



TOWN OF  
**GRIMSBY**

**Special Council Agenda**

**Tuesday, October 24, 2023, 6:00 p.m.**

**Town Hall Council Chambers**

**160 Livingston Avenue**

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1. **Call to Order**
2. **Land Acknowledgement**

Grimsby is situated on treaty land. This land is steeped in the rich history of the First Nations such as the Hatiwendaronk, the Haudenosaunee, and the Anishinaabe, including the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. There are many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit people from across Turtle Island that live and work in Niagara today. The Regional Municipality of Niagara/Grimsby stands with all Indigenous people, past and present, in promoting the wise stewardship of the lands on which we live.
3. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**
4. **Approval of the Agenda**
5. **Planning Staff Introductory Comments**
6. **Consultant Presentation**

Ute Maya-Giambattista - O2 Planning + Design
7. **Public Consultation**

Opportunity for members of the public to participate
8. **Confirming By-law**
  - 8.1 23-87  
A By-law to adopt, confirm, and ratify matters dealt with by Council resolution
9. **Adjournment**





# Envision Grimsby 2051

OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW

# Agenda

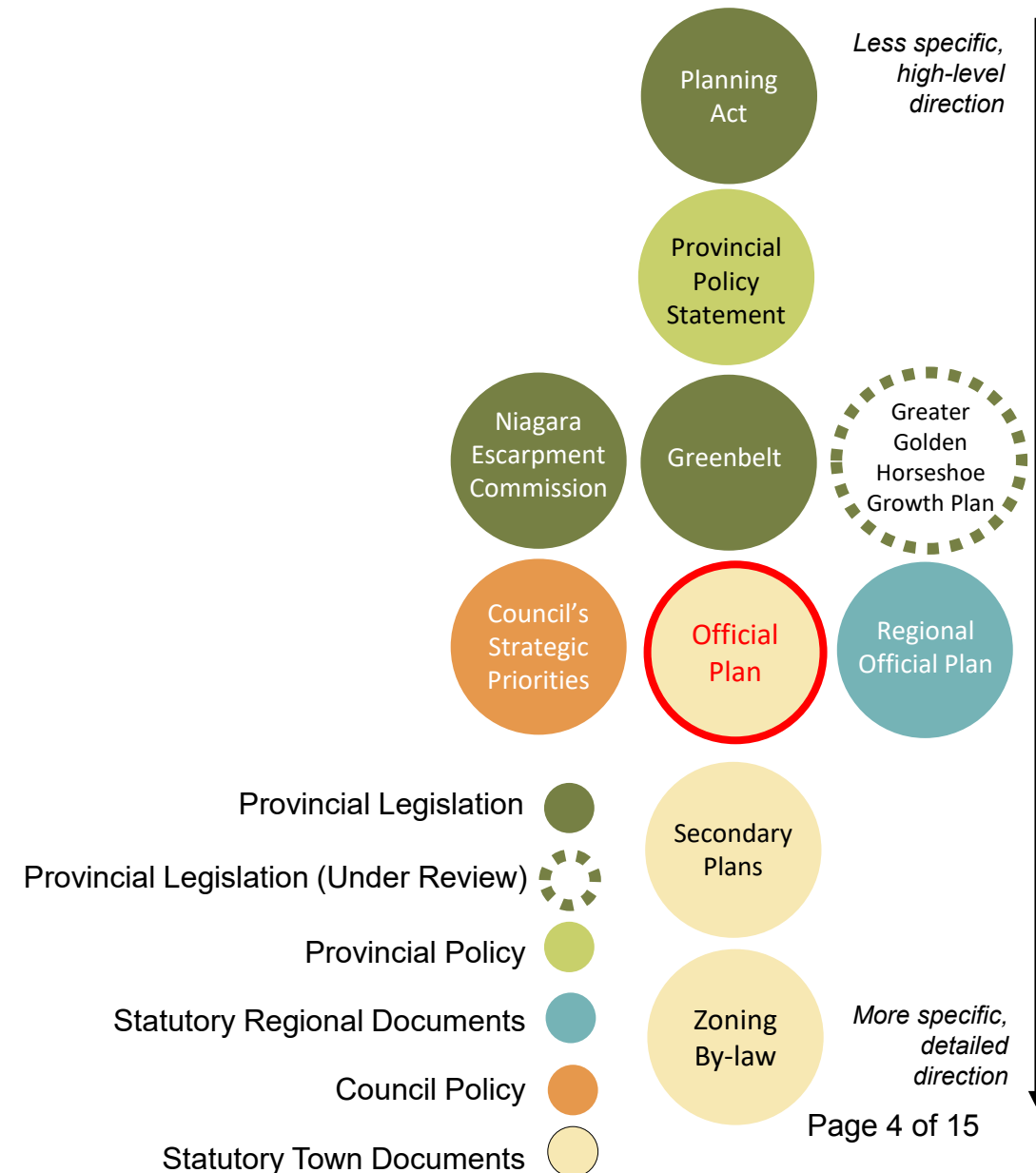
1. What is an Official Plan?
2. Why are We Reviewing the Official Plan?
3. Project Timeline
4. Engagement Process & Efforts to Date
5. What We've Heard So Far
6. Input We Are Looking For From You
7. Next Steps



