

The Corporation of the Town of Ajax

GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE



Thursday, March 5, 2015

In-Camera at 1:45 p.m.

Open Meeting at 2:00 p.m.

River Plate Room, Town Hall

65 Harwood Avenue South

PRESENTATIONS

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6. Presentations / Discussion

- 6.1 [Initial Report - Comprehensive Zoning By-law Update](#), P. Allore, Director of Planning & Development Services / G. Muller, Manager of Planning
- 6.2 [Toronto 2015 Pan Am Community Ticket Allocation and Dignitary Accreditation](#), R. Ford, Interim Chief Administrative Officer / L. Barrington, Government Relations Advisor



Comprehensive Zoning By-law Update

Project Start-Up

Presentation to General Government Committee

March 5, 2015

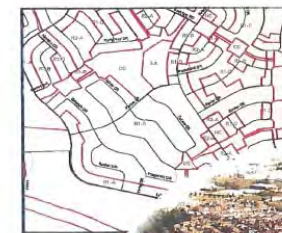


Background

Zoning By-law 95-2003

- Adopted by Council on July 14, 2003
- Divides the Town into zones
- Specifies how land within zones may be used
- Specifies criteria for development, including:
 - Location of buildings and structures
 - Parking and functional requirements
 - Height and density
 - Lot sizes, etc.
- 41 separate zones
- 174 Exceptions
- Over 700 minor variances

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Zoning By-law
#95-2003
Office Consolidation

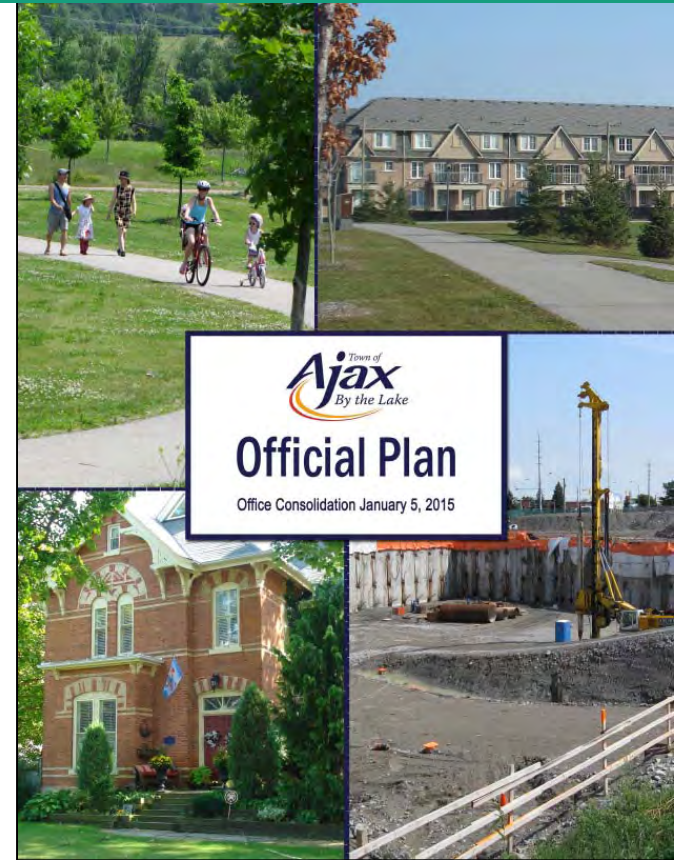
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Purpose

Why Are We Doing this Project?

- Statutory requirement to achieve conformity with the Town of Ajax Official Plan
 - Environment (OPA 38)
 - Transportation (OPA 40)
 - Intensification (OPA 41)
 - Employment Lands (OPA 42)
- Make improvements based on staff and customer experience
 - Technical and Housekeeping
 - Improve Clarity and User Friendliness
 - Implement Best Practices



Project Team

Who is Involved in the Project?

