

What We Heard -- Public Information Meeting, September 25, 2024

The County of Prince Edward hosted a public information meeting on Wednesday, September 25 for the Queen Elizabeth School redevelopment.

The goal of the meeting was to present the history of the project and the plans for redevelopment. The public had the opportunity to provide input on the redevelopment project.

The following comments represent a summary of the residents' feedback for each category:

Density and Green Space

Attendees commented that the site should have moderate density.

Built Form/Housing Typology/Design

Attendees indicated that the built form should be integrated into the neighbourhood with no buildings over two storeys high in a townhome format, fitting with the character of the neighbourhood. The municipality also heard that green and/or sustainable design be incorporated into construction was also received.

Infrastructure/Traffic

Attendees provided feedback that the current road infrastructure is inadequate to support intensification, and that the municipality should assess the traffic and servicing impacts. Other comments focused on creating adequate on-site parking, including the possibility of underground parking, and avoiding the appearance of a shopping centre parking lot on the site. A comment was also received about managing drainage in the area.

Community Hub

At the PIC, municipal staff provided information about the community hub model and the tenant selection process. Staff also listed the organizations that were interested in the hub. Several comments were received regarding the make-up of the hub including:

- Adding a daycare
- Using the existing building for municipal staff
- Saving the gym for community recreation and sports and to support arts programming

Other Feedback Provided

The attendees also provided feedback on several issues including ensuring the existing building not be torn down, that people with disabilities and the local student population's needs be considered. Comments were also received about the importance of community gardens via a greenhouse food security program, relocating Prince Edward Fitness and Aquatic Centre, incorporating a children's museum, no cash in lieu of park space, and incorporating Hospice Prince Edward into the redevelopment.