

Town of Oakville Memorandum

To: Livable Oakville (Official Plan Review) Council Sub-Committee

From: Planning Services Department

Date: May 11, 2016

Subject: **Provincial Coordinated Land Use Planning Review - Update**

The Province is undertaking a coordinated review of four of its Provincial plans:

- Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2016;
- Greenbelt Plan;
- Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan; and,
- Niagara Escarpment Plan.

The Plans work together to provide a policy framework for the GTHA to guide and manage growth, and preserve and protect our natural environment. The Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe and the Greenbelt Plan apply to lands in Oakville.

Background

The coordinated review began in February 2015 and has been subject to extensive consultation and feedback. Town staff participated in several of the Town Hall Meetings held by the Province in 2015 and also provided comments as part of a joint submission through the Halton Area Planning Partnership (HAPP).

As part of the review, the Province appointed an advisory panel chaired by David Crombie to develop recommendations on how to improve the plans. The advisory panel produced a detailed report in December 2015 entitled *Planning for Health, Prosperity and Growth in the Greater Golden Horseshoe: 2015-2041*. The report outlined 87 recommendations to be considered to improve and amend the four plans. The recommendations were grouped under six headings or themes:

- Building Complete Communities
- Supporting Agriculture
- Protecting Natural and Cultural Heritage
- Providing Infrastructure
- Mainstreaming Climate Change
- Implementing the Plans

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Proposed Plans

After reviewing and considering the feedback received and the advisory panel recommendations, the Province put forward proposed changes to the four plans on May 10, 2016. The proposed changes are now open to public review and comment.

Public Open Houses

The Province is hosting several public open houses to learn more about the proposed changes. The open houses are scheduled to be held across the Province from May 31st to July 5th. Planning staff plan to attend one or more of the open houses. The nearest open house venues are the City of Mississauga on June 13th, City of Hamilton on June 21st, and the City of Toronto on June 27th.

Public Comment Period

The public is invited to provide comments and feedback on the proposed changes by September 30, 2016. The Planning Department intends to provide its comments as part of a joint submission through HAPP, having done this previously for this initiative.

Key Points

Staff are currently reviewing the change in the proposed plans and assessing how they may impact the town. Through a cursory review of the plans, staff have identified the following key points:

Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe

- If approved, the Growth Plan would require that 60% of all new growth across Halton Region occur within the built-up area. This is up from the current 40% required.
- If approved, the Growth Plan would require that greenfield areas across Halton Region be designed to provide for a minimum density of 80 residents and jobs combined per hectare. This is up from the current requirement of 50 resident and jobs combined per hectare.
- If approved, the Growth Plan would require that major transit station areas provide for a minimum density of residents and jobs combined per hectare. In Oakville, Bronte GO Station would be required to provide for 150 residents and jobs combined per hectare.

Greenbelt Plan

- If approved, the Greenbelt Plan would describe ways to grow the greenbelt including the introduction of 21 major river valley systems. In Oakville, these include segments of 16 Mile Creek, 14 Mile Creek, and Bronte Creek.

Documents

A guide to the proposed changes and the proposed plans can be downloaded at: www.mah.gov.on.ca/Page10882.aspx. Staff can also provide hard copies of the documents to the subcommittee and Council if they are requested.