

Subject: Oak Park PIC2 - procedural failures

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Hi -

Thank you for attending last night. (I'm surprised Ward 1 councilors didn't bother.) I have several procedural concerns about what happened. I believe they constitute corruption of the process and must be addressed.

First, the alternatives scoring system appears rigged. The "Policies" scores literally mean "agrees [or not] with the Transportation Master Plan". This metric was apparently given by far the highest weighting, which guarantees that the TMP's favorite is also this EA process's preferred one. Instead of serving as a check, this trick turns the whole EA/consultation process into a rubber stamp.

Staff/council should either insist that this circular-logic scoring be removed by the consultants, or admit that it is not a substantial evaluation of alternatives.

Second, a number of technical questions have been sent to the designated email address, but there is no visible audit trail of what happened to these questions. Many have not received any response at all, let alone a substantive one. There should be public visibility over the editorial process. Otherwise we suffer secret censorship, where a bureaucrat can unilaterally hide and ignore uncomfortable ones, while claiming open consultation is happening.

Staff/council should direct use of a public discussion forum such as [letstalkbrantford](http://letstalkbrantford.com) to let the public see all questions and answers. (It could also serve to reduce question duplication.)

Third, yesterday's youtube censorship. During the livestream, some hundred people were watching and conversing about the presentations. It was generally critical but not abusive. At some point well into the meeting, someone, presumably a City employee, started deleting comments. Over time, every single one of the over two hundred was censored. A "public information centre" that silences the public is absurd.

I don't know how this outrageous betrayal can be corrected. Most of those messages are simply lost. Please make sure this never happens again.

Thank you for your attention.