

COMMUNICATION UPDATE

то:	Mayor and Members City Council
DATE:	December 20, 2024
SUBJECT:	Official Plan Amendment Application Received for Urban Boundary Expansion – Elfrida Area
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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The purpose of this Communications Update is to inform Council that the City has received an Official Plan Amendment application to expand Hamilton's urban boundary to include the Elfrida lands.

Official Plan Amendment Application

On November 20, 2024, the Planning Division received an Official Plan Amendment application from the Elfrida Community Builders Group Inc. to expand Hamilton's urban boundary to include the Elfrida lands, an "L" shaped 1,209 hectare area of agricultural and rural lands south and east of upper Stoney Creek in Wards 9 and 11. A Concept Plan depicting the location of the expansion area was submitted (see Appendix 1).

The agent and Planning consultant for the application is Bousfields c/o David Falletta. The Elfrida Community Builders Group Inc. includes landowners representing approximately 73% or 881.77 hectares of the proposed expansion area. The application includes a map (see Appendix 2) identifying the ownership of all lands within the expansion area and those that are represented by the Elfrida Community Builders Group Inc.

As directed by the Draft Framework for Processing and Approving Urban Boundary Expansion applications, all materials submitted with the application has been posted on the City's website at <u>www.hamilton.ca/ube</u>.

Application Deemed Incomplete

Planning Division staff have reviewed the submission against the Draft Framework and other applicable policies of the Urban and Rural Hamilton Official Plan and deemed the application incomplete on December 19, 2024.

NEXT STEPS

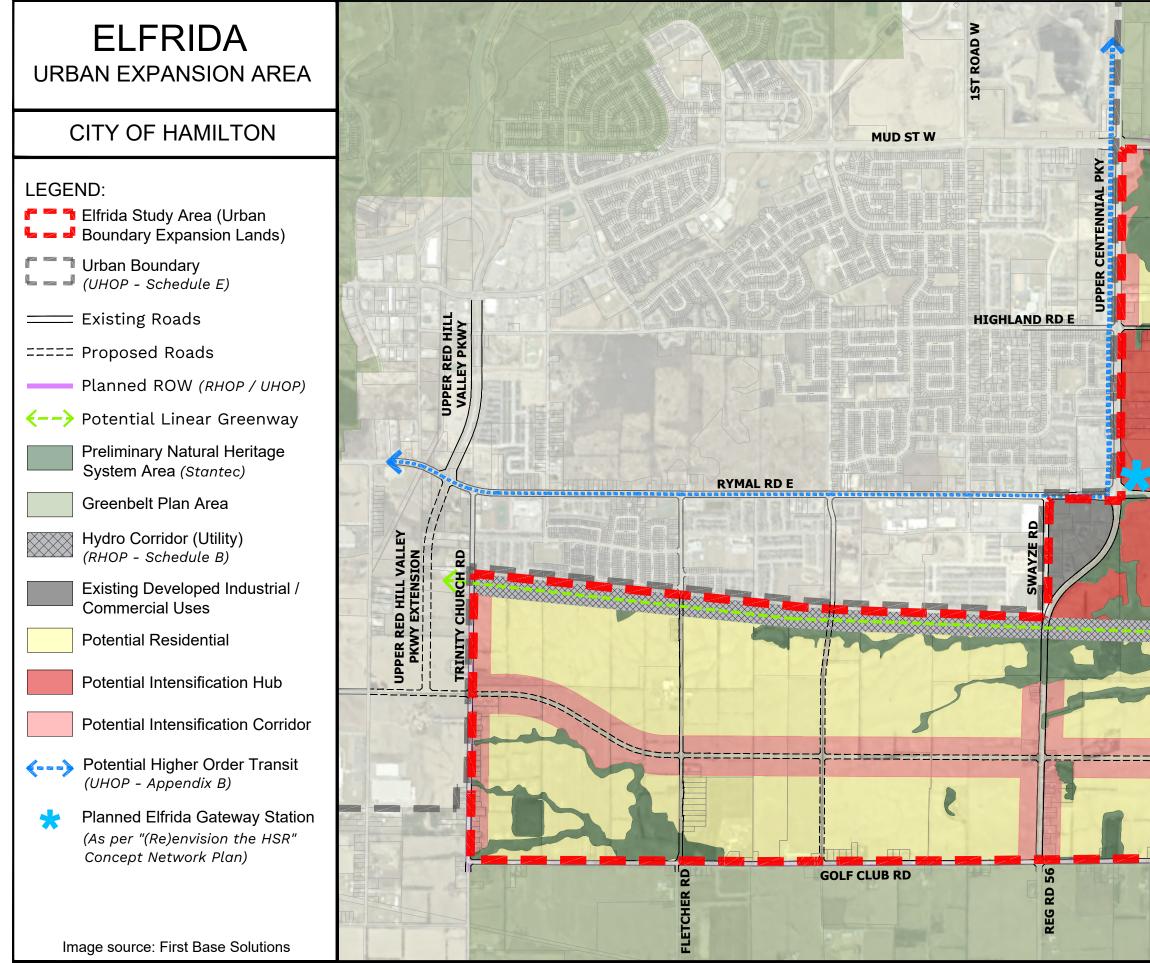
The Planning Division is now waiting for the applicant to provide the additional information and materials identified in the notice of incomplete application letter before the application will be processed and reviewed. Under the *Planning Act* the applicant can appeal the City deeming the application incomplete to the Ontario Land Tribunal which would make a ruling determining whether the necessary information and materials have in fact been provided. It is important to note that the Ontario Land Tribunal would only make a ruling on whether the application is complete and not on the planning merits of the proposal. Planning Division staff will notify City Council and update the City's application webpage if an appeal is submitted.

