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PLANNING COMMITTEE

May 17, 2022

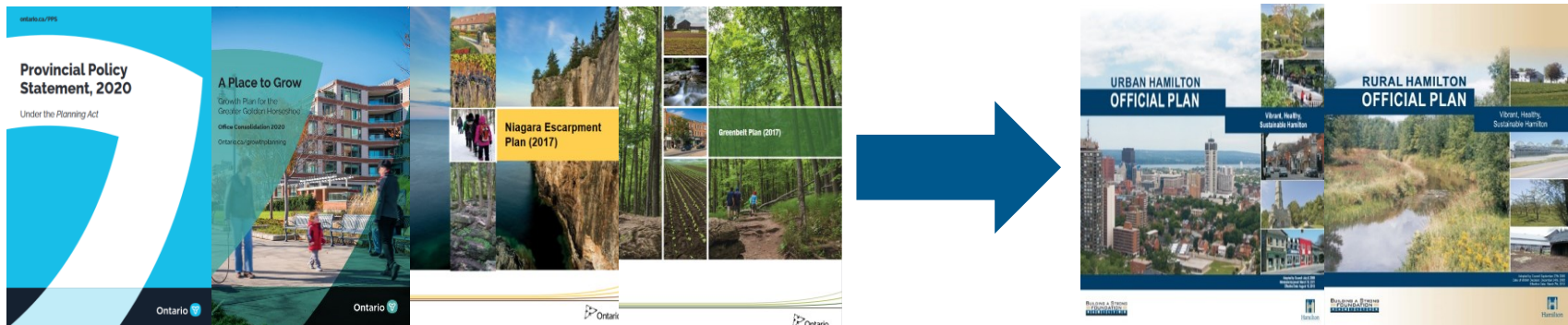
PED21067(b) – Municipal Comprehensive Review / Official Plan Review – Draft Amendments to the Urban Hamilton Official Plan (UHOP) and Rural Hamilton Official Plan (RHOP)

- Conformity-Related Amendments to the Urban and Rural Hamilton Official Plans.
- Amendments to facilitate population and employment growth within the existing Urban Boundary.

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Background

- Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR)
 - Requirement of the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe.
 - Updates to Official Plans to ensure conformity with Provincial land use policies.
 - Ministerial Approval of Official Plan Amendments.

