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PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
Planning Division

TO:	Chair and Members Planning Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	March 20, 2018
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Urban Hamilton Official Plan Administrative Amendment (Wards 1-13, 15) (PED18060)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	Wards 1-13, 15
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RECOMMENDATION

That City Initiative CI-18-C – Administrative Amendment to the Urban Hamilton Official Plan to amend policies, schedules and maps, to implement policy and mapping corrections for the Parent Plan contained in Volume 1 and for Secondary Plans contained in Volume 2 of the UHOP, on the following basis:

- (a) That the Draft Official Plan Amendment, attached as Appendix “A” to Report PED18060, be adopted by Council.
- (b) That the proposed Official Plan Amendment is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) 2014 and conforms to the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2017 (P2G).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this Urban Hamilton Official Plan (UHOP) amendment is to undertake policy and map changes required to ensure clear implementation, correctness, and maintain policy intent.

The application of the UHOP through the development review process and in the preparation of secondary plans has resulted in the identification of areas where administrative and technical revisions to the existing policies are required to correct typographical and administrative errors.

The Official Plan Amendment, attached as Appendix “A” to Report PED18060, contains proposed policy and mapping changes to correct the matters identified in Appendices “B” – “B2”, inclusive, of Report PED18060. Four summary tables, attached as Appendices “B”, “B1” and “B2” to Report PED18060, include the background and rationale for the proposed amendments identified in Appendix “A” to Report PED18060.

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FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial: N/A

Staffing: N/A

Legal: Policy F.1.17.7 of Volume 1 allows administrative amendments without requiring a public meeting process under the *Planning Act*.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The UHOP was adopted by Council on June 9, 2009, received Ministerial Approval on March 16, 2011, and was approved by the OMB on August 16, 2013. The application of the UHOP, through the development review process and in the preparation of secondary plans, has resulted in the identification of areas where administrative and technical revisions to the existing policies are required to provide clarity with respect to intent. It is necessary to ensure the UHOP’s policy intent continues to be clear, correct and the policies remain easy to read and apply. Changes to the UHOP are required to correct policy and mapping inconsistencies, grammar, reference numbering errors and typographical errors.

Within Chapter F of Volume 1, the UHOP provides direction on Official Plan Amendments. Policy F.1.1.4 b) indicates that the City of Hamilton may undertake amendments to update and streamline the administration of municipal planning policies.

Policy F.1.17.7 states:

“1.17.7 Public meetings under the *Planning Act* shall not be required for minor administrative amendments to this Plan such as format changes, typographical errors, grammatical errors and policy number changes.”

The UHOP updates are being undertaken in two parts: 1) Administrative Amendment (Report PED18060), in accordance with UHOP Policy F.1.17.7 above, is required to correct minor format changes, typographical and grammatical errors, policy number changes and minor revisions to update UHOP mapping; and, 2) a future Housekeeping Amendment that requires a public meeting (tentatively scheduled for July 10, 2018) to

add policies, a definition, correct consistencies between policies and mapping, and to delete redundant policies / wording.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS

Provincial Policy Statement, 2014

The Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) sets the policy foundation for regulating the development and use of land in Ontario. Although there are no direct policies that deal with Administrative Amendments, none of the changes proposed in this Amendment conflict with the PPS.

Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe

The Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe sets the policy foundation for regulating development within urbanized areas of the Greater Golden Horseshoe Area. Although there are no direct policies that deal with Administrative Amendments, none of the changes proposed in this Amendment conflict with the Growth Plan.

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

Staff from different divisions were consulted to identify issues and determine solutions for any implementation issues arising from the day-to-day use of the UHOP pertaining to the proposed amendments:

Planning and Economic Development Department:

- Development Planning, Heritage and Design Section, Planning Division;
- Community Planning Section, Planning Division; and,
- Transportation Planning Section, Transportation Planning and Parking Division.

In addition, staff have informed the Development Industry Liaison Group (DILG) of this Administrative Amendment.

ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The purpose of this Amendment is to correct administrative (i.e. formatting, numbering, typographical and grammatical) errors. The effect of this Amendment is to improve clarity and understanding of the UHOP.

The proposed revisions in the Amendment (Appendix “A” to Report PED18060) do not change the intent of the UHOP policies.

Since adoption and use of the UHOP, as well as subsequent amendments to the Plan, staff identified a number of proposed revisions to make the Plan clearer and easier to read. The changes fall into the following categories:

- Correct policy number/reference errors (Appendix “B” to Report PED18060);
- Correct typographical and grammatical errors (Appendix “B1” to Report PED18060); and,
- Update UHOP mapping (Appendix “B2” to Report PED18060).

The intent, purpose and effect of the policies and designations are not changed by these technical and administrative amendments.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

Should Committee decide to not approve the staff recommendation, the UHOP will have policy interpretation issues.

ALIGNMENT TO THE 2016 – 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN

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APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

- Appendix “A”: Urban Hamilton Official Plan Amendment
- Appendix “B”: Summary Table of Proposed Amendments to correct policy number / reference errors
- Appendix “B1”: Summary Table of Proposed Amendments to correct typographical and grammatical errors
- Appendix “B2”: Summary Table of Proposed Amendments to update UHOP mapping

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