

Planners and Health Professionals: Working Together for Community Wellness



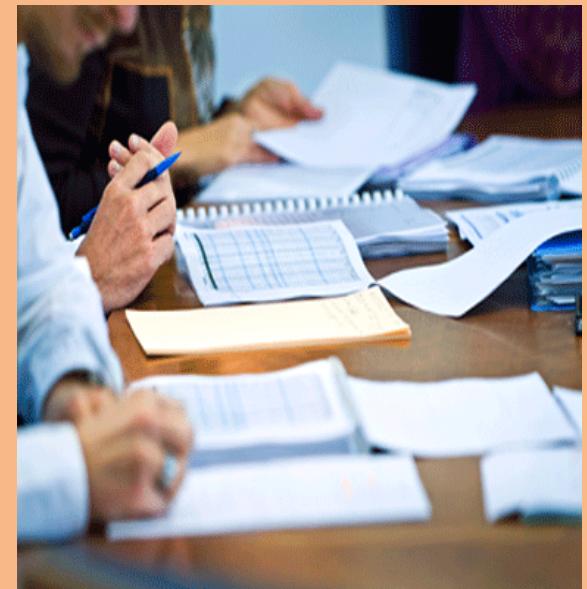
The Municipal Planning and Development Process

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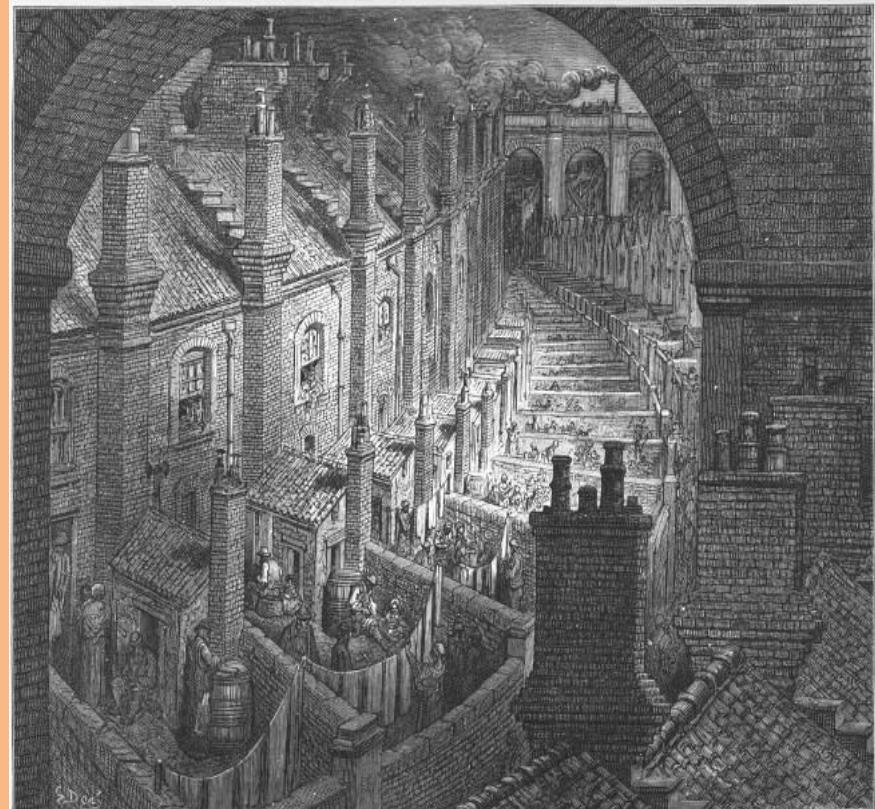


Roots of Modern Day Planning



- Industrial Revolution (1760-1870's)

- cramped poorly-built housing
- lack of clean drinking water
- improper disposal of sewage