# What is an Official Plan?

- An Official Plan (OP) is a statutory document prepared by municipalities as required by Ontario's *Planning Act*.
- OPs must conform to upper level provincial and regional plans.
- The OP defines a vision for the growth and development of Grimsby for next 25+ years, accompanied by comprehensive policies and implementation strategies to bring that vision to fruition.

## Planning Regulation Hierarchy



# What is an Official Plan?

- Official Plans guide and inform decision-making for council, staff, and stakeholders.
- Informs more detailed planning such as Secondary Plans and infrastructure plans.
- Zoning Bylaws and Design Guidelines serve to implement the policies of the OP
- The OP typically incorporates elements such as:
  - Housing
  - Demographics
  - Agriculture
  - Transportation
  - Downtown
  - Natural Areas



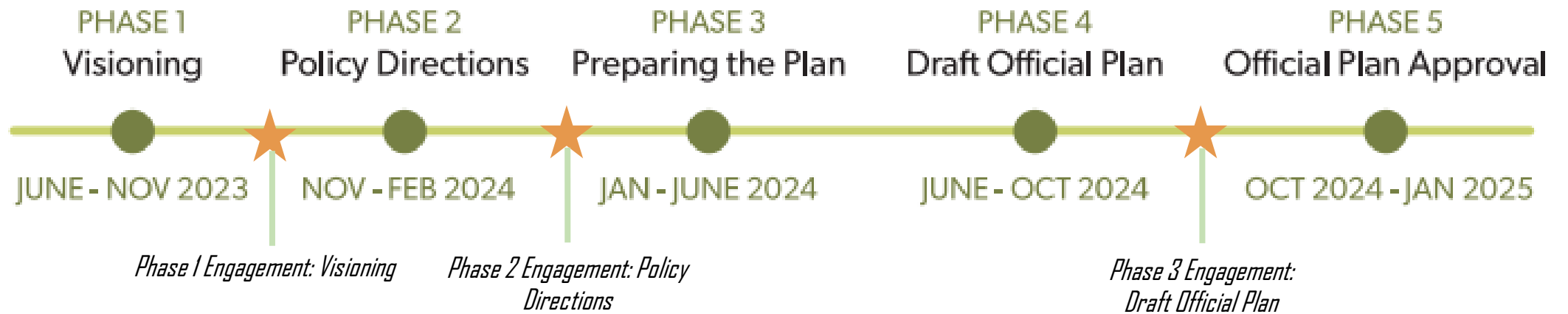
# Why are We Reviewing the Official Plan?

- The current Official Plan was adopted in 2009 and requires a comprehensive review to adequately address current, emerging and future pressures and needs.
- The OP review will assist in identifying and prioritizing investments in town infrastructure and community facilities.
- The new OP will align with recent provincial legislative changes, and will be designed and formatted for improved readability, ease of use and clarity for implementation.



# Project Timeline

- Visioning stage has begun with public engagement and outreach events.
- Background research and analysis has begun and will continue.
- Policy direction phase will start in November with more public engagement events.





