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To: Neighbourhood Residents, Property Owners and Interested Community Members

RE: First Public Meeting for a New Hidden Valley Secondary Plan and Updated Zoning

As a resident of Hidden Valley, we'd like to invite you to a public meeting as part of the process to develop a secondary plan for this area. A secondary plan is included as part of the city's Official Plan and helps to identify land uses for a particular area in order to ensure we're building complete communities that include a mix of residential, commercial, employment, institutional, parks and other amenities that support a healthy quality of life. These uses are then encoded within the City's Zoning By-law which a tool that also can identify where buildings can be placed on properties and how big they could be.

The meeting will be held at the Kitchener Operations Facility, 131 Goodrich Dr., Kitchener on Tuesday, June 19 from 7:00–8:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria Room (Bramm/Elmsdale Rooms). An overview presentation will be provided at 7:15pm. Please enter from the parking lot area (not the main door).



At this first meeting, staff will provide an overview of the study area, what information is already known, what opportunities and limits exist, what's included in the study and details on the process and timelines.

There will also be an opportunity for residents to ask questions and provide feedback on things like what they like about the area now, what's missing from their neighbourhood, what information they want staff to consider when developing the plan and what ideas they may have about potential future development activity in the area.

This information may be used to help staff conduct further study into areas, shape where and how certain types of development take place, what limitations need to be considered and what areas should remain protected. It is expected that the permissions for the existing residential subdivisions in the Hidden Valley area will remain status quo; however, there are a few parcels of land- particularly along portions of the new River Road extension and Wabanaki Drive – that are being considered for different uses of the land than what was previously approved.

Please note that this is a first introductory meeting and no new land use plans or zoning will be available. Your input at this stage will help with creating a draft new land use plan over the summer which is then expected to be discussed at a second meeting, tentatively scheduled for the first week of November. This item will not be considered by City Council until 2019.

Information shared at the meeting will also be available online (posted after the meeting). If you are unable to attend this meeting, you are welcome to provide your input using one of the methods below:

- Using our online engagement platform EngageKitchener at <u>www.engagekitchener.ca</u> (available after the meeting)
- Via email to <u>brandon.sloan@kitchener.ca</u>

For more information about the project, visit <u>www.kitchener.ca/hiddenvalley</u> and subscribe to the page to receive updates when new information is posted.

Your input is important and we look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

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cc. Ward Councillor John Gazzola
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Colleen Collins, Interim Director and Manager, Corporate Communications

