

ENGAGEMENT SNAPSHOT



In April 2016, Council directed Township staff to update the Brookwood-Fernridge Community Plan. To help shape the update, staff were directed to conduct extensive engagement throughout each phase of the update process. During Phase 1, the Township communicated the scope and timeline of the update process and gathered early input on community values, key issues and opportunities at the first meeting of the Council-appointed Community Planning Team, a series of community dialogue sessions and a public open house. This document summarizes all of the input received.



750+

Attended the
Public Open House



250+

Participated in one of
32 Dialogue Sessions



150+

Online Questionnaires
were completed



50+

Letters/emails
were received



KEY THEMES: A few core ideas summarized from all the feedback received...

- » **Density, housing options, and affordability:** Two perspectives - increase housing options and affordability and limit development to single family homes on large lots.
- » **Community character:** Maintain the community character, including the social connection, small town feel and natural spaces.
- » **Servicing and infrastructure:** Put quality infrastructure (e.g. sewer, sidewalks, schools, community facilities) in place before new developments take place.
- » **Environmental protection:** Protect the local environment and green space.
- » **Local shops and services:** Provide more shops and services to meet daily needs.
- » **Walking and cycling:** Increase access to sidewalks, trails, and bike paths so that walking and cycling is safer and more enjoyable.
- » **Progressive development:** Move forward with development that respects the community character, local environment, and servicing needs.
- » **Planning process:** Take time to listen, create a well thought-out plan, and do not approve new developments during the plan update.



CREATING A BETTER FUTURE:

"Thank you for giving us an opportunity to speak. My genuine desire and hope is that our voices will make a difference in building a sustainable, livable community for our future and that of the future generations."