

File No.: 25-OP-229116
Municipality: City of Hamilton
Subject Lands: All lands within the City of Hamilton

Date of Decision: November 4, 2022
Date of Notice: November 4, 2022

NOTICE OF DECISION

With respect to an Official Plan Amendment under
subsection 17(34) of the *Planning Act*

A decision was made on November 4, 2022 to approve, with 25 modifications, Amendment No. 34 to the Hamilton Rural Official Plan, as adopted by By-law No. 22-146.

Purpose and Effect of the Official Plan

The approval of the Hamilton Rural Official Plan Amendment, as modified, implements an urban boundary expansion to accommodate population and employment growth to 2051.

The twenty-five (25) amendments to the Rural Hamilton Official Plan have been made by the Minister to address government priorities related to housing, as well as provincial policy direction related to growth management.

The official plan amendment applies to all lands within the City of Hamilton.

Decision Final

Pursuant to subsections 17(36.5), 17(38.1), and 21(3) of the Planning Act, the decision of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding an official plan adopted in accordance with section 26 of the Planning Act is final and not subject to appeal. Accordingly, the Rural Hamilton Official Plan Amendment, as approved with modifications by the Minister, came into effect on November 4, 2022.

Other Related Applications

None.

Getting Additional Information

Additional information is available on the City of Hamilton's website:

<https://www.hamilton.ca/build-invest-grow/planning-development/official-plan/official-plan-review>

or by contacting the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing:

Municipal Services Office – Central Region
777 Bay Street, 16th Floor
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

DECISION

With respect to the City of Hamilton Official Plan Amendment No. 34 Subsection 17(34) of the *Planning Act*

I hereby approve Official Plan Amendment No. 34 to the Rural Hamilton Official Plan, as adopted by the City of Hamilton by By-law 22-146, subject to the following modifications, with additions to text in **bold underline** and deletions to text in **~~bold strikethrough~~**:

Text Modifications

1. Policy B.2.1 in Section 4.1.1 of Official Plan Amendment No. 34, Appendix A – Volume 1: Chapter B – Communities is modified so that it reads:

Communities in the *rural area* of the City of Hamilton can be defined in multiple ways. Land use definitions of *communities* include:

- a) the *urban boundary* which delineates the urban area from the *rural area*. The urban boundary is delineated through the Urban Hamilton Official Plan. **~~It is the intent of the City of Hamilton to maintain a firm urban boundary. Lands shall not be removed from the boundaries of Rural Hamilton and added to the Urban Area;~~** and,...

2. [New] Policy D.2.2.1 is added to the Rural Hamilton Official Plan, Volume 1: Chapter D – Rural Systems, Designations and Resources as shown below and policies D.2.2.1 to D.2.2.4 are renumbered accordingly:

Lands designated Agriculture shall not be redesignated for non-agricultural uses, except for expansions to the *urban boundary* through a municipal comprehensive review in accordance with the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe.

3. Policy D.3.2.1 in Section 4.1.2 of Official Plan Amendment No. 34, Appendix B – Volume 1: Chapter D – Rural Systems, Designations and Resources is modified so that it reads:

Lands designated Specialty Crop shall not be redesignated for *non-agricultural uses*, **except for expansions to the *urban boundary* through a municipal comprehensive review in accordance with the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe.**

4. Policy D.4.2.1 in Section 4.1.2 of Official Plan Amendment No. 34, Appendix B – Volume 1: Chapter D – Rural Systems, Designations and Resources is modified so that it reads:

Lands designated Rural shall not be redesignated for uses not permitted by the policies of this Plan, **except for expansions to the *urban boundary* through a municipal comprehensive review in accordance with the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe.**

Modifications to Schedules and Appendices

5. The Urban Boundary in Section 4.1.3 a) of Official Plan Amendment No. 34, Appendix C – Volume 1: Schedule A – Provincial Plans is modified by adding the lands shown as Urban Expansion Area – Neighbourhoods and Urban Expansion Area – Employment Areas to the Urban Boundary, as shown in Appendix A attached hereto.
6. The Urban Boundary in Section 4.1.3 b) of Official Plan Amendment No. 34, Appendix D – Volume 1: Schedule B - Natural Heritage Systems is modified by adding the lands shown as Urban Expansion Area – Neighbourhoods and Urban Expansion Area – Employment Areas to the Urban Boundary, as shown in Appendix A attached hereto.