# Engagement Process & Efforts To Date

- Online interactive survey on Let's Talk Grimsby.  
*(155 participants to date; 24 surveys filled)*
- 3 pop-up engagement events were held.  
*(157 participants directly engaged)*
  - September 27 at the Library.
  - September 28 at Farmer's Market.
  - September 29 at Peach King Centre.
- Mailouts to agencies and interest groups.
- Today's Special Meeting of Council.
  - Build upon past engagement.







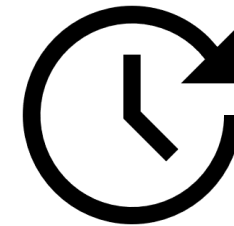
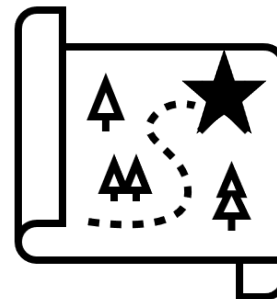
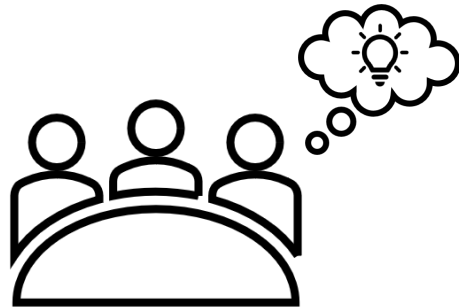
# What Have We Heard So Far?

- Increase access to the **lakefront**.
- Preserve, improve, and increase the number of **parks and recreational spaces**.
- Continue advocating for the new **GO Train station**.
- Maintain the community's established **look and feel**.
- Continue supporting **Downtown's vibrancy and success**.
- Help address **housing affordability**.



# Input We Are Looking For From You

- Today's meeting is a requirement of the *Planning Act* to formally launch the Official Plan review, but it's also an opportunity to hear from you!
- Feedback that will help guide the project team includes:
  - High-level ideas about Grimsby's future.
  - Things you value and would like to see supported in the Town.
  - Things you would like to see changed in the future.






# Next steps

- **Now**  
*Today's discussion or participate in our online engagement until November 20.*
- **Early 2024**  
*Policy Directions Engagement*
- **Fall 2024**  
*Draft Official Plan Engagement*
- **Late 2024 / Early 2025**  
*Official Plan Public Hearing*



*Use this QR code to complete the online survey on the Let's Talk Grimsby webpage!*





Thank you!  
Questions?



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GRIMSBY

BY-LAW NO. 23-87

A BY-LAW TO ADOPT, CONFIRM AND RATIFY MATTERS DEALT WITH BY  
COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Whereas Section 5(1) of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, provides that the powers of a municipality shall be exercised by its Council;

And whereas Section 11(2) of the said Act provides that a lower tier municipality may pass by-laws respecting matters within the spheres of jurisdiction as set out in the said Act;

And whereas Section 9 of the said Act provides that a municipality has the capacity, rights, powers and privileges of a natural person for the purpose of exercising its authority under this or any other Act;

And whereas Section 5(3) of the said Act provides that a municipal power, including a municipality's capacity, rights, powers and privileges under Section 9, shall be exercised by by-law unless the municipality is specifically authorized to do otherwise;

And whereas in many cases action which is taken or authorized by Council does not lend itself to the passage of an individual by-law;

Now therefore the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby enacts as follows:

1. That the actions of Council at its special meeting on October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 in respect to the recommendations contained in the reports of the Council considered at each meeting and in respect of each motion resolution and other action taken by the Council at its meeting are, except where the prior approval of the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal or other authority is required by law, hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed as if all such proceedings were expressly embodied in this By-Law.
2. That where no individual by-law has been or is passed with respect to the taking of any action authorized in or by the above mentioned minutes or with respect to the exercise of any powers by the Council in the above mentioned minutes, then this By-law shall be deemed for all purposes to be the By-law required for approving and authorizing and taking of any action authorized therein and thereby or required for the exercise of any powers therein by the Council.
3. That the Mayor and the proper officers of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the said action of the Council or to obtain approvals where required and except otherwise provided, the Mayor, the Clerk and the Treasurer are hereby directed to execute all documents necessary on behalf of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby.
4. That this by-law shall come into full force on the day it is passed.



Read a first time, considered, and passed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023.

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J.A. Jordan, Mayor

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K. Viccica, Acting Deputy Clerk