

City seeks input on zoning study for local shops and services in residential neighbourhoods

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Public Service Announcement

Ottawa – The City of Ottawa is undertaking a zoning review to determine appropriate locations for new local commercial zones within urban residential neighbourhoods.

Existing businesses such as mom-and-pop stores, barber shops, convenience stores and laundromats, often located in a zone which may not permit such businesses, will be reviewed as candidates for the proposed zoning.

This study will consider rezoning these sites, where appropriate, to permit current businesses to continue, or new, low-impact businesses to establish.

The goal of the review is to create a Zoning By-law Amendment. Without the By-law Amendment, these businesses and opportunities for other appropriate business could disappear over time without the ability to operate beyond what currently exists.

The City is seeking the input of the general public through an online questionnaire until January 31, 2014. Feedback is being sought on a number of items including existing commercial uses and location, appropriate commercial uses in a residential neighbourhood, proximity to main streets, and accessibility by way of cycling, walking, transit and driving.

For more information or to fill out the questionnaire, visit ottawa.ca