

Appendix D – Growth Plan

Guiding principles of the Growth Plan include (policy 1.2.1):

- *Support the achievement of complete communities that are designed to support healthy and active living and meet people’s needs for daily living throughout an entire lifetime.*
- *Prioritize intensification and higher densities to make efficient use of land and infrastructure and support transit viability.*
- *Provide flexibility to capitalize on new economic and employment opportunities as they emerge, while providing certainty for traditional industries, including resource-based sectors.*
- *Support a range and mix of housing options, including second units and affordable housing, to serve all sizes, incomes, and ages of households.*
- *Improve the integration of land use planning with planning and investment in infrastructure and public service facilities, including integrated service delivery through community hubs, by all levels of government.*
- *Integrate climate change considerations into planning and managing growth such as planning for more resilient communities and infrastructure – that are adaptive to the impacts of a changing climate – and moving towards environmentally sustainable communities by incorporating approaches to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.*

Policy 2.2 of the Growth Plan provides policies regarding where and how to grow. The subject lands are located in a ‘settlement area’ and are within the Built-Up Area - Conceptual¹, where growth is to be focused. Policy 2.2.1.4 provides that applying the policies of this Plan will support the achievement of complete communities that (2.2.1.4):

- a) *feature a diverse mix of land uses, including residential and employment uses, and convenient access to local stores, services, and public service facilities;*
- b) *improve social equity and overall quality of life, including human health, for people of all ages, abilities, and incomes;*
- c) *provide a diverse range and mix of housing options, including second units and affordable housing, to accommodate people at all stages of life, and to accommodate the needs of all household sizes and incomes;*
- d) *expand convenient access to:*
 - i. *a range of transportation options, including options for the safe, comfortable and convenient use of active transportation;*
 - ii. *public service facilities, co-located and integrated in community hubs;*
 - iii. *an appropriate supply of safe, publicly-accessible open spaces, parks, trails, and other recreational facilities; and*
 - iv. *healthy, local, and affordable food options, including through urban agriculture;*

¹ According to Schedule 2: A Place to Grow Concept. (Growth Plan, 2019)

- e) *provide for a more compact built form and a vibrant public realm, including public open spaces;*
- f) *mitigate and adapt to climate change impacts, improve resilience and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and contribute to environmental sustainability; and*
- g) *integrate green infrastructure and appropriate low impact development.*

Section 2.2 of the Growth Plan provides policies for delineated built up areas. Policy 2.2.2 (1) provides that by the time the next municipal comprehensive review is approved and in effect, and for each year thereafter, a minimum of 50 per cent of all residential development occurring annually within Halton Region will be within the delineated built-up area.

Policy 2.2.2 (3) provides that all municipalities will develop a strategy to achieve the minimum intensification target and intensification throughout delineated built-up areas, which will:

- a) *identify strategic growth areas to support achievement of the intensification target and recognize them as a key focus for development;*
- b) *identify the appropriate type and scale of development in strategic growth areas and transition of built form to adjacent areas;*
- c) *encourage intensification generally throughout the delineated builtup area;*
- d) *ensure lands are zoned and development is designed in a manner that supports the achievement of complete communities;*
- e) *prioritize planning and investment in infrastructure and public service facilities that will support intensification; and*
- f) *be implemented through official plan policies and designations, updated zoning and other supporting documents.*

Notwithstanding policy 1.4.1 of the PPS, 2014, in implementing policy 2.2.6.1, municipalities will support the achievement of complete communities by:

- a) *planning to accommodate forecasted growth to the horizon of this Plan;*
- b) *planning to achieve the minimum intensification and density targets in this Plan;*
- c) *considering the range and mix of housing options and densities of the existing housing stock; and*
- d) *planning to diversify their overall housing stock across the municipality.*

Section 3.2 of the Growth Plan provides policies for infrastructure to support growth. This includes policy 3.2.1 (1) which specifically provides that infrastructure planning, land use planning, and infrastructure investment will be co-ordinated to implement this Plan.

Section 3.2.2 of the Growth Plan provides policies on transportation. Policy 3.2.2(1) provides that transportation system planning, land use planning, and transportation investment will be co-ordinated to implement this Plan. Further, policy 3.2.3 (1) provides that public transit will be the first priority for transportation infrastructure planning and major transportation investments.

Section 3.2.7 of the Growth Plan provides policies on stormwater management. Policy 3.2.7(2) states that proposals for large-scale development proceeding by way of a secondary plan, plan of subdivision, vacant land plan of condominium or site plan will be supported by a stormwater management plan or equivalent, that:

- a) *is informed by a subwatershed plan or equivalent;*
- b) *incorporates an integrated treatment approach to minimize stormwater flows and reliance on stormwater ponds, which includes appropriate low impact development and green infrastructure;*
- c) *establishes planning, design, and construction practices to minimize vegetation removal, grading and soil compaction, sediment erosion, and impervious surfaces; and*
- d) *aligns with the stormwater master plan or equivalent for the settlement area, where applicable.*