7. The Urban Boundary in Section 4.1.3 c) of Official Plan Amendment No. 34, Appendix E – Volume 1: Schedule B-1 - Detailed Natural Heritage Features Life Science ANSI is modified by adding the lands shown as Urban Expansion Area – Neighbourhoods and Urban Expansion Area – Employment Areas to the Urban Boundary, as shown in Appendix A attached hereto.
8. The Urban Boundary in Section 4.1.3 d) of Official Plan Amendment No. 34, Appendix F – Volume 1: Schedule B-2 - Detailed Natural Heritage Features Significant Woodlands is modified by adding the lands shown as Urban Expansion Area – Neighbourhoods and Urban Expansion Area – Employment Areas to the Urban Boundary, as shown in Appendix A attached hereto.
9. The Urban Boundary in Section 4.1.3 e) of Official Plan Amendment No. 34, Appendix G – Volume 1: Schedule B-3 - Detailed Natural Heritage Features Alvar and Tallgrass Prairie is modified by adding the lands shown as Urban Expansion Area – Neighbourhoods and Urban Expansion Area – Employment Areas to the Urban Boundary, as shown in Appendix A attached hereto.
10. The Urban Boundary in Section 4.1.3 f) of Official Plan Amendment No. 34, Appendix H – Volume 1: Schedule B-4 - Detailed Natural Heritage Features Key Hydrologic Feature is modified by adding the lands shown as Urban Expansion Area – Neighbourhoods and Urban Expansion Area – Employment Areas to the Urban Boundary, as shown in Appendix A attached hereto.
11. The Urban Boundary in Section 4.1.3 g) of Official Plan Amendment No. 34, Appendix I – Volume 1: Schedule B-5 - Detailed Natural Heritage Features Lakes and Littoral Zone is modified by adding the lands shown as Urban Expansion Area – Neighbourhoods and Urban Expansion Area – Employment Areas to the Urban Boundary, as shown in Appendix A attached hereto.
12. The Urban Boundary in Section 4.1.3 h) of Official Plan Amendment No. 34, Appendix J – Volume 1: Schedule B-6 - Detailed Natural Heritage Features Environmentally Significant Areas is modified by adding the lands shown as Urban Expansion Area – Neighbourhoods and Urban Expansion Area – Employment Areas to the Urban Boundary, as shown in Appendix A attached hereto.
13. The Urban Boundary in Section 4.1.3 i) of Official Plan Amendment No. 34, Appendix K – Volume 1: Schedule B-7 - Detailed Natural Heritage Features Local Natural Area Earth Science ANSI is modified by adding the lands shown as Urban Expansion Area – Neighbourhoods and Urban Expansion Area – Employment Areas to the Urban Boundary, as shown in Appendix A attached hereto.
14. The Urban Boundary in Section 4.1.3 j) of Official Plan Amendment No. 34, Appendix L – Volume 1: Schedule B-8 - Detailed Natural Heritage Features Key Hydrologic Features Streams is modified by adding the lands shown as Urban Expansion Area – Neighbourhoods and Urban Expansion Area – Employment Areas to the Urban Boundary, as shown in Appendix A attached hereto.
15. The Urban Boundary in Section 4.1.3 k) of Official Plan Amendment No. 34, Appendix M – Volume 1: Schedule C - Functional Road Classifications is modified by adding the lands shown as Urban Expansion Area – Neighbourhoods and Urban Expansion Area – Employment Areas to the Urban Boundary, as shown in Appendix A attached hereto.
16. The Urban Boundary in Section 4.1.3 l) of Official Plan Amendment No. 34, Appendix N – Volume 1: Schedule D - Rural Land Use Designations is modified by adding the lands shown as Urban Expansion Area – Neighbourhoods and Urban Expansion Area – Employment Areas to the Urban Boundary, as shown in Appendix A attached hereto.
17. The Urban Boundary in Section 4.1.3 m) of Official Plan Amendment No. 34, Appendix O – Volume 1: Schedule F - Airport Influence Area is modified by adding the lands shown as Urban

Expansion Area – Neighbourhoods and Urban Expansion Area – Employment Areas to the Urban Boundary, as shown in Appendix A attached hereto.

18. The Urban Boundary in Section 4.1.3 n) of Official Plan Amendment No. 34, Appendix P – Volume 1: Schedule G - Source Protection Vulnerable Area is modified by adding the lands shown as Urban Expansion Area – Neighbourhoods and Urban Expansion Area – Employment Areas to the Urban Boundary, as shown in Appendix A attached hereto.
19. The Urban Boundary in Section 4.1.4 a) of Official Plan Amendment No. 34, Appendix Q – Volume 1: Appendix A - Parks Classification is modified by adding the lands shown as Urban Expansion Area – Neighbourhoods and Urban Expansion Area – Employment Areas to the Urban Boundary, as shown in Appendix A attached hereto.
20. The Urban Boundary in Section 4.1.4 b) of Official Plan Amendment No. 34, Appendix R – Volume 1: Appendix C - Non-Renewable Resources is modified by adding the lands shown as Urban Expansion Area – Neighbourhoods and Urban Expansion Area – Employment Areas to the Urban Boundary, as shown in Appendix A attached hereto.
21. The Urban Boundary in Section 4.1.4 c) of Official Plan Amendment No. 34, Appendix S – Volume 1: Appendix C-1 - Non-Renewable Resources - Gas and Petroleum Wells is modified by adding the lands shown as Urban Expansion Area – Neighbourhoods and Urban Expansion Area – Employment Areas to the Urban Boundary, as shown in Appendix A attached hereto.
22. The Urban Boundary in Section 4.1.4 d) of Official Plan Amendment No. 34, Appendix T – Volume 1: Appendix D - Noise Exposure Forecast Contours and Primary Airport Zoning Regulations is modified by adding the lands shown as Urban Expansion Area – Neighbourhoods and Urban Expansion Area – Employment Areas to the Urban Boundary, as shown in Appendix A attached hereto.
23. The Urban Boundary in Section 4.1.4 e) of Official Plan Amendment No. 34, Appendix U – Volume 1: Appendix Volume 1: Appendix E - Former Landfill Sites is modified by adding the lands shown as Urban Expansion Area – Neighbourhoods and Urban Expansion Area – Employment Areas to the Urban Boundary, as shown in Appendix A attached hereto.
24. The Urban Boundary in Section 4.1.4 f) of Official Plan Amendment No. 34, Appendix V – Volume 1: Appendix F - Rural Cultural Heritage Resources is modified by adding the lands shown as Urban Expansion Area – Neighbourhoods and Urban Expansion Area – Employment Areas to the Urban Boundary, as shown in Appendix A attached hereto.
25. The Urban Boundary in Section 4.1.4 g) of Official Plan Amendment No. 34, Appendix W – Volume 1: Appendix F-2- Rural Archaeological Potential is modified by adding the lands shown as Urban Expansion Area – Neighbourhoods and Urban Expansion Area – Employment Areas to the Urban Boundary, as shown in Appendix A attached hereto.

Dated at Toronto this 4th day of November, 2022



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Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Appendix A

