

Proposed Text Amendments – Growth Management

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Volume 1, Chapter A – Introduction				
A	<p>Chapter A – Introduction</p> <p>Hamilton is a city of many communities: diverse by nature of geography and history; united by a common future. Hamilton has a vision for its future – a vision for a vibrant, healthy, sustainable city. The vision, known as Vision 2020 Our Future Hamilton, that builds on Vision 2020, has been shared by citizens, businesses, community groups, organizations and our local government since 1992 2017. An Official Plan is a guiding document – its goals and policies move the City towards achieving its visions for the future – visions that are expressed both through Vision 2020 Our Future Hamilton and the City’s Strategic Plan. ... This Plan and the policies contained herein implement many of the principles expressed by in Vision 2020 Our Future Hamilton and the City’s Strategic Plan.</p>	<p>Chapter A – Introduction</p> <p>Hamilton is a city of many communities: diverse by nature of geography and history; united by a common future. Hamilton has a vision for its future – a vision for a vibrant, healthy, sustainable city. The vision, known as Our Future Hamilton, that builds on Vision 2020, has been shared by citizens, businesses, community groups, organizations and our local government since 2017. An Official Plan is a guiding document – its goals and policies move the City towards achieving its visions for the future – visions that are expressed both through Our Future Hamilton and the City’s Strategic Plan. ... This Plan and the policies contained herein implement many of the principles in Our Future Hamilton and the City’s Strategic Plan.</p>	<p>✓ Matter of Interest</p>	<p>Vision 2020 was originally adopted by the former Region of Hamilton-Wentworth in 1992 to help guide the direction of the community, and was updated by the City of Hamilton in 2003. Our Future Hamilton replaced Vision 2020 in 2017, as the City’s new 25-year community plan that reflects the values and aspirations of Hamiltonians.</p>
A.1.2	<p>A.1.2 Hamilton’s Future – A Time for Change</p> <p>Over the next 30 years By 2051, the City is expected to grow to achieve a population of 660,000 820,000 and 300,000 360,000</p>	<p>A.1.2 Hamilton’s Future – A Time for Change</p> <p>By 2051, the City is expected to grow to achieve a population of 820,000 and 360,000 jobs. The shape, look and feel of</p>	<p>✓ Matter of Interest</p> <p>Growth Plan</p>	<p>Updated population and job forecasts to 2051.</p>

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	<p>jobs. The shape, look and feel of the City will change - influenced not only by physical growth but by economic, and demographic and climate change, as well. An aging population, a declining number of people per household, the effects of the global economy on local companies, increasing pressures on community services, the impacts of a changing climate, and urban pressure on rural resources will result in change – physical, economic and social. The City will experience many changes over the lifetime of this Plan. Change brings energy and opportunities. To effect positive change the City must harness that energy, take advantage of the opportunities, and manage any undesirable impacts. Our location in the Golden Horseshoe, as well as the City’s strengthening relationship with the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) municipalities, provide both benefits and challenges. Hamilton has become an attractive place to live because of its the amenities and reasonable housing prices relative to other cities in the region. However, many of our residents are commuting commute to jobs outside Hamilton. One of the City’s key priorities is to increase employment opportunities within our boundaries. Another challenge is that our strong social service network serves populations both within and outside</p>	<p>the City will change - influenced not only by physical growth but by economic, demographic and climate change, as well. An aging population, a declining number of people per household, the effects of the global economy on local companies, increasing pressures on community services, <i>the impacts of a changing climate</i>, and urban pressure on rural resources will result in change – physical, economic and social. The City will experience many changes over the lifetime of this Plan. Change brings energy and opportunities. To effect positive change the City must harness that energy, take advantage of the opportunities, and manage any undesirable impacts. Our location in the Golden Horseshoe, as well as the City’s strengthening relationship with the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) municipalities, provide both benefits and challenges. Hamilton has become an attractive place to live because of its amenities and reasonable housing prices relative to other cities in the region. However, many of our residents commute to jobs outside Hamilton. One of the City’s key priorities is to increase employment opportunities within our boundaries. Another challenge is that our strong social service network serves populations who require assistance and reside both within and outside the City.</p>	Schedule 3	