Under the *Planning Act* Council has 120 days to make a decision on an Official Plan Amendment application before an applicant can appeal their application to the Ontario Land Tribunal for lack of decision by Council. Now that the application has been deemed incomplete, this 120 day review period has not started and will begin when either all the required information is submitted or a decision on the merits of a complete application is issued by the Ontario Land Tribunal, if appealed.

Please contact Dave Heyworth, Manager, Sustainable Communities with any questions at <u>Dave.Heyworth@hamilton.ca</u> or by phone at (905) 546-2424 Ext. 5863.

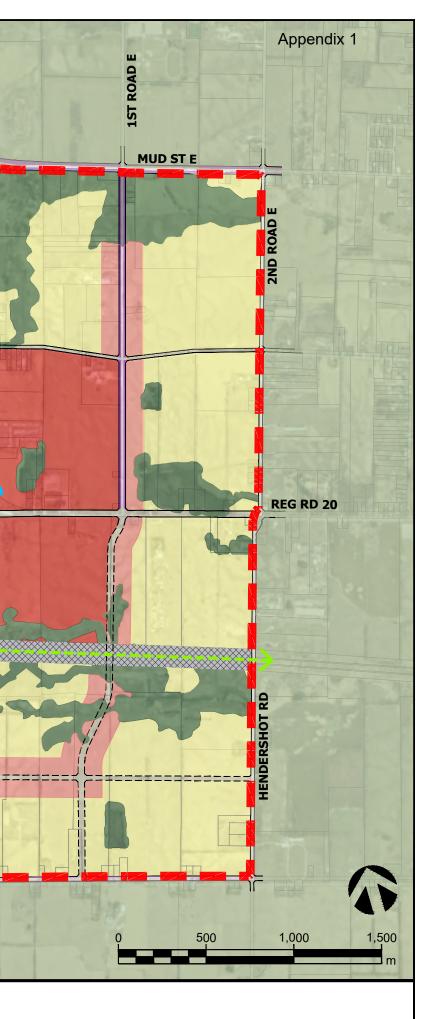
APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES

Appendix 1 – Elfrida Concept Plan Appendix 2 – Elfrida Landowners Map



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Concept Plan



Appendix 2

