

An aerial photograph showing a wide river on the left, a bridge crossing it, and a dense forested area on the right. A residential neighborhood is visible in the lower right corner.

# Riverview Municipal Plan & Zoning By-law

## Round 2 Engagement What We Heard

Council Presentation

July 14, 2024



# Presentation Overview

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## Community Open Houses

- Two in-person events were held at Riverview Town Hall on June 12, 2025. Two in-person events were held at Riverview Town Hall on June 12, 2025.
- Approximately **75 participants** attended across both sessions.
- Over **100 comments** were received through discussions and interactive poster boards.

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## Online Engagement

- An online website was active from late May to late June 2025. The project website received **866 visits**.
- **55 unique contributors** provided approximately **220 contributions** (poll responses, comments, and votes).

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## Vision

- 10-year vision statement was well-received, with 9 out of 10 open house attendees agreeing with it.

## Priorities

1. A distinct and vibrant Town Centre
2. Diverse and affordable housing options
3. Robust public infrastructure and services

# What We Heard – Open Houses

## Other Key Themes:

- **Environment:** Strong emphasis on protecting green space, replacing trees lost to development, and climate resilience.
- **Housing:** A need for more housing options was highlighted.
- **Administration:** Frustration was expressed with the current building permit process.



# What We Heard – Open Houses

## Big Move #1: Building Heights

- General appreciation for requiring larger setbacks for taller buildings to protect neighbourhood character.

## Big Move #2: 4 Units As-of-Right

- General support for the concept, but with concerns about potential traffic, unwanted density on neighbouring properties, and enforcement of rules like owner-occupancy.

# What We Heard – Open Houses

## Big Move #3: Town Centre

- Positive sentiment for a more vibrant, walkable "urban feeling" core with more services and amenities.
- Hesitation towards buildings taller than 8 stories and a desire for strong design standards.

## Big Move #4: Secondary Planning Area

- Mixed feelings; some supported a special planning process while others felt rules should be consistent across all neighbourhoods.

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## Big Move #1: Building Heights

- The largest portion of respondents (48%) voted in favour of this proposed change, and 30% voted that they “somewhat agree” with it.
- Concerns focused on taller buildings not fitting Riverview's suburban character and blocking sunlight.
- Aligns with what was heard at the Open Houses.

# What We Heard – Open Houses

## Big Move #2: 4 Units As-of-Right

- Respondents voted on two separate polls on the topic, the majority of which noted that they think the Town "can do better" (66% and 89%).
- Major concerns included altering neighbourhood character, straining infrastructure (traffic, parking, utilities), and unenforceability of rules.
- Deviates from what was heard at the Open Houses.

# What We Heard – Online Engagement

## Big Move #3: Town Centre

- Mixed feedback, with 43% believing the Town "can do better."
- Opposition to tall buildings was a key theme.
- Concerns about traffic and a desire for a walkable core were prevalent.
- Deviates from what was heard at the Open Houses.

# What We Heard – Online Engagement

## Big Move #4: Secondary Planning Area

- Generally supported, with 53% in favour.
- Concerns centered on the need for transparency, sufficient infrastructure, and affordable home ownership options over apartments.
- Aligns with what was heard at the Open Houses.

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- **A Balancing Act:** Residents want to accommodate growth while carefully preserving Riverview's suburban character, green spaces, and quality of life.
- **Infrastructure is Crucial:** Concerns about traffic, parking, and the capacity of public services were raised in response to almost every proposal.

# Key Takeaways

- **Housing Affordability & Diversity:** A clear desire for more diverse and affordable housing options, including gentle density and senior-focused homes.
- **Vibrant Town Centre:** Strong support for creating a walkable, lively downtown core with more services and well-designed buildings.

# Thank You

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