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A.2.1	<p>A.2.1 Vision 2020 Our Future Hamilton The City has long been a leader in the area of community sustainability. In 1992, the former Region of Hamilton-Wentworth adopted Vision 2020. In 2002, the City undertook a review of the Vision in light of many changes that had taken place within the previous 10 years. The ‘Building a Strong Foundation’ public consultation process renewed not only the City’s commitment, but also the community’s commitment to making informed decisions based on environmental, economic and social considerations. The updated vision was adopted by City Council in September, 2003. Adopted by Council in 2016, Our Future Hamilton provides a 25-year community vision that builds on the legacy of Vision 2020, and reflects the values and aspirations of the nearly 55,000 residents who participated in the visioning process. Hamilton’s Vision 2020 As citizens, businesses and government of the City of Hamilton we accept responsibility for making decisions that lead to a healthy, sustainable future. We celebrate our strengths as a vibrant, diverse City of natural beauty nestled around the Niagara Escarpment and Hamilton Harbour. We are able to achieve our full potential through safe access to clean air and water, food, shelter, education, satisfying employment,</p>	<p>A.2.1 Our Future Hamilton The City has long been a leader in the area of community sustainability. In 1992, the former Region of Hamilton-Wentworth adopted Vision 2020. Adopted by Council in 2016, Our Future Hamilton provides a 25-year community vision that builds on the legacy of Vision 2020, and reflects the values and aspirations of the nearly 55,000 residents who participated in the visioning process. Our Future Hamilton – Community Priorities Community Engagement and Participation – Our Future Hamilton is a collaborative place where...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People work together and make a positive impact on the community. • Citizens are consulted and involved in making the decisions that impact them. • A passion and sense of pride for the city exists among residents, driving volunteerism and community-based initiatives. <p>Economic Prosperity & Growth – Our Future Hamilton is an ambitious place where...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People successfully provide for themselves and their families and have opportunities to grow and develop. • Post-secondary institutions and businesses collaborate with the City, contributing to the success of our economy. 	<p>√ Matter of Interest</p>	<p>Referencing City’s current policy document and revised GRIDS 2 10 Directions!</p>

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	<p>spirituality and culture. We weigh social/health, economic and environmental costs, benefits and risks equally when making decisions.</p> <p>Action – Sustainable community goals, strategies and targets are achieved by committing resources and acting decisively.</p> <p>Access – People have the ability to contribute and participate in community life regardless of physical and mental ability, income, age, gender, spiritual or cultural background or geographic location.</p> <p>Accountability – Community leaders measure and report on progress in achieving the Vision.</p> <p>Adaptability – We learn from the past and take action to create positive change.</p> <p>Our Future Hamilton – Community Priorities</p> <p>Community Engagement and Participation – Our Future Hamilton is a collaborative place where...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People work together and make a positive impact on the community. • Citizens are consulted and involved in making the decisions that impact them. • A passion and sense of pride for the city exists among residents, driving volunteerism and community-based initiatives. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents can work in the city in one of the increasing number of quality, well-paying local jobs. • A prosperous and diverse local and regional economy benefits all residents. <p>Healthy & Safe Communities – Our Future Hamilton is a caring place where...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People lead happy lives in safe neighbourhoods and friendly communities. • We all have access to the services and supports we need to be healthy and active. • Our city is safe and inviting, and people continue to work together to take care of and support each other. <p>Clean & Green – Our Future Hamilton is an environmentally sustainable place where...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A flourishing natural environment enriches the quality of life for community members. • Organizations take a leadership role and operate in a sustainable manner. • Everyone has a deep understanding and respect for the natural environment and its important contribution to our lives. <p>Built Environment & Infrastructure – Our Future Hamilton is a people friendly place where...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The quality of life, well-being and enjoyment of its residents influences design and planning • It is easy to get around our city and Hamilton's transportation systems are well-connected regionally. 		