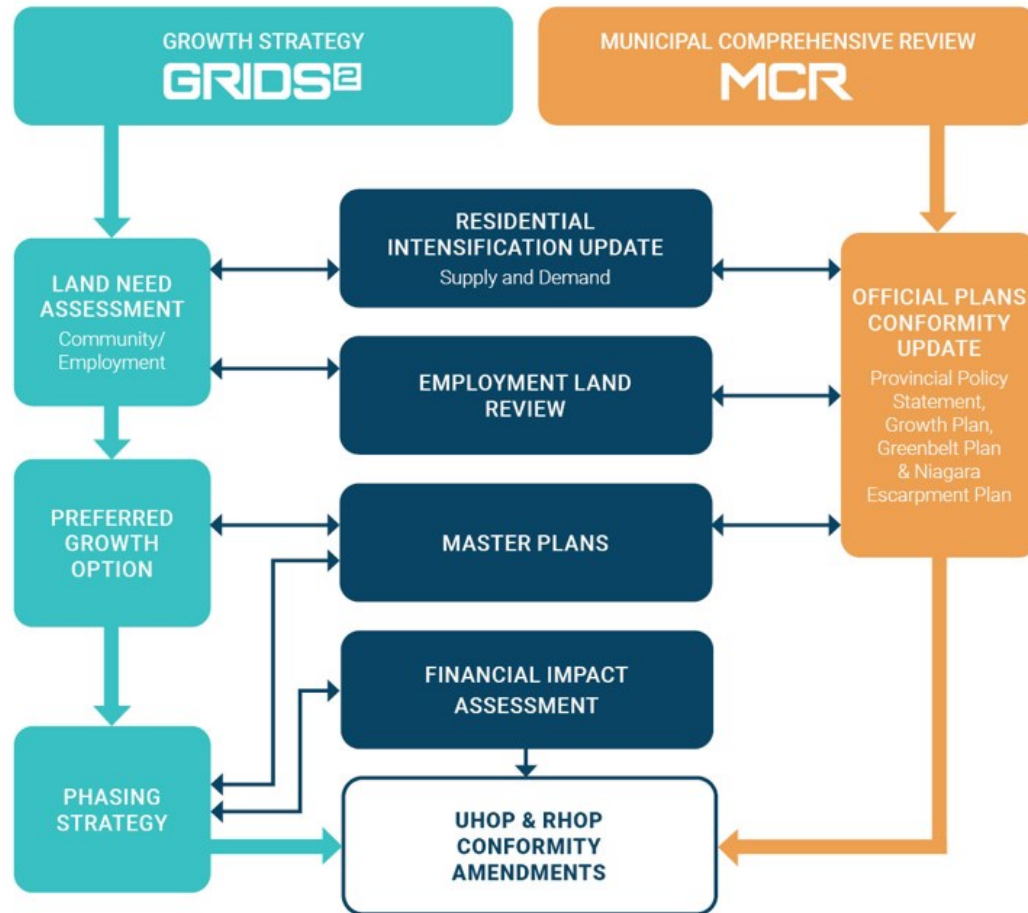


Background



- No Urban Boundary Expansion growth scenario approved by Council November 2021.
- Forecasted population and employment growth to the year 2051 is to be accommodated within the existing Urban Area, as part of this Municipal Comprehensive Review.

How did we get here?



Official Plan Review Workplan

Action / Item	Date
Proposed Official Plan Amendments to MMAH for Review	January 2022
Open Houses/Non-Statutory Public Consultation	February – March 2022
End of Ministerial 90-Day Review Period / Provide Notice of Open House and Statutory Public Meeting	April 19, 2022
Statutory Open House	May 3, 2022
Statutory Public Meeting (Planning Committee)	May 17, 2022
Submission of Council Adopted Official Plan Amendments to MMAH for Approval	Late May / Early June 2022

GRIDS2/MCR Public Engagement 2018-2022



Feedback from Recent Public Engagement

- Remove barriers to the creation of additional housing units with a mix of unit sizes.
- Endorse complete streets approach and transit-oriented neighbourhoods with higher densities and active transportation network.
- Support for green infrastructure, increased tree cover and protection of greenspaces to assist in mitigating climate change.
- Support commitment to meaningful engagement with First Nations.



Highlights of the Draft Official Plan Amendments

- Promoting intensification, redevelopment, and compact built form throughout the existing Urban Area:
 - Increased Density Targets:
 - Downtown Urban Growth Centre: From 250 to 500 residents + jobs per hectare.
 - Designated Greenfield Area: From 50 to 60 residents + jobs per hectare (Areas not subject to existing approvals 70 residents + jobs per hectare).
 - NEW Major Transit Station Areas: Minimum of 160 residents + jobs per hectare or alternative as approved by Province.
 - NEW Employment Areas: 29 jobs per hectare (Overall).



Highlights of the Draft Official Plan Amendments (cont'd)

- Promoting intensification, redevelopment, and compact built form throughout the existing Urban Area: (cont'd)
 - Residential Intensification Targets:
 - Minimum of 80% throughout the Built-Up Area.
 - Intensification units distributed to Downtown Urban Growth Centre (30%), Urban Nodes and Corridors (40%), and Neighbourhoods (30%).



Highlights of the Draft Official Plan Amendments (cont'd)

- Promoting intensification, redevelopment, and compact built form throughout the existing Urban Area: (cont'd)
 - Flexibility in neighbourhoods for future development:
 - Residential density ranges lifted at the site level.
 - Additional forms permitted within the low density residential category.
 - Increasing building heights provided the development incorporates a mix of unit sizes and sustainable building and development techniques.
 - Protecting public views and vistas of the Niagara Escarpment.