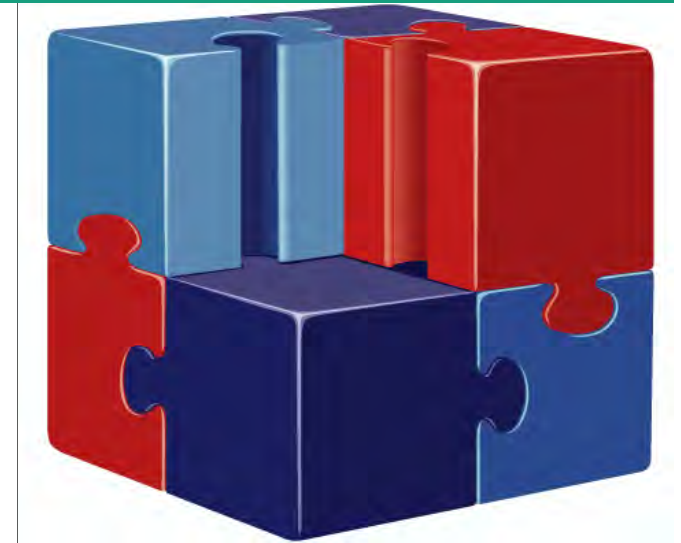
- Town of Ajax Staff
 - Planning, Engineering, Building, Business Development, By-law Services, IT, Legal
 - Discussion Papers, Project Coordination
 - Public Consultation
 - By-law Preparation
- MMM Group (lead consultant); Lehman & Associates
 - Technical Reports/Recommendations
 - Web-based & GIS consultation
 - Transportation Standards
 - Sustainability and Best Practices



Subject Areas

Components of the Project

- Stable Neighbourhoods
- Intensification Areas
- Employment Areas
- Transportation Requirements
- Pickering Village
- Greenlands System
- Sustainability Elements
- Definitions
- Best Practices



Stable Neighbourhoods

Residential and Institutional Zones

- Ensure that zoning reflects the character of individual neighbourhoods
- Residential Parking
 - Driveways/curb cuts
- Legacy Neighbourhoods
 - Wartime Houses
 - Neighbourhood One
- Country Residential Zones
- Accessory Buildings and Structures



Intensification Areas

Official Plan Conformity

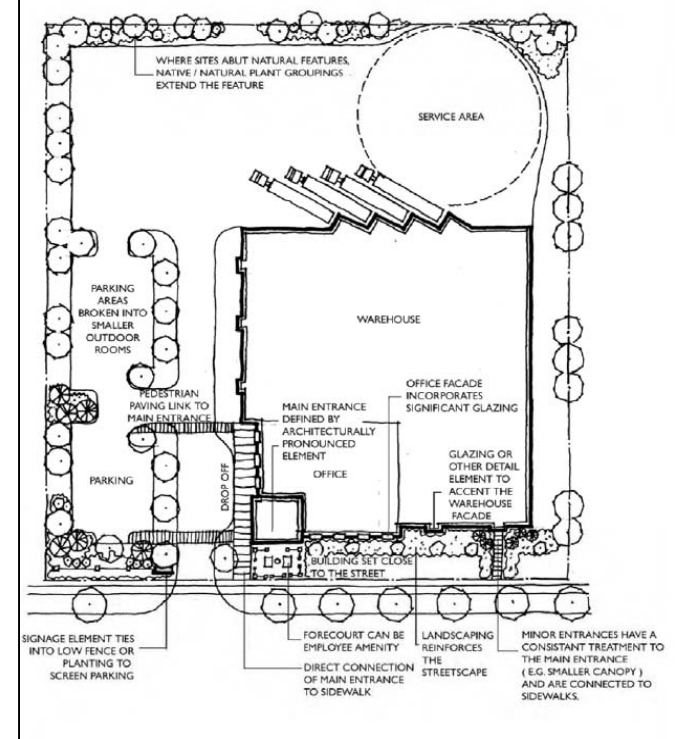
- Accommodate Intensification:
 - Centres: Downtown, Uptown
 - Corridors: Regional and Local Corridors
 - GO Transit Station Mixed Use Area
- Broaden the range of housing types
- Urban Design Principles
 - Built form:
 - Low-Rise, Mid-Rise, Tall Buildings
 - Building orientation
 - Setbacks
 - Building heights



Employment Areas

Update and Modernize

- Evaluate and update permitted uses
- Outdoor Storage
- Incorporate urban design criteria
- Consider a new zone for the Salem/401 interchange
- Remove redundancies



