



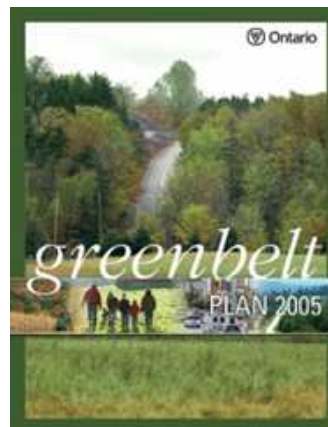
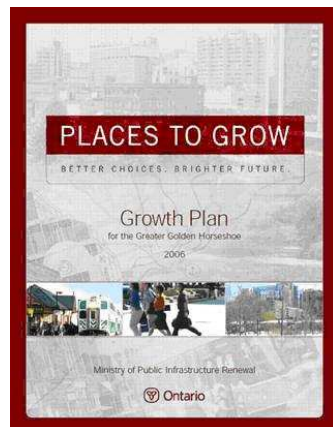
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**Coordinated Provincial Plan Review –
City of Hamilton Comments (PED15078)
Planning Committee Meeting,
June 16, 2015**

What Provincial Plans Are Under Review?

- Places to Grow - Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe
- Greenbelt Plan
- Niagara Escarpment Plan
- Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan

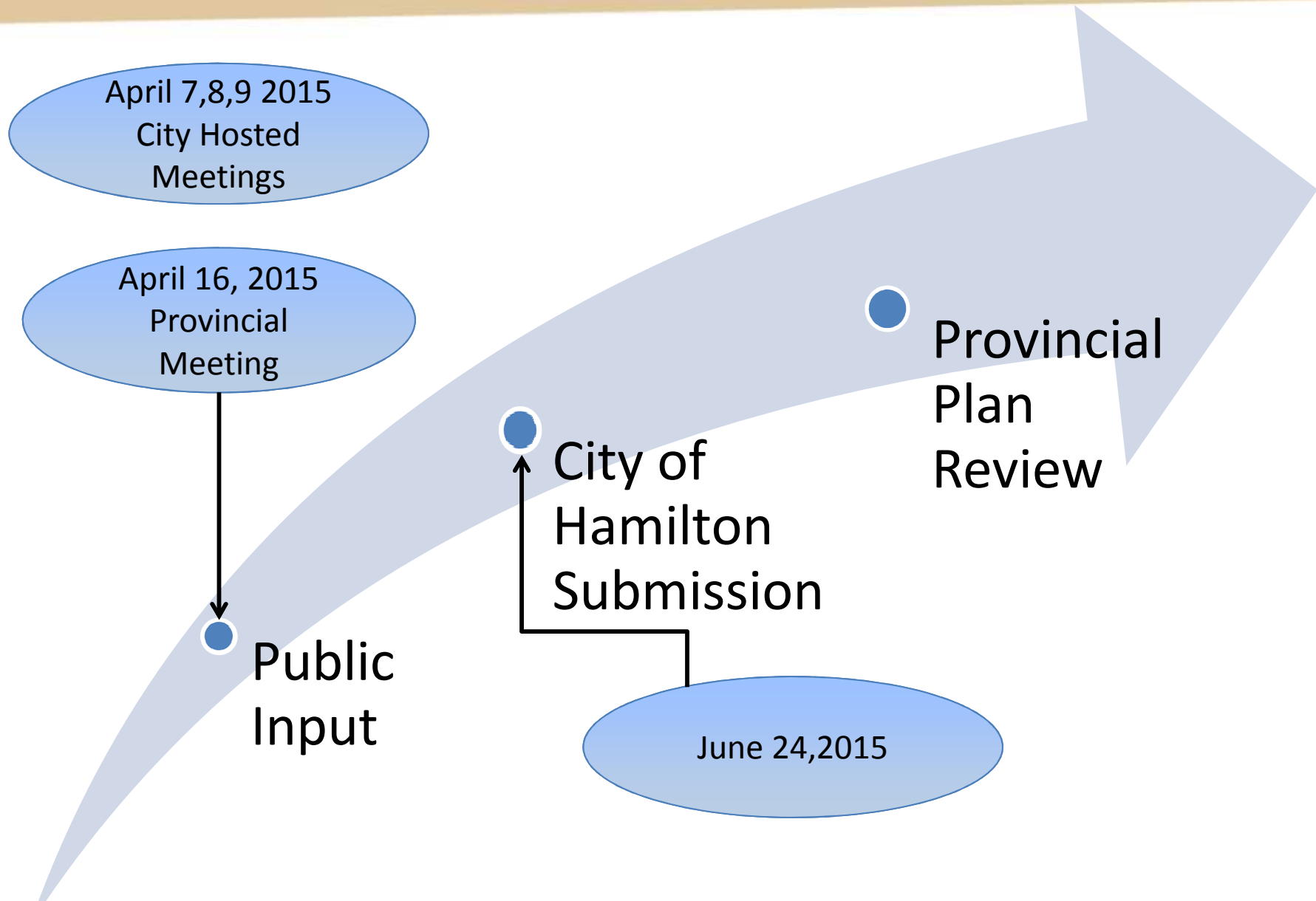
Which Provincial Plans Impact Hamilton?





