

## REPORT

### PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL MEETING

MEETING DATE: MAY 13, 2019

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**FROM:** Planning Services Department

**DATE:** May 6, 2019

**SUBJECT:** Discussion Paper - Integrated Growth Management Strategy (IGMS), Regional Official Plan Review

**LOCATION:**

**WARD:** Town wide

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#### RECOMMENDATION:

That Item 12, “Discussion Paper - Integrated Growth Management Strategy (IGMS), Regional Official Plan Review” be deferred.

#### KEY FACTS:

The following are key points for consideration with respect to this report:

- As part of the ongoing Regional Official Plan Review, the Integrated Growth Management Strategy (IGMS) project will determine how to accommodate forecasted population and employment growth in the region to 2041. An initial IGMS technical report outlining a series of growth scenarios was to be presented to Regional Council later this month.
- On May 2, 2019 the Province released a Housing Supply Action Plan and A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (“A Place to Grow”), which will come into effect on May 16, 2019. Bill 108 was also released on May 2, 2019. It proposes to amend thirteen Provincial statutes with respect to housing, other development and various other matters.
- Town and Regional staff need some time to better understand the implications of these changes. As such, Halton Region will be deferring its IGMS technical report. It is requested that the town’s related IGMS discussion paper also be deferred so that any potential revisions to the growth scenarios may be addressed.

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## **BACKGROUND:**

The 2017 Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe ("2017 Growth Plan") required Halton Region to be planned to accommodate 1,000,000 people and 470,000 jobs by 2041. The Halton Integrated Growth Management Strategy (IGMS) is a process coordinated by Halton Region to figure out where in the region these people and jobs should go.

In light of the Provincial policy changes and proposed legislative changes announced on May 2, 2019, the Region's original IGMS project timeline will be revised.

It is noted that A Place to Grow maintains the same 2041 population and employment forecasts for Halton Region.

### **Regional Council Workshop**

A Regional Council workshop was held on April 10, 2019 (before the Provincial changes) to introduce the IGMS and eight preliminary growth scenarios with varying amounts of new greenfield designation and intensification.

All of the scenarios would accommodate 157,400 new housing units from 2016 to 2041 to reach the forecasted population of 1,000,000 people, in conformity with the 2017 Growth Plan.

Regional Council provided feedback and requested additional information to be included in future reports. For more information, the April 10, 2019 Regional Council meeting materials, minutes and video may be accessed through the Region's website: [https://www.halton.ca/The-Region/Regional-Council-and-Committees/Council-Committee-Documents-\(Agendas,-Minutes-and](https://www.halton.ca/The-Region/Regional-Council-and-Committees/Council-Committee-Documents-(Agendas,-Minutes-and)

## **COMMENT/OPTIONS:**

Town Planning staff support the Region's comprehensive approach to growth management through the IGMS project. The growth scenarios will provide a basis for understanding the range of choices to accommodate population and employment growth in the region. Specifically, the amount of growth to be accommodated in:

- strategic growth areas, major transit station areas, nodes, and corridors, etc.;
- the built boundary; and,
- designated greenfield areas.

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The town's IGMS discussion paper will provide staff's preliminary response to the Region's growth scenarios.

Given the Provincial changes announced May 2, 2019, and the Region's deferral of its IGMS technical report, it is requested that the town's related IGMS discussion paper also be deferred so that any potential revisions to the growth scenarios may be addressed.

## **CONSIDERATIONS:**

### **(A) PUBLIC**

There are no public impacts from this report and no notice requirements. Public consultation about the IGMS will occur in the coming months through the Regional Official Plan Review work program.

### **(B) FINANCIAL**

There are no financial implications from this report.

### **(C) IMPACT ON OTHER DEPARTMENTS & USERS**

This report has no impact on other departments and users.

### **(D) CORPORATE AND/OR DEPARTMENT STRATEGIC GOALS**

This report addresses the corporate strategic goal to:

- continuously improve our programs and services
- be accountable in everything we do
- always act as a team
- be the most livable town in Canada

### **(E) COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY**

The town's interest in the Regional IGMS is focused on long-term economic sustainability as well as the environmental sustainability goals and objectives of the Livable Oakville Plan.

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