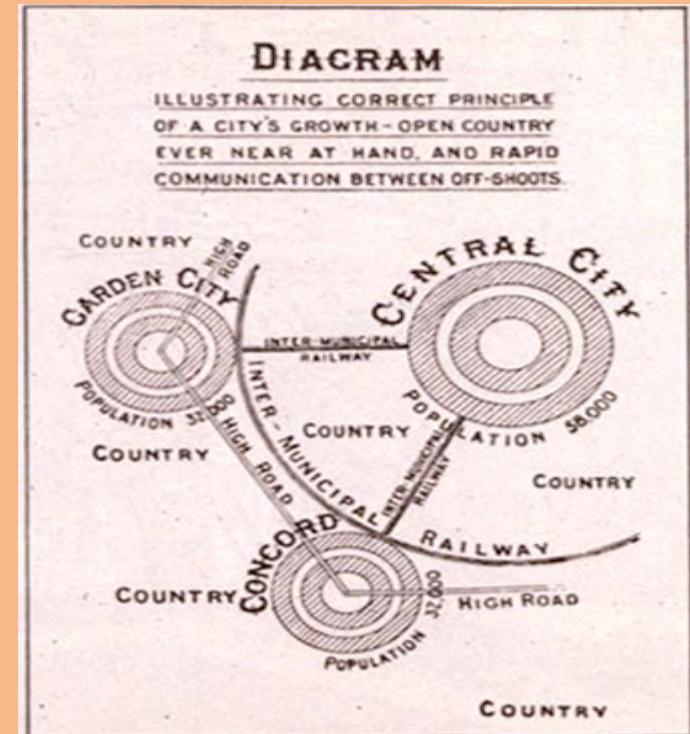
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Roots of Modern Day Planning



- Modern Land Use Planning

- Garden City Movement (1898 by Sir Ebenezer Howard)
- Today, involves the location of land uses and includes
 - ✓ health, safety, environment,
 - ✓ economic development, social,
 - ✓ heritage, aesthetics,
 - ✓ physical design &
 - ✓ general well being of the
 - ✓ community.



Newfoundland and Labrador



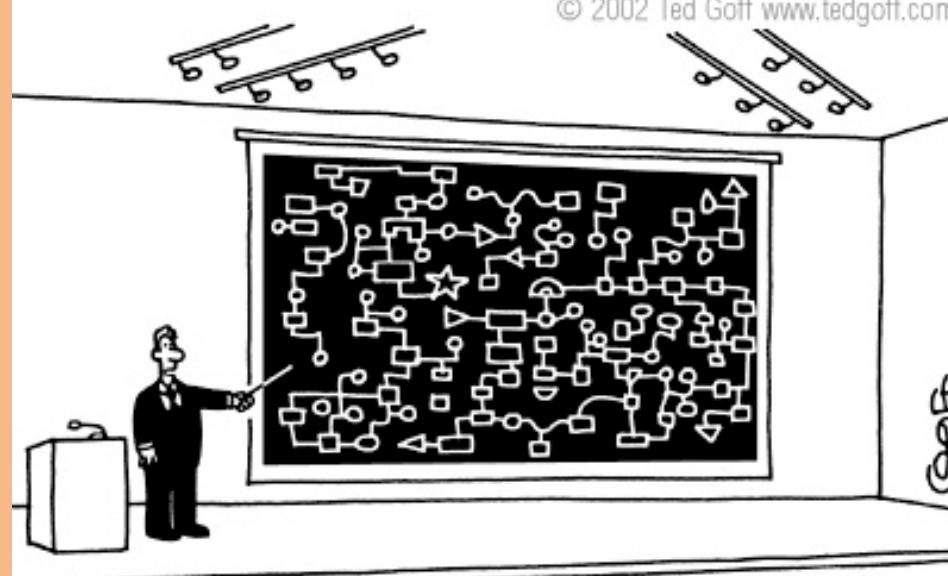
- Land use planning - a responsibility of the provincial government (British North America Act)
- Provincial government delegates the power for local land use or municipal planning to municipal government (creatures of the provincial government)
- Urban and Rural Planning Act – provincial legislation
- Municipal Plan and Development Regulations



Municipal Planning Process



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"This is our plan for
the next 1,000 years."