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Provincial Plan Review Background





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PUBLIC CONSULTATION

What We Heard – The Most Common Comments

- **Understanding the Plans** – consolidate or harmonize to be better understood, targets/forecasts hard to understand and apply
- **More Support for Municipalities** – to attract/retain jobs, infrastructure funding, providing services in the rural communities
- **Policies** – more local input into Greenbelt Plan policies and boundaries, need to be more flexible to support secondary uses for farmers and keep existing industrial and commercial land uses in rural areas



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SUCSESSES

- **Residential Intensification** – Building Industry and certain neighbourhoods accepting of increased densities and heights
- **Waterfront and Downtown Revitalization** – GO transit station, City investment in infrastructure, land use planning initiatives
- **LRT Funding**
- **Employment Land Conversions** – Reduced pressure
- **Protection of Agricultural Land and Natural Heritage Features**



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CHALLENGES WITH ALL PLANS

- **Mapping** – NEP/Greenbelt NHS undertaken at a very high level resulting in inaccuracies. City willing to share the data layers
- **Overlapping Plans** – need consistent and clear definitions, terms and regulations between all Plans
- **Competing Objectives/Policies Between Plans** – height near escarpment vs brownfield/intensification (467 Charlton E, 100 Cumberland)
- **New Issues to be Addressed** – Climate change, Energy Planning, linking built environment and public health



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NIAGARA ESCARPMENT PLAN

- Change Designations from Escarpment Rural to Urban
 - Robert E. Wade Park, Ancaster
 - Olympic Park, Dundas
- Provided Comments on Discussion Paper



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GREENBELT PLAN

- Hard Setbacks for VPZ's
- Rural Area Policies to be Broadened – address existing non agricultural uses and recognize role in local economy
- Size of Agricultural Parcels for Severances – inhibits small farmers wanting to buy parcels of land to grow their farm
- Value Added Uses for Agriculture
- Greenbelt Plan Boundaries



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GROWTH PLAN

- **Targets** – separation of employment from non employment and more realistic targets for employment
- **Protection of Strategic employment lands** – need to allow municipalities to identify specific areas for long term protection and to align with longer term infrastructure planning (50 years)
- **Intensification** – policies need to be more specific for intensification in areas outside *intensification areas*
- **Transportation** – better policy direction for local transportation and regional corridors identified in the Big Move



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IMPLEMENTATION

- **Land Use Planning Process Improvements** – OMB Reform, comments on Land use Planning system (2014) and comments on Bill 73 (July Planning Committee Meeting)
- **New Tools** – conditional zoning, inclusionary zoning
- **Long Term Funding** – transportation and infrastructure
- **Better alignment of mandates between Ministries**



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NEXT STEPS

- Forward Comments to Province
- Staff to Meet with Provincial Staff
- Public Consultation on Potential Greenbelt Plan Boundary Changes