



TO: Chair and Members of Development Services Committee

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FROM: Jim Baird, Commissioner of Development Services

DATE: May 5, 2009

**Re: Victoria Square Land Use Study:
Request to call a public meeting
For Official Plan Amendment**

Recommendation:

1. That the memorandum entitled: "Victoria Square Land Use Study: Request to call a public meeting for Official Plan Amendment", be received;
2. That staff be directed to hold a public meeting for the above-noted study;
3. And that Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Background:

Due to ongoing development pressures in the Cathedral Community located to the west and south of Victoria Square, the hamlet has been the subject of a number of enquiries for non-residential redevelopment over the past several years. As a result, staff were asked to undertake a land use study to determine appropriate Official Plan policies and Zoning regulations to guide future development of the Hamlet.

Staff began the Victoria Square Land Use Study in the summer of 2008. In November 2008, planning staff and the Ward Councillor held a Community Information Meeting, to introduce the land use study to Victoria Square residents and to begin a discussion on residents' views about the opportunities and constraints associated with new development pressures in the hamlet and alternative development options.

On April 20, 2009, staff and the Ward Councillor held a second Community Information Meeting to present a proposed policy strategy to address emerging development pressures in the Hamlet. At this meeting, staff indicated that a statutory Public Meeting

would be held on June 16, to provide residents with a formal opportunity to comment on the land use study and proposed Official Plan Amendment.

Due to the limited time between now and the public meeting, the purpose of this memo is to seek authorization from Development Services Committee to hold this public meeting. Staff will prepare a background report to Development Services Committee, which will provide more detail on the scope, process and recommendations of the Victoria Square Land Use Study, and this report will be brought forward to Committee either before, or on the date of, the public meeting.