

Action Plan Priorities for 2018 - 2023

AEGD

- Determine the Servicing Implementation Strategy and bring forward a staff report to Council in 2017;
- Request to the Ministry of Transportation, Ontario (MTO), to insist to follow out original request (Niagara to GTA (NGTA) Corridor Provincial Highway Study) to prioritize and expedite the implementation of proposed Highway 403 widening from Highway 6 to Main in both directions; and,
- Initiate remaining EAs, starting with Dickenson Road.

Ancaster Industrial Business Park

- Cormorant Road Extension from west of Tradewind Drive to Trinity Road South; and,
- Stormwater Management Pond No. 1.

Bayfront Industrial Area

- Bayfront Strategy (including financial strategy) to be completed in 2018; and,
- Stelco Lands – to be fully serviced and “shovel ready” by 2018.

Flamborough Industrial Business Park

- Expansion of Clappison Avenue from Borer’s Creek to Parkside Drive (by Developer); and,
- Request to the MTO to prioritize the construction of Highway 5 and 6 Interchange in their 10 year work plan.

Red Hill North Industrial Business Park

No plans currently under way.

Red Hill South Industrial Business Park

- Urbanization of Nebo Road from Rymal Road East to Twenty Road East;
- Dartnall Road extension from Twenty Road to Nebo Road / Dickenson Road intersection;
- Urbanization of Twenty Road from Nebo Road to west limit of BP; and,

- Twenty Road Extension and the southern extension of Upper Red Hill Valley Parkway (URHVP), south of Rymal Road East - Phases 3 and 4 EA.

Stoney Creek Industrial Business Park

- Arvin Road extension from McNeilly to 750 m westerly;
- Barton Street and Fifty Road EA, and incorporate grade separation at South Service Road with Fifty Road; and,
- Gordon Dean Avenue - New collector road between Fruitland Road and Jones Road (by Developer).

West Hamilton Innovation District

- Frid Street Extension from 160 m east of Longwood Road South to Chatham Street.

General City-Wide Action Priorities 2017-2022

As per last year's Council resolution the City of Hamilton staff has implemented the Employment Land Banking Program to help facilitate the attraction and creation of development and employment opportunities. Based on the Council approved \$30M letter of credit (November 25, 2016) staff are actively investigating land banking opportunities. Economic Development Division staff will report on this as part of their Economic Development Strategy Action Plan regular updates

The City of Hamilton is in the process of applying to the Province's "Certified Site Program".

An investment ready "Certified Site" designation is issued to properties that have successfully completed a set of program requirements to demonstrate that the property is primed for development and ready for investment. The "shovel ready" definition from the province goes beyond the City's definition and includes considerations of natural gas and telecommunications provisions, among others.

The benefits of being part of the program include:

- Funding support to assist with costs incurred during the certification process to help members of the industry / applicants;
- Minimization of up-front costs, up to \$50,000;
- Marketing and Investment support, such as:
 - Incorporation into a variety of marketing campaigns and strategies that attract international investors; and,

- Advertisement of selected sites in key industry publications, trade shows as well as Ontario’s international investment website.

Planning and Economic Development staff (Collaboratively Growth Management and Economic Development Divisions), and IT Department staff, are pursuing additional Grant funding from Places to Grow Implementation Fund from the Province of Ontario, to help create an online interactive mapping tool for our *Invest in Hamilton* website - <http://www.investinhamilton.ca/>

This tool would provide site specific, detailed, interactive employment land information, twenty-four hours a day, to prospective investors. The outcome of the application process is anticipated to be announced in October 2017. The tool is expected to be shared to benefit all municipalities within the province.