Highlights of the Draft Official Plan Amendments (cont'd)

- Promoting an efficient transportation system with a complete streets approach:
 - Prioritizing active transportation as an integral component of the transportation network;
 - Planning and promoting pedestrian friendly streets; and,
 - Planning for a transit system that is planned and managed for the safety of all users.



Highlights of the Draft Official Plan Amendments (cont'd)

- Enhanced policy framework to prepare for and reduce the impacts of a changing climate:
 - Assessing infrastructure risks, vulnerabilities, and impacts of extreme weather.
 - Preserving/enhancing natural features in subdivision design.
 - Incorporation of low impact development techniques.
 - Energy conservation of municipally owned facilities and Sustainable Building and Development Guidelines for private developments.



Highlights of the Draft Official Plan Amendments (cont'd)

- Enhanced engagement with Indigenous communities:
 - Cultural heritage, archaeological resources and land use planning.
 - Importance of landscapes, as part of cultural heritage.
 - Partnering in the development of climate change policies and plans.
 - Recognition of various levels of engagement and respecting existing consultation protocols of Indigenous communities.
 - Developing an engagement protocol between the City and Indigenous communities for land use planning matters.



Highlights of the Draft Official Plan Amendments (cont'd)

- Other important updates:
 - Implementing approved employment land conversions.
 - New policies to require annual reporting on the City's land supply.
 - Mapping updates to implement changes to the Greenbelt Plan and Niagara Escarpment Plan.



Next Steps – Official Plan Amendments

- Council Adoption of Official Plan Amendments
- Official Plan Amendments forwarded to the Province for Ministerial Approval
- Amendments to the Zoning By-laws of the Former Communities to Planning Committee

Highlights of Proposed Changes to Low Density Residential Zones

- Flexibility for residents by improving housing choices.
- Providing opportunities for small-scale intensification, by allowing a broader range of housing types in neighbourhoods across the City.

