

Appendix 20: Updates on Other Initiatives and General Timeframes (May 2020)

The following project updates are current as of May 2020, however due to the rapidly changing nature of the COVID-19 Pandemic, staff recognize that adjustments may need to be made by September. If required, an updated version of Appendix 20 will be made available.

Appendix B of staff report PB-47-19 contained a status update on a number of projects across the corporation related to the Downtown. The following provides an update on those and additional projects as of May 2020.

Project	Status Update
Downtown Parking Utilization and Future Needs Assessment	<p>Next steps for the Downtown Parking Utilization and Future Needs Assessment will be determined upon the completion of the land use plan for the Downtown, as determined through the Taking a Closer Look at the Downtown process.</p> <p>It is anticipated that due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, there could be impacts on the project.</p>
City Wide Parking Standards Review	<p>The City-Wide Parking Study was approved by Council in September 2019 and excluded intensification areas including the Downtown. Next steps for parking rates in the Downtown will be determined following the adoption of the Official Plan and implemented through the Comprehensive Zoning By-law Review.</p>
Mobility Hub Area Specific Plans	<p>Next steps are being explored for the Area Specific Plans for the GO Station Major Transit Station Areas. Staff will report to Council with next steps upon completion of the Official Plan project for the Downtown. The work on the Downtown is being completed through the Taking a Closer Look at the Downtown, Scoped Re-Examination of the adopted Official Plan process outlined in PL-16-20.</p>
Waterfront Hotel Study	<p>Staff has had preliminary discussions with the representatives for the property owner and are working to create a revised plan to complete the Waterfront Hotel Planning Study in a timely fashion. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic and other project delays have caused the timing of this work to shift farther into 2020. Staff will provide a report with a proposed revised action plan by Q4 2020.</p>
Old Lakeshore Road	<p>Two development applications have been received within this precinct. At the time of writing of this Appendix, one of the development applications has been appealed to the LPAT.</p> <p>Next steps for the Old Lakeshore Road Precinct will be discussed upon the completion of the Taking a Closer Look at the Downtown project.</p>
Housing	<p>The completion of the Scoped Re-Examination of the Downtown Official Plan has been</p>

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Strategy	delayed, however Q2 2022 remains the completion date target for the Housing Study.
Integrated Mobility Plan	The tender for the Integrated Mobility Plan was successfully awarded in March 2020 and work on the Plan is underway. Timing for completion of the Integrated Mobility Plan will be addressed upon approval of the adopted Official Plan by the Region.
Shadow and Pedestrian Level Wind Guidelines and Terms of References	Throughout the duration of the Taking a Closer Look at the Downtown project, there have been multiple collaboration efforts to ensure alignment of the proposed Shadow Study Guidelines and Terms of Reference, the and Pedestrian Level Wind Study Guidelines and Terms of Reference and the recommended modifications to the adopted Official Plan. In June 2020, Council will consider a staff report presenting the proposed Shadow and Pedestrian Level Wind guidelines and terms of references. Any additional work or next steps will be identified and discussed at Council this spring. Further, any necessary amendments to the recommended policy modifications to the adopted Official Plan as a result of the Shadow Study Guidelines and Terms of Reference or the Pedestrian Level Wind Study Guidelines and Terms of Reference discussion will be identified in the September Official Plan Project Update, Appendix 21 to PL-16-20.
Downtown Heritage Study	Through the work of ASI on the Scoped Re-Examination of the Official Plan Process, several potential cultural heritage resources and potential cultural heritage landscapes were identified. In January 2020 Council directed staff to study these potential resources and landscapes, as a next step. While the recommended modifications to the adopted Official Plan acknowledge the direction for further study and contain provisions for the review of any development applications that may be received before the study can be completed, it is anticipated that a report addressing the cost, scope and timing of the Heritage Study will be brought to Council in Q4 2020.
Phase 2 flood Study	Through work on the Flood Hazard and Scoped Stormwater Management Assessment completed by Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions (Wood) through the Scoped Re-Examination of the adopted Official Plan, Wood developed a 1-dimensional hydraulic model to inform future re-developments of flood risk within the Downtown. Likewise, a general floodplain management strategy, a SWM strategy, and potential hydraulic structure upgrades have been proposed which may assist in further reducing floodplain extents. However, further work was recommended to provide a more resolute level of detail to support future applications and incorporate LiDAR topographic data and land use information. The Phase 2 study will be undertaken following the endorsement of the recommended policy modifications the for the Official Plan for the Downtown.
Downtown	A set of Draft Downtown Burlington Placemaking and Urban Design Guidelines will be

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<p>Burlington Placemaking and Urban Design Guidelines</p>	<p>made available for an initial review in July 2020. These guidelines were developed by SGL Planning and Design given their significant experience with urban design and their heavy involvement in the public engagement processes associated with the Taking a Closer Look at the Downtown Official Plan project. PL-16-20 contains a recommendation to direct Community Planning staff to undertake an engagement process on the draft guidelines upon endorsement of the recommended modifications to the adopted Official Plan by Council which will include public and industry consultation as well as with internal service groups to ensure a coordinated and achievable implementation.</p>
<p>Core Commitment update</p>	<p>A number of implementing projects were identified out of the work through the Taking a Closer Look at the Downtown Official Plan project. Many of these items are logical next steps or have evolved out of modified policy directions to achieve the vision for the Downtown. Many of these initiatives have been identified as good candidates to be addresses through a new iteration of the Downtown Strategic Action Plan (Core Commitment). This initiative has historically been a joint cost and work sharing initiative between the City, BEDC and the Burlington Downtown Business Association.</p> <p>Staff will provide a report to Council identifying the costs, scope and next steps for this next iteration of the Downtown Strategic Action Plan following the completion of the Official Plan project.</p>
<p>Sustainable Building and Design Guidelines Review</p>	<p>The Sustainable Building and Development Guidelines were approved by Council on April 26, 2018, alongside the adoption of the new Official Plan. While the guidelines have been approved, the enabling Sustainable Design policies in the adopted Official Plan are subject to the review and approval of Halton Region. Pending the completion of the review of the adopted Official Plan by the Region, potential modifications to the sustainable design policies could be identified to ensure conformity with the Region’s Official Plan. The guidelines are currently being revised with a focus on implementation in alignment with the Climate Action Plan which was approved by Council on April 20, 2020. The revised guidelines are due to be complete by Q1 of 2021.</p>
<p>Comprehensive Zoning By-law Review</p>	<p>Upon the completion of the Taking a Closer Look at the Downtown Official Plan project, a Comprehensive Zoning By-law review process will need to be initiated. It is a recommendation of SGL Planning and Design that amendments necessitated out of the recommended modifications to the adopted Official Plan be prioritized to ensure alignment between the Zoning By-law and the Official Plan as soon as possible.</p>