



## **Niagara Region**

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### **Virtual Public Information Centre NIAGARA OFFICIAL PLAN**

**Comments and Typed Response Questions  
Infrastructure, Water & Wastewater, Stormwater, Transportation  
Oct. 21, 2020 6:00 - 8:00pm**



## Question and Comments

The following is a table which documents all questions which were answered by panelists in typed form through the Q&A function on the Zoom platform, as well as all comments received from the Oct. 21, 2020 Virtual Public Information Centre. The project team response is included. For a record of all questions that were asked and answered live - a recording of the PIC is available on the website for the new Official Plan. <https://www.niagararegion.ca/official-plan/>

Question/Comment:	Project Team Response:
If I understand the NOP goal (environmental protections) why doesn't the Region map aquifers in our rural areas - well systems are risk for groundwater contamination or removing protective covers in quarries in our rural communities	Hi ----, I am going to refer your question to our aggregates and natural environment project teams for a detailed response for you.
Will the aquifer used by rural residents in Wainfleet, Port Colborne and Fort Erie be identified as a drinking water source in the ammended ROP?	Hi ----, This question is better directed to our Aggregate and Natural Environment teams for a detailed response. I will ensure you receive information from them directly regarding this.
How could more progress be achieved in getting more roof gardens to reduce storm water runoff in Niagara. Some municipalities, notably Toronto has by-laws to encourage this. Could this be started in Niagara?	Hi ----, we are going to re-direct your question to additional staff. We will follow up via email with a detailed response. Thank you for your patience.
Are there plans to amalgamate the existing local transit operations with the current regional system and to establish a single transit service, similar to what has occurred in Durham and Waterloo for example?	Hi ----, We are going to send your question to someone on an additional transit team. We will follow up with a detailed response. We would like to check a few information items before we respond. Thanks for your patience.
What is the process when a property in St Catharines has a change in the zoning and the property owner was not advised of this prior to the change? The property zoning had a negative effect on the value of the property and assessed value did not decrease. What should the property owner do to have this addressed and who should be contacted?	Hi ----, We will provide you with a local municipality contact to direct your question to. Thanks.
What is the position of the group in regards to affordable rental development versus condominium development?	Hi ----, We will follow up with you via email regarding this question. Thanks!
Is the region considering any depaving innitiatives as a means of improving biodiversity, permeability, and even food security (through urban farming)?	Hi ----, we will refer your question to our climate change work staff for a more detailed response. Thanks!



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All of the documents that are being sent out to individuals should be posted for others to review	HI ----, please check niagararegion.ca/official-plan for all of our background work
We are pleased that there are no plans to expand water/waste water system in Wainfleet . Have spent considerable money to keep our septic systems up to date and do not support having to pay for additional waster water infrastructure that is not needed	Comment received. Thank you for your input.
Hurray more forums!!! I appreciate all your work on this plan and allowing the community to have a voice.	Comment received. Thank you for your input.