

Good afternoon,

Today's Joint Meeting of PC and ARAC has concluded and the Five Big Moves were received. Twenty delegations spoke to the Committees, by and large supportive of the thrust of the Five Big Moves, seeking further detail as to how they will be implemented, sometimes indicating that we may not be going far enough, and certainly challenging us to delivering a new Official Plan that speaks to today's needs, aspirations and concerns.

This is a rewarding moment and it belongs to all of us who've put hundreds of hours in discussions, drafting language, testing ideas, editing documents, and negotiating with one another through our working group meetings. We can be very proud of what we've accomplished so far. Let's take a moment to recognize that and feel good about it. As City Staff, we feel very good about seeing citizen and industry delegations speaking today, with legitimate questions and lingering concerns but essentially as partners in the process.

The work that begins now takes us to another level. We start consultations on the Five Big Moves and we have to deliver a big policy package in December that will include a growth management strategy, a land budget for the city, intensification rates, and policy directions that will get us one step closer to starting to write and map the new Official Plan.

On behalf of my whole team I can't say how much we appreciate being able to work with everyone, and to all be at the same table doing so. It's not just useful, it's necessary to have everyone be part of this journey and feel ownership of it. Special thanks to everyone who spoke today.

I hope you all see in these documents a lot of what you are hoping to see. We look forward to continuing to work with you.

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