Greenlands System

Implement OPA 38 and the Greenbelt Plan

- Revise mapping in the Greenbelt to reflect the approved Official Plan
- Investigate permitted uses in the Greenbelt to enhance viability
- Update performance standards in Open Space zones



Pickering Village

Support Heritage Character in the Village

- Tailor performance standards to support the heritage character of the Village
 - Implement recommendations of the HCD Plan
- Tailor accessory building permissions
- Broaden commercial and residential permissions



Transportation Standards

Improve/Modernize Standards

- Revise/modernize parking standards/rates
 - Improve efficiencies
 - Standards for shared parking
 - Develop standards for employment buildings with multiple tenants
 - Update parking rates in response to AODA requirements
- Include standards for active transportation
 - Bicycle parking and storage
 - Incorporate Transportation Demand Management (TDM) initiatives
- Update loading space requirements



Sustainability Elements

Implement Environmental Policies

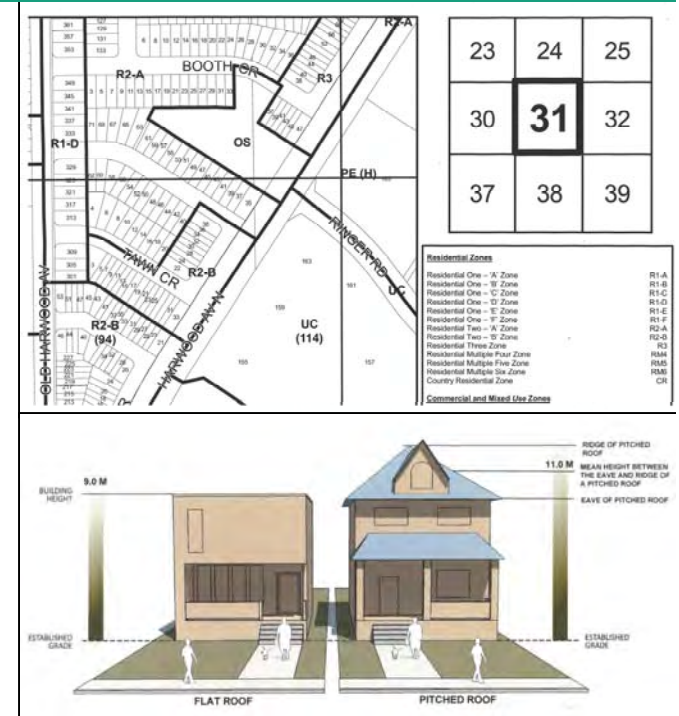
- Address parking areas:
 - Enhance tree canopy
 - Provide for stormwater infiltration
 - Parking for non-petroleum powered vehicles
- Include requirements for storage of recyclables in multi-residential buildings
- Permit community gardens
- Address “cool” and “green” roofs



“Best Practices”

Improve Clarity and Access

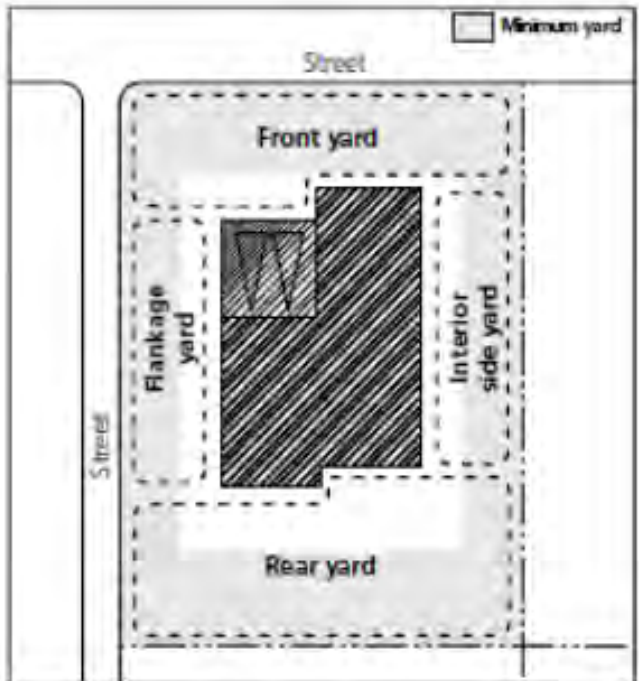
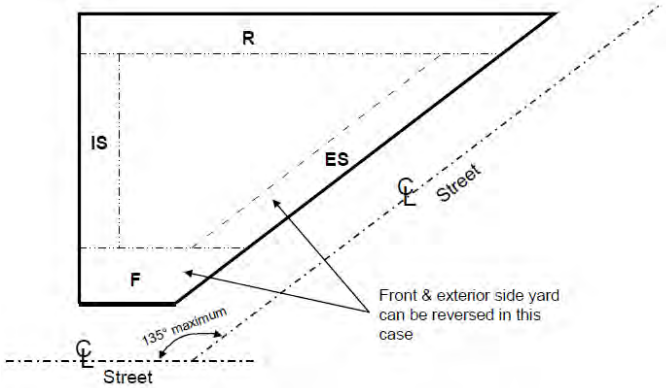
- Remove duplication by merging schedules
- Improve clarity:
 - Introduce graphics to assist with interpretation
 - Reorganize to respond to the needs of the user
- Improve ease of access:
 - Leverage web-based mapping
 - Introduce hyperlinks to enable easier on-line navigation