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A.2.3.3.2 (Existing)	A.2.3.3.2 Increases to the Downtown Urban Growth Centre density target shall be considered as part of a review of the Downtown Secondary Plan. The review of the Downtown Secondary Plan shall consider the results of office and employment strategy studies and infrastructure needs studies completed for the downtown area.		√ Matter of Interest	
A.2.3.3.3 (Existing)	Greenfield Density Target A.2.3.3.3 Greenfield areas shall be planned to achieve an overall minimum density of 50 60 people and jobs per hectare. The <i>greenfield</i> density target shall be measured over Hamilton’s <i>greenfield area</i> , excluding natural heritage features designated in this Plan, right-of-way for electrical transmission lines, energy transmission pipelines, roads classified as freeways, as defined and mapped as part of the Ontario Road Network, as well as railways, employment areas, and cemeteries. The <i>greenfield area</i> includes designated employment areas. On employment lands, the City shall plan to meet a density target of 37 people and jobs per hectare. On non-employment lands, densities will need to achieve a minimum average density of 70 persons and jobs per hectare to meet the overall density target.	Greenfield Density Target A.2.3.4.3 <i>Greenfield areas</i> shall be planned to achieve an overall minimum density of 60 people and jobs per hectare. The <i>greenfield</i> density target shall be measured over Hamilton’s <i>greenfield area</i> , excluding natural heritage features designated in this Plan, right-of-way for electrical transmission lines, energy transmission pipelines, roads classified as freeways, as defined and mapped as part of the Ontario Road Network, as well as railways, <i>employment areas</i> , and cemeteries.	√ Growth Plan Policy 2.2.7.3	Growth Plan 2.2.7.3 - Conformity – Employment Areas are no longer part of the Greenfield Density Target calculation

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A.2.3.3.4 (Existing)	A.2.3.3.4 Hamilton is required to The City shall plan to achieve a minimum of 40 80 % of all residential <i>development</i> occurring annually within its <i>built-up area</i> by 2015 . A total of 26,508 88,280 units are to be accommodated within the <i>built-up area</i> between 2004 2021 and 2034 2051 . The <i>built-up area</i> for Hamilton is identified on Appendix G.	A.2.3.4.4 The City shall plan to achieve a minimum of 80% of all residential <i>development</i> occurring annually within its <i>built-up area</i> . A total of 88,280 units are to be accommodated within the <i>built-up area</i> between 2021 and 2051. The <i>built-up area</i> for Hamilton is identified on Appendix G.		Implementation of No Urban Boundary Expansion growth management strategy.
A.2.4	A.2.4 Growth Management - Hamilton In May 2006, City Council adopted the City’s first Growth Management Strategy. The Growth Related Integrated Development Strategy (GRIDS) identified the broad land use structure, associated infrastructure and major transportation networks to be in place for Hamilton by 2031. In November 2021, through the update to GRIDS known as GRIDS 2, City Council endorsed a No Urban Boundary Expansion growth scenario to plan for the City’s growth to 2051. The No Urban Boundary Expansion scenario accommodates the City’s growth to 2051 within the existing Urban Area through intensification and development of existing designated greenfield lands, and a limited amount of infill development within <i>Rural Hamilton</i>. The City will be required to accommodate 109,880 new housing units within the existing Urban Area, of	A.2.4 Growth Management - Hamilton In May 2006, City Council adopted the City’s first Growth Management Strategy. The Growth Related Integrated Development Strategy (GRIDS) identified the broad land use structure, associated infrastructure and major transportation networks to be in place for Hamilton by 2031. In November 2021, through the update to GRIDS known as GRIDS 2, City Council endorsed a No Urban Boundary Expansion growth scenario to plan for the City’s growth to 2051. The No Urban Boundary Expansion scenario accommodates the City’s growth to 2051 within the existing Urban Area through intensification and development of existing designated greenfield lands, and a limited amount of infill development within <i>Rural Hamilton</i>. The City will be required to accommodate 109,880 new housing	√ PPS Policy 1.1.1 e)	Implementation of No Urban Boundary Expansion growth management strategy.