Municipal Planning Process



- Municipal Plan
 - Inventory
 - Analysis
 - Options, Scenarios
 - and Implications
 - Recommended Policies
 - (Goals, Objectives, Policies, Implementation)
 - Planning Horizon is 10 – 20 years, Plan reviewed every 5 years
- Development Regulations
- Public Consultation



Municipal Planning Process



- Development Regulations implement municipal plan policies:
 - general procedural regulations;
 - conditions of development;
 - land use zones;
 - development standards;
 - zoning map



Role of Public Consultation



- To engage the public and organizations in the future of the community
- To assist Council in identifying community values, interests and future scenarios
- To present options for discussion
- To provide information
- To obtain feedback and views
- To supplement technical report
- For Council as an integral part of decision making process



Public Consultation Process

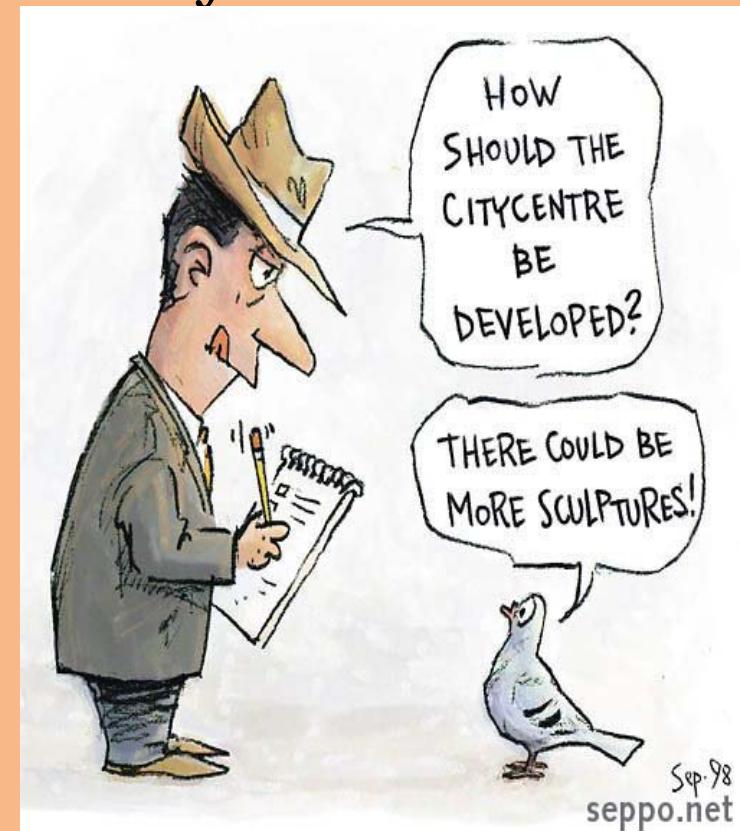


- Variety of forms of public consultation and engagement throughout the municipal planning process
 - Public notice
 - Correspondence and emails
 - Meetings, information sessions
 - Focus groups/charettes
 - Workshops
 - Interactive websites
- Methodology is usually outlined at the commencement of the process in a document that advises the public of the plan preparation and public consultation process