Definitions

Revise and Update

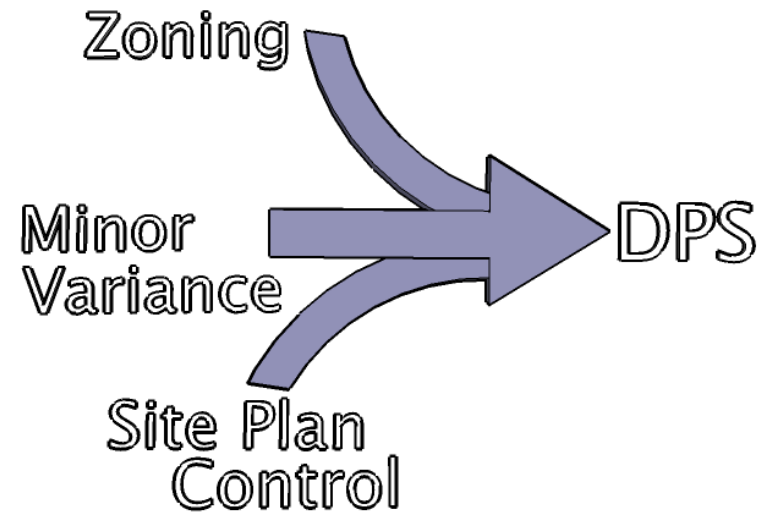
- New Definitions from Official Plan and other documents
- Update to Reflect Additional Land Uses
- Provide Definitions Related to Development Standards
- Remove Definitions Related to People



Development Permitting Implementation Study

What is a Development Permit System (DPS)?

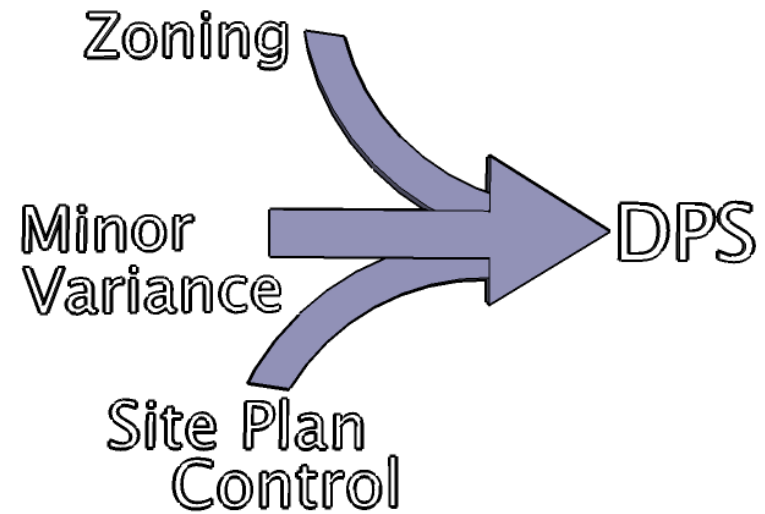
- The DPS combines the zoning, site plan and minor variance processes into one application and approval process
- A one-stop source for planning approvals
- Provides greater flexibility
- “Front-end loaded”
 - Requires enabling Official Plan policy and DPS By-law
 - Public Consultation on the DPS is up-front
 - Conditions of development established up-front



Development Permitting Implementation Study

What is a Development Permit System (DPS)?