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	<p>which 88,280 will be within the <i>built-up area</i> and 21,600 will be within the <i>greenfield area</i>. An additional 440 housing units will be developed through limited infill within <i>Rural Hamilton</i>.</p> <p>The recommended growth options were developed in accordance with the provincial growth forecasts. The land use recommendations from GRIDS form the basis of many policies within this Plan.</p>	<p>units within the existing Urban Area, of which 88,280 will be within the <i>built-up area</i> and 21,600 will be within the <i>greenfield area</i>. An additional 440 housing units will be developed through limited infill within <i>Rural Hamilton</i>.</p>		
Volume 1, Chapter B – Communities				
B.2.1.1	<p>B.2.1.1 The <i>urban boundary</i> defines the area where all urban <i>development</i> occurs. Lands within the <i>urban boundary</i> are already serviced or planned to be serviced with major roads, transit and full municipal services. The land within the <i>urban boundary</i> includes both the area within the <i>built-up area</i> and <i>greenfield area</i>. Lands within the existing <i>urban boundary</i> represent a 2030 year supply of designated urban land and are intended to accommodate the majority all of the City’s projected urban growth.</p>	<p>B.2.1.1 The <i>urban boundary</i> defines the area where all urban <i>development</i> occurs. Lands within the <i>urban boundary</i> are already serviced or planned to be serviced with major roads, transit and full municipal services. The land within the <i>urban boundary</i> includes both the area within the <i>built-up area</i> and <i>greenfield area</i>. Lands within the existing <i>urban boundary</i> represent a 30 year supply of designated urban land and are intended to accommodate all of the City’s projected urban growth.</p>		Implementation of No Urban Boundary Expansion growth management strategy.
B.2.2.1	<p>Delete existing policy in its entirety and replace with new policy, as follows:</p> <p>B.2.2.21 The exact limits of the lands to be included as part of the <i>urban boundary</i> expansion shall be determined as part of a <i>municipally initiated comprehensive review</i> and secondary plan. The City’s urban boundary is firm and expansion to</p>	<p>B.2.2.1 The City’s urban boundary is firm and expansion to accommodate growth to the year 2051 is not required. All planned growth to 2051 shall be accommodated through development of the City’s existing designated <i>greenfield area</i> and intensification throughout the <i>Urban Area</i>, and a limited amount of infill development within <i>Rural Hamilton</i>.</p>		Implementation of No Urban Boundary Expansion growth management strategy.

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B.2.2.2	<p>Delete existing policy B.2.2.2 in its entirety and replace with new policy, as follows.</p> <p>B.2.2.3 2.2.2 No urban boundary expansion shall occur until a municipally initiated comprehensive review and secondary plan have been completed.</p> <p>B.2.2.2 Notwithstanding Policy B.2.2.1, adjustments to the <i>urban boundary</i> may be permitted through a municipal comprehensive review provided:</p> <p>a) there is no net increase in land within the <i>urban area</i>;</p> <p>b) the adjustment would support the City’s ability to meet <i>intensification</i> and <i>redevelopment</i> targets provided in Section A.2.3 – Growth Management – Provincial;</p> <p>c) <i>prime agricultural areas</i> are avoided where possible. Alternative locations will be evaluated, prioritized and determined based on avoiding, minimizing and mitigating impacts on the Agricultural System;</p>	<p>B.2.2.2 Notwithstanding Policy B.2.2.1, adjustments to the <i>urban boundary</i> may be permitted through a municipal comprehensive review provided:</p> <p>a) there is no net increase in land within the <i>urban area</i>;</p> <p>b) the adjustment would support the City’s ability to meet <i>intensification</i> and <i>redevelopment</i> targets provided in Section A.2.3 – Growth Management – Provincial;</p> <p>c) <i>prime agricultural areas</i> are avoided where possible. Alternative locations will be evaluated, prioritized and determined based on avoiding, minimizing and mitigating impacts on the Agricultural System;</p> <p>d) the lands are not located within the <i>Greenbelt Area</i> and,</p> <p>e) there is sufficient reserve <i>infrastructure</i> capacity to service the lands.</p>	<p>√</p> <p>Growth Plan Policy 2.2.8.4</p>	<p>Implementation of Growth Plan policy 2.2.8.4.</p>

