



OAKVILLE

## REPORT

### LIVABLE OAKVILLE (OFFICIAL PLAN) COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE

MEETING DATE: AUGUST 22, 2016

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**FROM:** Planning Services Department

**DATE:** August 16, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Provincial Coordinated Land Use Plan Review

**LOCATION:** Town wide

**WARD:** Town wide

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#### RECOMMENDATION:

That the report entitled “Provincial Coordinated Land Use Plan Review” dated August 16, 2016 be received.

#### KEY FACTS:

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

- Planning staff forwarded an update memo to the subcommittee on the “Provincial Coordinated Land Use Planning Review” in May 2016.
- Staff are currently working on a joint submission with HAPP (Halton Area Planning Partnership) to the Province on the provincial coordinated land use plan review.
- The purpose of this report is to give subcommittee members the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed provincial policies.
- A staff report is scheduled for the October 3<sup>rd</sup> Planning and Development Council meeting that will include the HAPP submission, additional comments from staff and the input received from members of the subcommittee from the August 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.
- At this meeting Council will have the opportunity to provide input into the town’s submission to the province.
- The deadline to provide comments to the province is October 31, 2016.

#### BACKGROUND:

Staff forwarded a memo to update the subcommittee on the “Provincial Coordinated Land Use Planning Review” in May 2016. The coordinated review consists of four of its Provincial plans:

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- 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. As neither the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan nor the Niagara Escarpment Plan applies to any lands in Oakville, staffs review focused on the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe and the Greenbelt Plan.

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.

After considering the feedback received the province released proposed changes to the four plans on May 10, 2016. Comments and feedback on the proposed changes can be provided to the province until October 31, 2016. A number of proposed open houses were held throughout the province from May until July 2016, including July 7<sup>th</sup> at town hall in Oakville.

Planning Department staff is currently working with HAPP (Halton Area Planning Partnership) on developing a joint submission to the province outlining any issues or concerns of all members of HAPP. The purpose of this report is to give subcommittee members the opportunity to provide comments to be included in the town's submission to the province. The presentation at the subcommittee meeting will provide an overview of the proposed changes and preliminary comments by staff. Subcommittee members will have the opportunity to provide feedback to staff of any additional concerns. The presentation will be forwarded to all members of Council after the meeting to ensure all members are aware of the concerns identified to date.

**COMMENT/OPTIONS:**

As there are substantial changes being proposed through the coordinated review, the presentation to the subcommittee will follow the proposed table of contents for the Growth Plan and Greenbelt Plan. The workshop has been structured to provide an overview of the existing policies, the proposed changes being recommended through the coordinated review and any initial high level comments staff have by theme. The intention of the workshop is to provide subcommittee members the opportunity to give additional comments by theme to be documented and included as part of the town's submission to the province. This process strives to be comprehensive to ensure all issues raised by Council and staff have been identified and flagged to the province for consideration.

Staff will be bringing forward a report to the October 3, 2016 Planning and Development Council meeting that will include the HAPP joint submission, additional comments from staff and the input received from members of the subcommittee from the August 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. This summary will form the basis of the towns submission to the province on the "Coordinated Land Use Planning Review".

**CONSIDERATIONS:****(A) PUBLIC**

Conformity requirements for approved provincial policies will be addressed through the Official Plan Review program.

**(B) FINANCIAL**

There are no short term financial implications however the implementation of the updated provincial plans could have significant impacts long term.

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

A number of town departments were circulated and have provided comments into the town's submission to the province on the "Coordinated Land Use Plan Review".

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

This report addresses the corporate strategic goal to:  
be fiscally sustainable  
be the most livable town in Canada

**(E) COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY**

The implementation of new provincial policies will maintain or enhance the sustainability policies of the Livable Oakville Plan.

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