

City of Hamilton Response to Provincial Amendments to the Greenbelt Plan (PED23046(a)) (City Wide)

Requested Council Direction

- Staff authorization to provide input to the Provincial Facilitator on required community benefits from development of Greenbelt Plan Removal lands;
- Ten Directions to Guide Development to be utilized as interim framework for City's input; and,
- 3. Proposed public meeting to obtaining public input on priorities and expectations.

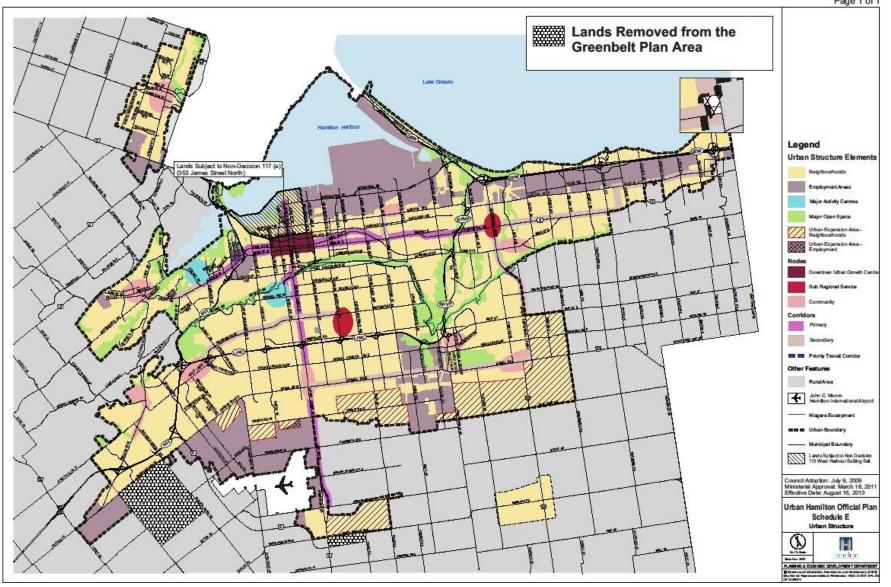


Background

Bill 197 (July 8/20)	New subsection 47(4.4) - enhanced MZO powers to include site plan control
ERO Postings 019-6216 and 019-6217 (Nov. 4/22)	Province requested comments on proposed changes to the Greenbelt Plan through the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO).
Letter from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (Dec 16/22)	Province issued its decision to remove 795 ha of land in Hamilton from the Greenbelt Plan
Council Motion (Feb 8/23)	Minister's decision to remove 795 hectares of land from the Greenbelt Plan is deemed by Council as unnecessary and is not supported by the City of Hamilton
Bill 97 (April 6/23)	New subsection 47 (4.0.1) - policy statements, provincial plans and official plans do not apply in respect of a license, permit, approval, permission or other matter required to a use permitted by a MZO
	New section 49.2 - Minister can order landowner of land to enter into an agreement with the Minister or a municipality based on recommendation/advice of Provincial Land and Development Facilitator
Proposed Provincial Planning Statement (April 6/23)	2.1.1 Where the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing has made a zoning order, the resulting development potential shall be in addition to projected needs over the planning horizon established in the official plan. At the time of the municipality's next official plan update, this additional growth shall be incorporated into the official plan and related infrastructure plans.

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Community Benefits

10 Directions to Guide Development

Direction #1

Plan for climate change mitigation and adaptation and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Direction #2

Encourage a compatible mix of uses in neighbourhoods, including a range of housing types and affordability, that provide opportunities to live, work, learn, shop and play, promoting a healthy, safe and complete community.

Direction #3

Concentrate new development and infrastructure within existing built-up areas and within the urban boundary through intensification and adaptive re-use.

Direction #4

Protect rural areas for a viable rural economy, agricultural resources, environmentally sensitive recreation and the enjoyment of the rural landscape.

Direction #5

Design neighbourhoods to improve access to community life for all, regardless of age, ethnicity, race, gender, ability, income and spirituality.

Direction #6

Retain and intensify existing employment land, attract jobs in Hamilton's strength areas and targeted new sectors, and support access to education and training for all residents.

Direction #7

Expand transportation options through the development of complete streets that encourage travel by foot, bike and transit, and enhance efficient inter-regional transportation connections.

Direction #8

Maximize the use of existing buildings, infrastructure, and vacant or abandoned land.

Direction #9

Protect ecological systems and the natural environment, reduce waste, improve air, land and water quality, and encourage the use of green infrastructure.

Direction #10

Maintain and create attractive public and private spaces and respect the unique character of existing buildings, neighbourhoods and communities, protect cultural heritage resources, and support arts and culture as an important part of community identity.



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Areas for Consideration

- Provision of affordable and attainable housing;
- "re-wilding" and enhancements to the Natural Heritage System above and beyond the City's natural heritage standards;
- Implementation of green development standards;
- Protection of cultural heritage resources;

- Payment of full development costs (ie Development Charges and Parkland Dedication above and beyond post-Bill 23 requirements); and,
- Requirement for the establishment of Landowner Groups to address matters relating to compensation amongst property owners for perceived lost development opportunities on lands designated for parks, storm water management facilities, institutional, etc.





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