

Modifications to the Rural Hamilton Official Plan implemented through OPA 34.

Text Modifications

Council Adopted	MMAH Modification	Comments	Acceptance of November 4, 2022 Provincial modification shown with a "Yes"
Chapter B Modifications			
<p>2.1 Communities in the rural area of the City of Hamilton can be defined in multiple ways. Land use definitions of communities include:</p> <p>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,</p> <p>b) rural settlement area boundaries which set the limits for residential, non-farm, and non-resource-based growth. Rural settlement area boundaries shall not be expanded.</p>	<p>2.1 Communities in the rural area of the City of Hamilton can be defined in multiple ways. Land use definitions of communities include:</p> <p>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,</p> <p>b) rural settlement area boundaries which set the limits for residential, non-farm, and non-resource-based growth. Rural settlement area boundaries shall not be expanded.</p> <p>(MMAH Mod 1)</p>	<p>Text deletion weakens policy direction for a firm urban boundary.</p> <p>The original Council-approved Official Plan Amendment is more restrictive than the Growth Plan policies 2.2.8.5 and 2.2.8.6. The reversal of the modification will support Council's direction for OPA 167, but applications to amend this policy in conjunction with applications for boundary expansion under 40 hectares may still be received on the basis that the Growth Plan permits it.</p>	

Chapter D Modifications			
New	<p>D.2.2.1 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.</p> <p>(MMAH Mod 2)</p>	<p>Change establishes a more permissive policy framework for redesignation of Agricultural areas to urban designations as part of a future expansion to the urban area.</p> <p>Modification does not align with Council approved growth strategy.</p>	
	<p>D.3.2.1 Lands designated Specialty Crop shall not be redesignated for non-agricultural uses, except for to the urban boundary through a municipal comprehensive review in accordance with the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe.</p> <p>(MMAH Mod 3)</p>	<p>Change establishes a more permissive policy framework for redesignation of Specialty Crop areas to urban designations as part of a future expansion to the urban area.</p> <p>Modification does not align with Council approved growth strategy.</p>	
	<p>D.4.2.1 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.</p> <p>(MMAH Mod 4)</p>	<p>Change establishes a more permissive policy framework for redesignation of Rural areas to urban designations as part of a future expansion to the urban area.</p> <p>Modification does not align with Council approved growth strategy.</p>	

Volume 1 – Modifications to Schedules and Appendices

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Volume 1: Schedule A to G and Appendix A to F-2	Urban Boundary Expansion - Modify all Schedules and Appendices of Volume 1 of the Rural Hamilton Official Plan by adding the lands shown as Urban Expansion Area – Neighbourhoods and Urban Expansion Area – Employment Areas to the Urban Boundary, as shown on Appendix A attached. (MMAH Modifications 5 to 25)	Changes do not align with Council approved growth strategy.	