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	<p>d) the lands are not located within the <i>Greenbelt Area</i> and, e) there is sufficient reserve <i>infrastructure</i> capacity to service the lands.</p>			
B.2.2.3	<p>Delete existing Policy B.2.2.3 in its entirety and replace with new policy as follows.</p> <p>B.2.2.3 Expansions of the Urban Area of 40 hectares or less in accordance with policy 2.2.8.5 and 2.2.8.6 of the A Place to Grow: Growth Plan shall not be permitted in advance of a municipal comprehensive review.</p> <p>B.2.2.4 2.2.3 — Prior to the initiation of an <i>urban boundary</i> expansion, the City shall undertake a <i>municipally initiated comprehensive review</i> and secondary plan, in accordance with the policies of the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe. As part of these processes, the City shall complete background studies and conduct community planning and public consultation events including the establishment of a community liaison committee. The background studies and consultation processes shall assist in identifying the layout of future land uses, determining more precise needs, land supply and infrastructure requirements, and development of community growth management policies and designations.</p>	<p>B.2.2.3 Expansions of the Urban Area of 40 hectares or less in accordance with policy 2.2.8.5 and 2.2.8.6 of the A Place to Grow: Growth Plan shall not be permitted in advance of a municipal comprehensive review.</p>	<p>√ Growth Plan Policy 2.2.8.5</p>	<p>Implementation of No Urban Boundary Expansion growth management strategy.</p>

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	<p>More specifically, a <i>municipally initiated comprehensive review</i> and secondary plan shall include the following elements:</p> <p>a) a comprehensive review and land budget analysis is required to determine the need for an <i>urban boundary</i> expansion, which includes an assessment of occupied and vacant urban land, brownfield availability, greenfield densities, and <i>intensification</i> targets to determine if sufficient opportunities to accommodate forecasted growth contained in Policy A.2.3.1 and Policy A.2.3.2 are not available;</p> <p>b) a <i>sub watershed plan</i> to address storm water infrastructure and natural heritage system impacts, in accordance with Section F.3.1.6 – Watershed and Sub-watershed Plans;</p> <p>c) Environmental Impact Statement(s) pertaining to the natural heritage system, as required by applicable Official Plan and provincial policies;</p> <p>d) in prime agricultural areas, the lands do not comprise specialty crop areas, there are no reasonable alternatives that avoid prime agricultural areas and there are no reasonable alternatives on lower priority agricultural lands;</p> <p>e) demonstrating that impacts from new or expanding urban areas on agricultural operations which are adjacent or close to the urban areas are mitigated to the extent feasible; and,</p>			

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	<p>i) the designation of appropriate land uses and policies pertaining to the design and density of such uses;</p> <p>ii) completion of Class Environmental Assessments for major urban servicing infrastructure deemed to be essential for commencement or completion of development of all or part of the lands; and,</p> <p>iii) an urban development staging, phasing or implementation strategy in keeping with City wide master plan priorities and secondary plan objectives.</p> <p>iv) the timing of the urban boundary expansion and the phasing of development within the greenfield areas shall not adversely affect the achievement of the residential intensification target and Greenfield density targets.</p> <p>f) completion of a financing policy for urban services and other community infrastructure; and,</p> <p>g) other studies and policies which the City deems necessary for the development of the future urban growth district as a sustainable transit oriented urban community.</p> <p>h) the urban boundary expansion makes available sufficient lands for a time horizon not exceeding 20 years, based on the analysis provided for in Policy B.2.2.3 a.</p>			
B.2.2.4 (Existing)	Delete Policy B.2.2.4 in its entirety.			Implementation of No Urban Boundary Expansion growth management strategy.