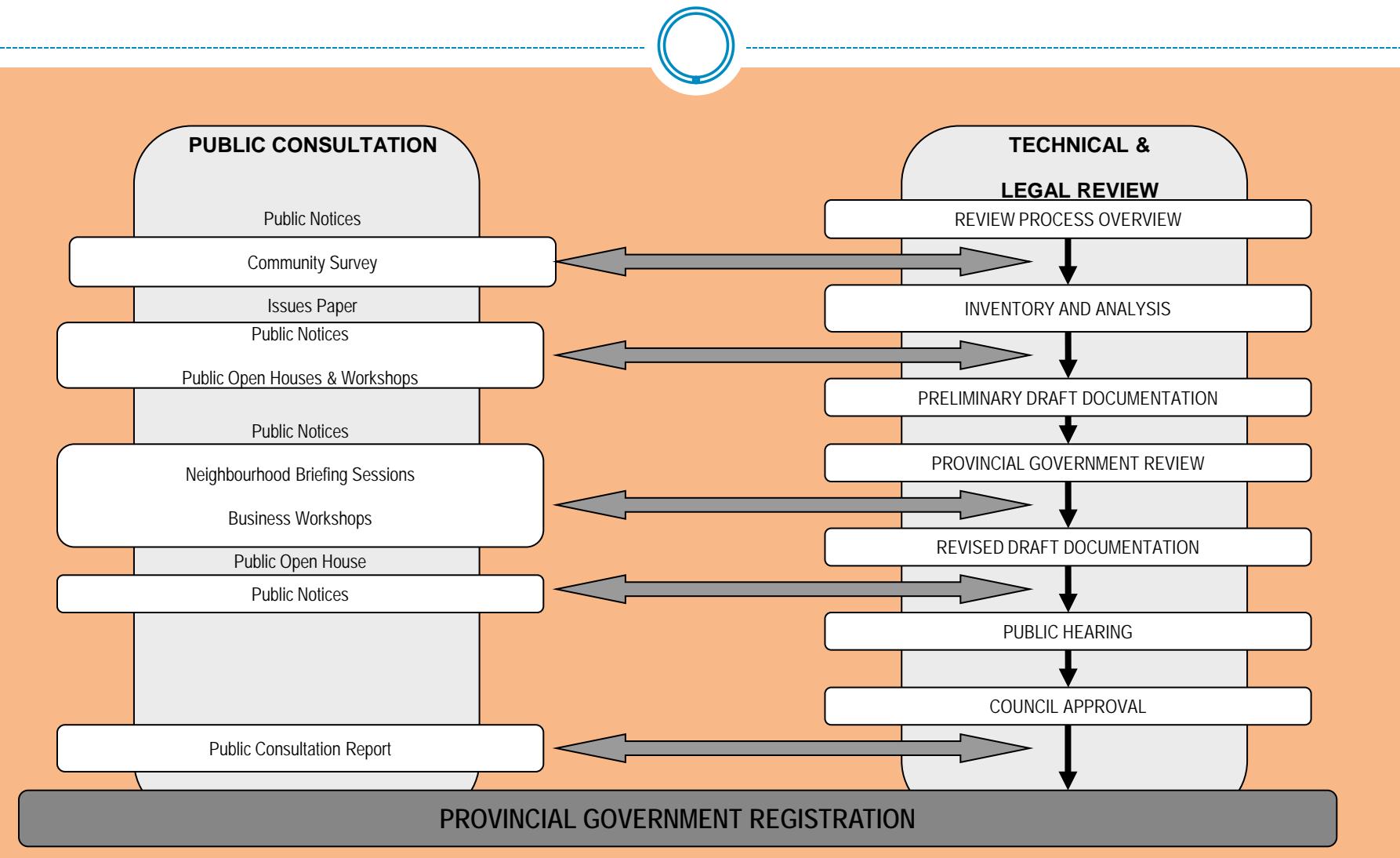


Public Consultation Process

- Public Consultation Process usually includes the following:
 - initial views and commentary at the start of the process
 - workshop/visioning exercise based on background information
 - commentary and response to proposed plan policies
 - public hearing process



Public Consultation Process



Referral Process



- Part of consultation process
- Undertaken as commencement of process
- **Government departments and agencies, adjacent municipalities, utilities, community groups and similar bodies contacted**
- Reference policies, initiatives or issues that should be reflected or addressed in municipal plan process



Referral Process



- Meeting usually held with respondent to discuss commentary
- Commentary included in background report
- Community goals, objectives or policies may be developed as a result of the input
- **Once draft plan policies and regulations developed, referred to Department of Municipal Affairs and government departments**
- Provincial release
- **Public hearing**



Health Related Themes from Recent Consultation Processes

- Healthy Communities
- Integrated Sustainable Plans
- Active Transportation
 - Bikeways
 - Walkways, sidewalks
 - Public transit
- Quality of Life Considerations
(noise, vibration, light, environmental hazards, odour, view planes, green space)



Health Related Themes from Recent Consultation Processes

- Open Space and Recreation
- Pedestrians and the Build Environment
 - Neighbourhood level mixed use plans (the walkable community)
 - Friendly streetscapes
 - Safe transportation corridors
- Local Food Policies
 - Community Gardens



Implementing the Plan



- Development Application Process
- Rezonings
- Studies



Implementing the Plan

- **Development Application Process**
 - Municipal plan policies and development/zoning regulations used to review and assess subdivision, development applications and proposals



