures to address
- Describe the vision for engagement in Kitchener
- Evaluate the newly revised principles and values of engagement
- Identify how best to communicate about engagement (to participate and report back)

Our draft values

- Accountable and Transparent
- Relationship Building
- Evaluate and Improve
- Deliberately Inclusive
- Purposeful (the right issues)
- Respectful (safe and healthy)

Engagement Opportunities

- Online
 - EngageKitchener (ongoing from April 29 to June 30)
 - Online workshop on May 14
- In person events
 - Booths at events and community spaces
 - Feedback Fairs
- Resident led
 - Host Your Own event kits (ongoing from April 29 to June 30)

Your Feedback

What might we have missed?

What other opportunities do you see?

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Thank You

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