- Eliminates the possibility of “third party” appeals of development applications to the OMB
- May be appropriate for all or parts of the Town
- Background and approach to be presented in June, 2015



Process

Consultation

- Public Launch: June 1, 2015 Community Affairs and Planning Committee
 - Release Discussion Papers
 - Public Consultation Period begins
 - Release Online Interactive Zoning By-law
 - Social Media Tools
 - ZoningBylawUpdate@ajax.ca
- Fall, 2015: Public Open Houses (3)
- Early 2016: Complete Technical Reports
- Mid 2016: Complete Draft By-law
 - Consultation period on Draft By-law (end 2016)
- Early 2017: By-law Preparation
- Mid 2017: Zoning By-law Public Meeting



Thank You!

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Ticket Allocation & Dignitary Accreditation

General Government Committee

Thursday, March 5, 2015



Background

- May 2014 - Council approved the Town's "Gold" level Pan Am Municipal Designation
- Other Gold Designated Municipalities
 - Hamilton
 - Markham
 - St. Catharines/Welland
 - Caledon
- As a benefit of designation, the Town will receive 800 complimentary tickets
 - Baseball/Softball (Ajax)
 - Soccer (Hamilton)
 - Opening & Closing Ceremonies
- Council Members are eligible for Dignitary Accreditation



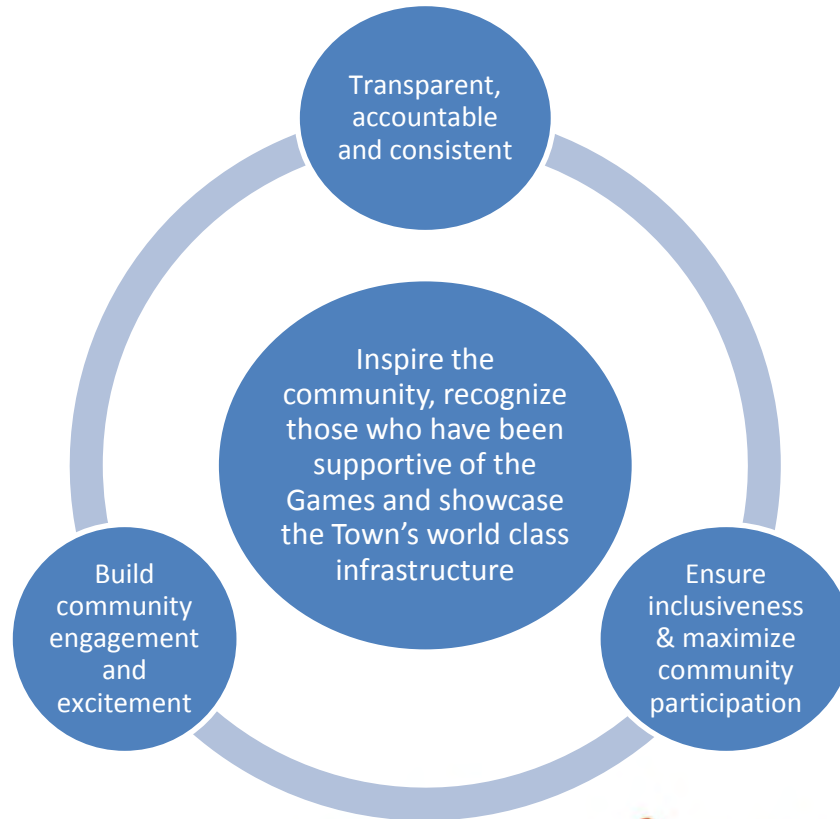


Community Ticket Allocation

Community Allocation

- Town responsible for determining the recipients & distribution model

Guiding Principles



Areas of Focus

Children & Youth

- Advances the Town goals related to sport, culture and youth development
- Aligns with TO2015's goal to make the Games "the most youth friendly ever" & the approach of other municipalities

Local Sport Associations

- Recognizes the support & patience of our local sport associations whose schedules and venues have been impacted

Community Recognition & Giveaways

- Provide avenues for a diverse group of individuals & families to participate in the Games



Recommended Allocation

60%

- Town camps and youth programs

20%

- Community Sports Associations who have been impacted - Baseball/Softball/Soccer

20%

- Community Recognition - community giveaways, host committee members, staff etc.