Implementing the Plan

- Permitted, discretionary or conditional and in some cases prohibited uses in each zone
- Discretionary or conditional uses may be permitted at the discretion of Council subject to receiving public input
- **Applications are referred to regulatory departments and agencies**



Implementing the Plan



- **Discretionary process involves a public consultation component which allows the public to provide input and commentary on specific proposals**
- Notices circulated to property owners, agencies, special interest groups and notice in the newspaper and website
- Rezonings
 - Applicant requests a zoning change to accommodate a proposal that is not in accordance with municipal plan or regulations



Implementing the Plan



- **Applications are referred to regulatory departments and agencies**
- Notices circulated to property owners, agencies, special interest groups and notice in the newspaper and website
- **Studies**
 - Further detailed study directed by plan policies/Council
 - **Referrals and public consultation**



Health Inputs in the Planning Process



- Be more actively involved in the discussion about healthy activities and lifestyles in our communities
- Provide research results regarding health determinants, proactive health approaches and initiatives and community health



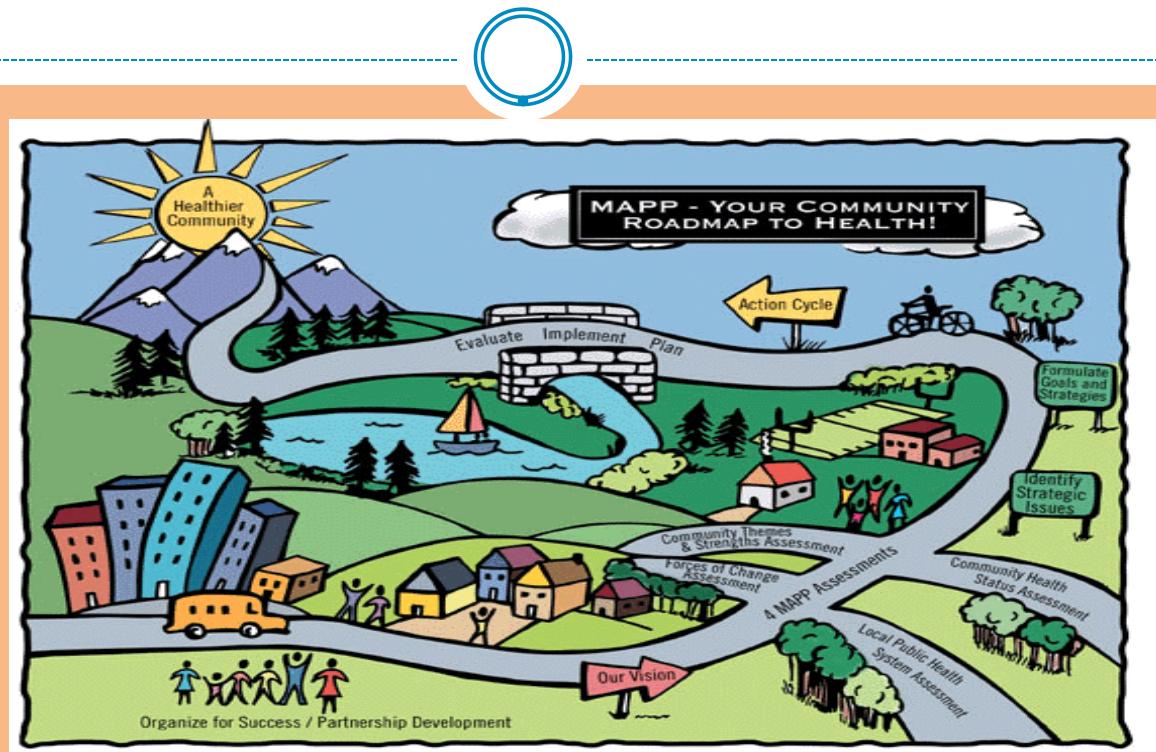
Health Inputs in the Planning Process



- Identify positive relationships between health and the physical layout of communities, land uses, activity areas and the built environment
- Support and encourage municipal policies, regulations and initiatives that promote healthy communities
- Provide feedback to municipalities on proposed plans, amendments and rezonings where applicable



Health Inputs in the Planning Process



**Continue the Collaboration
Support the Building of Healthier Communities**

Thank You



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