



ZONE CHANGE TO ALLOW CONSTRUCTION

CHICOPEE HILLS PUBLIC SCHOOL

PUBLIC MEETING

**Monday, December 8, 2014
7:00 P.M.**

**PLANNING AND STRATEGIC INITIATIVES COMMITTEE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KITCHENER CITY HALL**

PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC MEETING:

The **Planning and Strategic Initiatives Committee of Kitchener City Council (PSIC)** will be meeting to receive a [City Staff Report](#) on the **Zone Change Application** by the Waterloo Region District School Board to permit the construction of the new **Chicopee Hills Public School** at Lackner Boulevard and Fairway Road. The purpose of the meeting is for **City Planning Staff** to **present their analysis** of the School Board's submission for **consideration by Council** and for the **public to provide input to Council** regarding the application. It is expected that Council will make their **final decision in the new year**.

HOW THIS AFFECTS YOU:

If the Zone Change is **approved** the **School Board will be constructing a new elementary school** on the site. If the Zone Change is **not approved**, the **School Board will need to look at alternatives** to accommodate students in the community. These **alternatives may include: changes to school boundaries, additions to existing schools and busing students to another school outside the community**.

HAVE YOUR SAY:

You can **provide your input** to City Council by appearing **as a delegation** at the **December 8 PSIC meeting**. You must register as a delegation by 9 A.M. on the Wednesday prior to the meeting (December 3). Delegations have a maximum of 5 minutes to outline their requests or concerns. See [Register as a Delegation](#) on the City of Kitchener website for more information.

Chicopee Hills Public School Update:

- The location of the new Chicopee Hills Public School was determined through a public accommodation review process (ARC) in 2011. This location was preferred based on the central location to the community it will serve. The recommendation was approved by School Board Trustees.
- The School Board received funding approval from the Ministry of Education for the construction of the new school based on the business case for the proposed location of the school.
- City Staff expressed a willingness to consider a school on the site.
- In order to meet City of Kitchener planning requirements for Mixed Use, the development has to include residential and commercial uses, in addition to the school. These will be developed over time.
- No other suitable sites are available for the construction of a new school in the Grand River South area.
- The development proposed by the School Board addresses all environmental, stormwater, traffic and pedestrian safety, noise, urban design and planning justification requirements of the City of Kitchener, Grand River Conservation Authority, Region of Waterloo and Ministry of Natural Resources.
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FURTHER INFORMATION:

A copy of the City of Kitchener Staff Report can be viewed ([here](#)) or at www.kitchener.ca – click the Calendar of Events and select [Planning & Strategic Initiatives Committee](#). Copies are also available at City Hall, Planning Division 6th Floor.

A copy of the Waterloo Region District School Board, [November 10, 2014, Staff Report](#), *Update on Chicopee Hills Public School Site Zone Change* can be obtained online at <http://www.wrdsb.ca/planning> - click the *Update on Chicopee Hills Public School Site Zone Change* News Item.