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	B.2.2.5 2.2.4 The City shall establish a comprehensive public participation process that will include a community liaison committee comprised of landowners, public agencies and appointed City Councillors to oversee the development of the secondary plan referred to in Policy B.2.2.4, B.2.2.3,			
B.2.3	Delete Section B.2.3 Heading in its entirety. B.2.3 Future Airport Employment Growth District			Airport Employment Growth District Secondary Plan was approved by the Ontario Municipal Board in 2015. Not renumbering subsequent section (keeping as a placeholder).
B.2.3.1	Delete Policy B.2.3.1 in its entirety. B.2.3.1 The City shall undertake a municipally initiated comprehensive review and secondary plan for the lands identified in Policy B.2.2.1 a) above. The City shall undertake a municipally initiated comprehensive review and secondary plan for an Airport Employment Growth District, identified as Special Policy Area C in the Rural Hamilton Official Plan, generally bounded by the existing urban boundary adjacent to Upper James Street to the east, White Church and Fiddler’s Green Roads on the south, Garner Road on the west and Glancaster Road, and Twenty Road West on the north [Mod 5(b)].			Airport Employment Growth District Secondary Plan was approved by the Ontario Municipal Board in 2015.
B.2.3.2	Delete Policy B.2.3.2 in its entirety.			Airport Employment Growth District Secondary Plan was

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	<p>B.2.3.2 Upon completion of the secondary plan, including the phasing of development for the future Airport Employment Growth District, the City shall initiate an Official Plan amendment:</p> <p>a) to include specific lands within the urban boundary;</p> <p>b) to add new parent and secondary plan policies and mapping for the lands identified in Policy B.2.2.1 a) B.2.3.1 [Mod 5(c)]; and,</p> <p>c) to protect and reserve any additional lands deemed necessary for future employment growth. [Mod 5 (d)]</p>			approved by the Ontario Municipal Board in 2015.
B.2.3.3	<p>Delete Policy B.2.3.3 in its entirety.</p> <p>B.2.3.3 The City recognizes the long-term economic importance of the John C. Munro International Airport and associated highway infrastructure for its unique role as a catalyst for airport related and other employment uses. These future employment lands shall be subject to Policies B.2.2.1 to B.2.2.4 – Urban Boundary Expansions. Lands in the vicinity of the John C. Munro International Airport should be designated for employment purposes that rely on this infrastructure [Mod 5(d)].</p>			Implementation of No Urban Boundary Expansion growth management strategy.
B.2.4.1.2	<p>B.2.4.1.2 The City's primary intensification strategic growth areas shall be the Urban Nodes, and Urban Corridors and Major Transit Station Areas as illustrated on Schedule E – Urban Structure and as</p>	<p>B.2.4.1.2 The City's primary <i>strategic growth</i> areas shall be the <i>Urban Nodes, Urban Corridors and Major Transit Station Areas</i> as illustrated on Schedule E – Urban Structure and as further defined in</p>	√ Growth Plan definition	New definition of Strategic Growth Areas replaces previous Intensification Areas.