- Staff will be meeting to begin allocating the tickets & formalizing the implementation plan
- Percentages will be used as a guideline





Dignitary Accreditation

Dignitary Accreditation

- Passes to be shared amongst Council members and guests
 - Access to Ajax venue & games/ceremonies throughout Pan Am footprint
 - Eliminates need for a physical ticket to enter a venue
- Staff will be responsible for daily management of the passes
- The Mayor & one guest will have full access to games & ceremonies
 - Guest pass is transferable
- Council members can accredit two guests
 - Guests would be eligible to accompany a Council member based on the availability of the pass(es).



Two-Part Pass



The First Part (**Identity card**) provides personal details and must be worn by the bearer at all times; by itself it does not give access to any venues



The Second Part (**Access card**) is non nominative, provides access entitlements and may be transferred among accredited people

***Both must be worn together to access a venue**



Municipal Delegations Overview

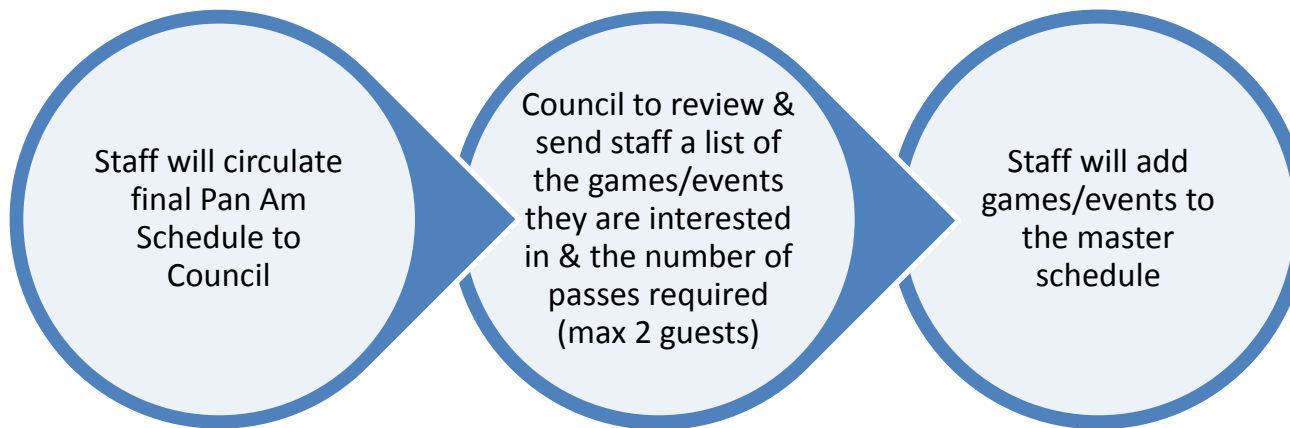
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| ACR Source | Clients | Venue Access | In-venue Privileges | Seating | Prime Events | Ceremonies (ticket provided) | Transportation |
|------------|---|--|---|-----------------|------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Mayors | Mayor of venue cities | All competition venues (ALL) | Games Family Lounge (6) General Circulation/Front of House (White) | Official Stand | YES | YES | Vehicle Access & Parking Permit |
| MPA | Municipal Delegation (4/municipality) | Access to the venue(s) within their municipality | Games Family Lounge (6) General Circulation/Front of House (White) | Stand of Honour | Purchased Ticket | NO | Access to Games public transportation |
| MDP | Municipal Delegation (4 upgrade passes) | All competition venues (ALL) | Games Family Lounge (6) General Circulation/Front of House (White) | Stand of Honour | Purchased Ticket | YES | Access to Games public transportation |



Next Steps

- Accreditation paperwork to be submitted by March 20, 2015.
- Staff will follow-up with Council to outline the process
- Staff will work with Council to manage request for passes



Recommendations

1. That Council endorse the proposal for the community allocation of Pan Am tickets and that staff be authorized to implement distribution plans.
2. That the dignitary accreditation process be received for information.



Thank You
Questions?

