

What We Heard

September 2025 Open House Snapshot

Between September 17 and 22, 2025, more than 180 community members attended three Community Open Houses in Schomberg, King City, and Nobleton to learn about the *Our King: 2051 Official Plan Review* and share their feedback on **preliminary policy directions**. Each session invited participants to explore 13 themed stations and to discuss how King can grow while maintaining its unique small-town and rural character. Township staff, Council members, and facilitators were on hand to listen, answer questions, and document input.

This phase of engagement was designed for listening and learning, not decision-making. The insights summarized below, and in the accompanying **“What We Heard” Report**, will inform the draft Official Plan Amendments to be shared with the community in early 2026.

Vision & Implementation

Participants reflected on what makes King special, its rural landscapes, close-knit community, and distinctive village feel, and how those qualities can be preserved as the Township grows. A few participants questioned the need for continued growth, while others asked how feedback would be incorporated into policy and implementation.

Complete Communities

Residents supported the idea of walkable, mixed-use areas with local shops, parks, and gathering spaces, emphasizing recreation, youth amenities and accessible services for all ages.

Intensification

Conversations focused on where and how growth should occur, with calls for careful planning around transition areas, infrastructure limits, and protecting the character of established neighbourhoods.

Housing

There was broad agreement on the need for a greater variety of housing, including smaller homes, townhouses, and options for seniors, but concern about overdevelopment, building heights, and loss of green space.

Planning the Village Reserve

Participants preferred the east-side employment option in Nobleton and stressed that any growth be phased, properly serviced, and compatible with nearby residential uses.

Economic Development & Employment

Participants valued King’s independent businesses and wanted to see more local employment opportunities, especially those that align with the Township’s rural and environmental identity.

Natural Heritage & Climate Change & Energy

Protecting King’s natural assets, including trees, woodlots, watercourses, and farmland, was a strong theme. Participants emphasized stewardship and climate resilience, calling for continued focus on sustainability, green design, and renewable energy.

King’s Countryside

Rural residents voiced pride in the Township’s agricultural roots and natural beauty. They encouraged policies that protect farmland and rural character while supporting viable farm-based and agri-tourism enterprises

King’s Hamlets

Participants wanted hamlets to retain their small-scale identity and not become extensions of larger villages. They also raised concerns about infrastructure limits, traffic, and compatibility of nearby development.

Transportation

Traffic congestion and road safety were consistent concerns, particularly in and around King City. Participants supported improved local connectivity and safer routes for walking and cycling, balanced with maintaining the rural character of roads.

Servicing Our Communities

Residents highlighted the importance of keeping infrastructure and digital connectivity up to date, addressing wastewater capacity in Nobleton and improving broadband and cell service in rural King, to support the community as it grows.