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	further defined in secondary plans and corridor studies for these areas, included in Volume 2.	secondary plans and corridor studies for these areas, included in Volume 2.		
B.2.4.1.3	<p>B.2.4.1.3 The <i>residential intensification</i> target of 80% or 88,280 housing units, specified in Policy A.2.3.3.4 shall generally be distributed through the <i>built-up area</i> as follows:</p> <p>a) The <i>Downtown Urban Growth Centre</i> shall be planned to accommodate approximately 2030% of the intensification target.</p> <p>b) The <i>Urban Nodes</i> and <i>Urban Corridors</i> identified in Section E.2.0 - Urban Structure, excluding the <i>Downtown Urban Growth Centre</i>, shall be planned to accommodate approximately 40% of the <i>residential intensification</i> target.</p> <p>c) 4030% of the <i>residential intensification</i> target is anticipated to occur within the Neighbourhoods as illustrated on Schedule E – Urban Structure. The City will review and update its Zoning By-law to facilitate the planned 27,000 housing units to be developed within the Neighbourhoods through intensification.</p>	<p>B.2.4.1.3 The <i>residential intensification</i> target of 80% or 88,280 housing units, specified in Policy A.2.3.3.4 shall generally be distributed through the <i>built-up area</i> as follows:</p> <p>a) The <i>Downtown Urban Growth Centre</i> shall be planned to accommodate approximately 30% of the intensification target.</p> <p>b) The <i>Urban Nodes</i> and <i>Urban Corridors</i> identified in Section E.2.0 - Urban Structure, excluding the <i>Downtown Urban Growth Centre</i>, shall be planned to accommodate approximately 40% of the <i>residential intensification</i> target.</p> <p>c) 30% of the <i>residential intensification</i> target is anticipated to occur within the Neighbourhoods as illustrated on Schedule E – Urban Structure. The City will review and update its Zoning By-law to facilitate the planned 27,000 housing units to be developed within the Neighbourhoods through intensification.</p>	<p>√ Growth Plan Policy 2.2.2.1 a)</p>	Updated intensification targets as per No Urban Boundary Expansion growth management strategy.
B.3.1	<p>B.3.1 Strong Economy</p> <p>The policies of this Plan are both directly and indirectly intended to strengthen Hamilton’s economic competitiveness, prosperity and resilience as envisaged by Vision 2020 Our Future Hamilton, the City’s Strategic Plan, the Economic</p>	<p>B.3.1 Strong Economy</p> <p>The policies of this Plan are both directly and indirectly intended to strengthen Hamilton’s economic competitiveness, prosperity and resilience as envisaged by Our Future Hamilton, the City’s Strategic Plan, the Economic Development Action</p>	<p>√ Matter of Interest</p>	Vision 2020 was originally adopted by the former Region of Hamilton-Wentworth in 1992 to help guide the direction of the community, and was updated by the City of Hamilton in 2003. Our Future Hamilton replaced

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	Development Strategy Action Plan and the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe.	Plan and the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe.		Vision 2020 in 2017, as the City’s new 25-year community plan that reflects the values and aspirations of Hamiltonians.
Volume 1, Chapter F – Implementation				
F.3.5	Revise section heading: Land Supply and Development Activity	Land Supply and Development Activity		Implements Council Direction from Nov. 19 for monitoring and annual reporting.
F.3.5.1	F.3.5.1 The City shall monitor the designated urban land supply to ensure there is sufficient land available to accommodate a mix and range of housing types, employment opportunities, and other land uses to meet the projected needs for up to a 20 30 year time horizon. The monitoring shall include annual reporting on the following: a) the residential intensification rate; b) achievement the planned density of the designated greenfield area density; c) the planned density of the urban growth centre and other urban nodes; target and intensification targets, including, d) construction activity including the range and mix of housing types; e) the Vacant Residential Land Inventory; f) comparison of the City’s actual population and employment growth to the forecasted population growth identified in Policy A.2.3.1 and employment growth identified in Policy A.2.3.2; and, g) employment land absorption; and,	F.3.5.1 The City shall monitor the designated urban land supply to ensure there is sufficient land available to accommodate a mix and range of housing types, employment opportunities, and other land uses to meet the projected needs for up to a 30 year time horizon. The monitoring shall include annual reporting on the following: a) the residential intensification rate; b) the planned density of the designated <i>greenfield area</i> ; c) the planned density of the urban growth centre and other <i>urban nodes</i> ; d) construction activity including the range and mix of housing types; e) the Vacant Residential Land Inventory; f) comparison of the City’s actual population and employment growth to the forecasted population growth identified in Policy A.2.3.1 and employment growth identified in Policy A.2.3.2; g) employment land absorption; and, h) housing affordability.		Implements Council Direction from Nov. 19 for monitoring and annual reporting.

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	h) housing affordability.			
F.3.5.2 (New)	F.3.5.2 The City shall monitor the cost of housing and land development and provide annual reports on housing and land development costs, including social housing development costs.	F,3.5.2 The City shall monitor the cost of housing and land development and provide annual reports on housing and land development costs, including social housing development costs.		Implements Council Direction from Nov. 19 for monitoring and annual reporting.

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