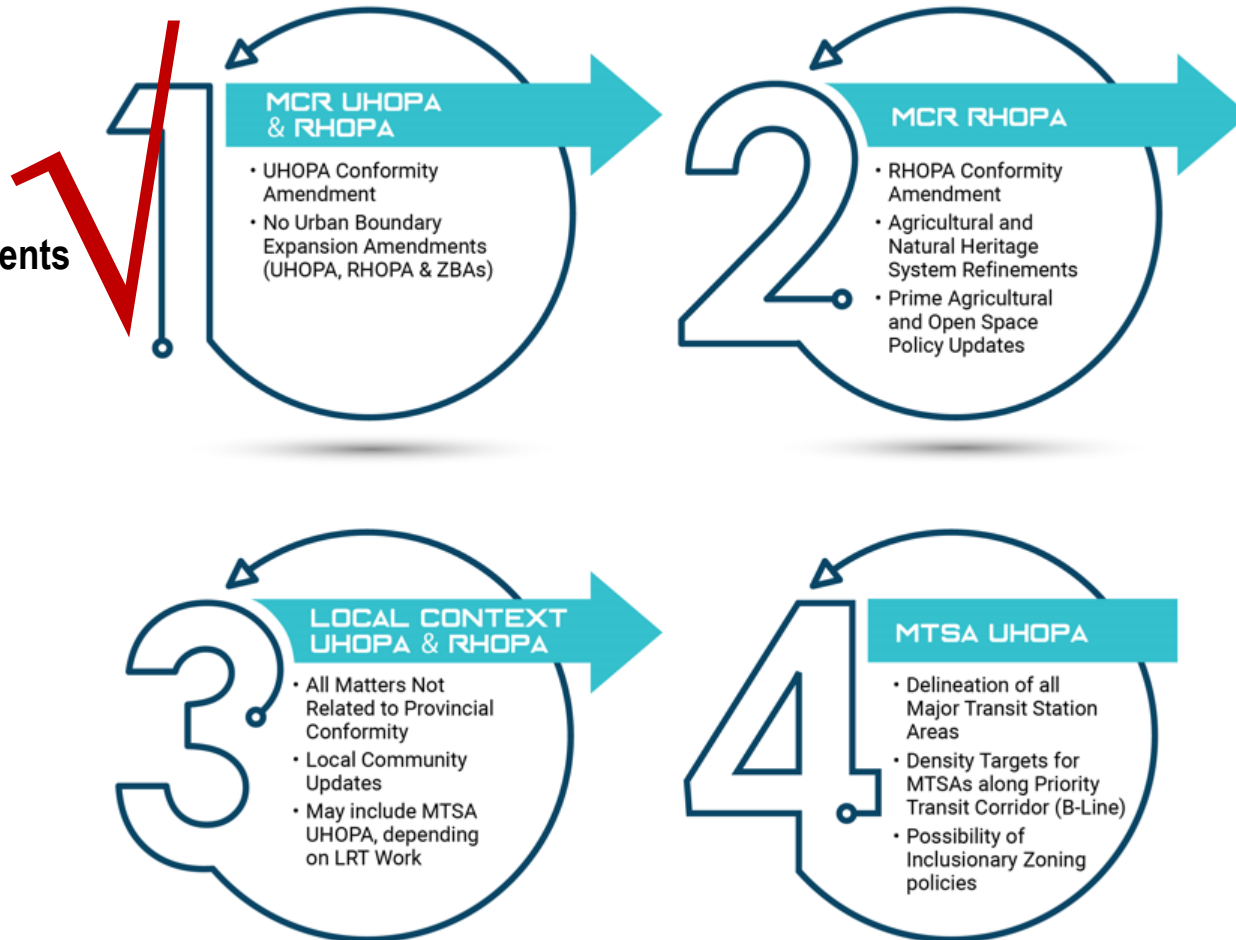


Highlights of Proposed Changes to Low Density Residential Zones

- Low Density Residential Zones in the Ancaster, Dundas, Flamborough, Glanbrook, former City of Hamilton, and Stoney Creek Zoning By-laws total over 40 individual zones.
- Many of these zones only permit single detached dwellings.
- Providing housing options means expanding the range of housing types in low density residential areas to include:
 - Semi-detached, duplex dwellings, and street townhouse dwellings.
 - The conversion of existing dwellings to permit up to four dwellings units within an existing dwelling.

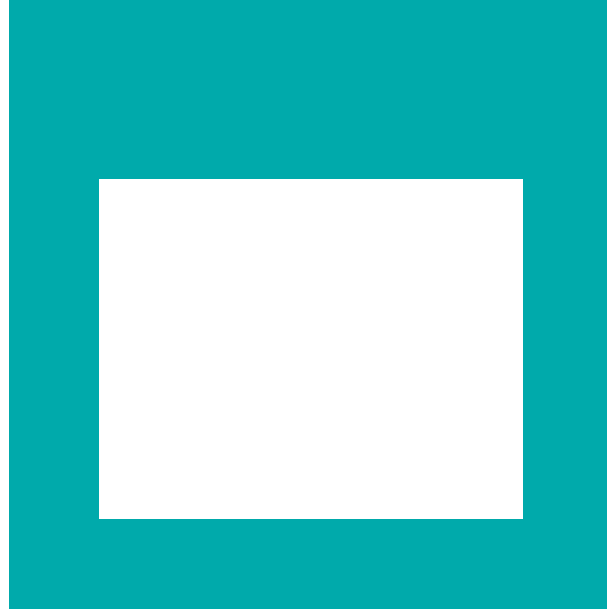
Future OP Review Phases

This report represents the conclusion of Phase 1



Other Ongoing Related Projects

- Family Friendly Housing
- Community Energy and Emissions Plan
- Climate Change Adaptation Plan
- Biodiversity Action Plan
- Sustainable Building and Development Guidelines
- Community Benefits Charges Strategy
- Master Plans – Water/Wastewater/ Stormwater, Parks, Recreation
- Complete Liveable Better Streets Design Manual



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