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Proposed New Official Plan Update

March 28, 2018

Release of Proposed New Official Plan Recommended for Adoption

The proposed new Official Plan recommended for adoption has been released. The proposed new Official Plan (April 2018) contains revisions based on feedback received at the February 27, 2018 Statutory Public Meeting, and through written submissions. A copy of the proposed new Official Plan (April 2018) and other supporting documentation can be downloaded at: www.burlington.ca/newop.

A hard copy of the proposed new Official Plan will be available at all City library branches, and at City Hall, at both the Clerks and the Planning/Zoning counters.

City Hall is open between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

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to Burlington City Council at a meeting of the Planning and Development Committee on Tuesday, April 24 at 1:30 and 6:30 p.m. and, if required, Wednesday, April 25 at 9:30 a.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers.

A special Council meeting will immediately follow the Planning and Development Committee meeting.

If you wish to delegate you must register by noon on Monday April 23rd. Please visit the city's webpage to register to delegate: <https://www.burlington.ca/en/your-city/Delegation-Registration.asp>.

OPEN HOUSE: Updated Mapping for the Natural Heritage System and Agriculture System

The Province of Ontario recently released new mapping that relates to the Natural Heritage System and Agricultural System in Burlington. As a result, the City is now adding maps to its proposed new Official Plan to incorporate this new provincial mapping.

You are invited to an Open House to view these new maps and to ask questions of City and Regional staff about the new mapping and its implications and the process ahead that will lead to further refinements to these maps.

Monday April 9th

7:00 – 8:00 pm

Haber Community Centre, Community Room 2

3040 Tim Dobbie Drive

Background:

On July 1, 2017, the Province of Ontario approved a revised Provincial Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (GGH), which outlines policies for planning and managing growth in the GGH to the year 2041, and which includes the City of Burlington.

The revised Growth Plan policies recognize the importance of both a Natural Heritage System and an Agricultural System to the GGH. The protection of these resources is vitally important to the Plan's long term vision for the GGH.

The revised Plan states that the Province will map a Natural Heritage System for the GGH to support a comprehensive, integrated, and long-term approach to planning for the protection of the GGH's natural heritage and biodiversity. Municipalities are required to incorporate the Natural Heritage System as an overlay in their Official Plans, and apply appropriate policies to maintain, restore, or enhance the diversity and connectivity of the system and the long-term ecological or hydrologic functions of these features and areas.

The revised Plan also states that the Province will identify an Agricultural System for the GGH. Prime agricultural areas, including specialty crop areas, are to be designated in official plans in accordance with mapping identified by the Province and these areas must be protected for long-term use for agriculture in municipal Official Plans.

On February 9, 2018, the Province announced the release of the final mapping for both the Natural Heritage System and the Agricultural System for the GGH to support the Growth

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municipalities in the GGH, including the City of Burlington.

The City of Burlington will now be incorporating the Provincial Natural Heritage System and Agricultural System mapping as released by the Province into the mapping of its proposed new Official Plan, in order to conform to the Provincial Growth Plan. The mapping does not impact the Urban Area of Burlington.

In implementing the Natural Heritage System and Agricultural System, the Province permits municipalities to refine provincial mapping with greater precision in a manner that is consistent with the Growth Plan. However, this is only permitted as part of a “municipal comprehensive review,” which is a new official plan or an official plan amendment initiated by the upper-tier or single-tier municipality, in this case Halton Region, that comprehensively applies the policies and Schedules of the Growth Plan. The refinement of the Natural Heritage System and Agricultural System mapping will be undertaken on a Regional basis as part of the Region of Halton’s next Regional Official Plan Review. The City cannot make refinements to the mapping in the Burlington Official Plan until the Region completes its municipal comprehensive review through its Official Plan Review process. Any feedback provided at this open house will be shared with Regional staff to inform the municipal comprehensive review.

For a summary and a set of frequently asked questions, please visit the province’s website at: <http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/landuse/agsys-sum.htm>.

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Updated Mapping and Policies related to the Region's Employment Area

As noted in the March 20, 2018 elite email, staff have received feedback from the Region of Halton related to those lands being recommended for conversion within the Region's Employment Area overlay.

Throughout the Official Plan project it was acknowledged that no decision could be made on lands within the Region's Employment Area until the Region completed its municipal comprehensive review. Further it was acknowledged that the City analysis was to be forwarded to the Region to be considered through that process.

In order to support the demonstration of conformity with the Regional Official Plan the Urban Structure schedule has been modified to show the full extent of the Region's Employment Area overlay and a new Appendix A: "Urban Structure Vision" has been included. The policies of the plan have been modified to, among other things, identify the municipal comprehensive review and the goals of the employment land conversion recommendations presented in policy and shown within Appendix A. This approach details the City's long term urban structure needs given its context as a built out municipality.

The modifications to schedules, policies and mapping are now available for review

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Plan. The approach will be documented in the forthcoming staff report that recommends adoption of the new Official Plan.

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Memo providing answers to outstanding questions raised by members of Council

A memo was prepared for Council and released as part of the [March 23, 2018 Council Information Package](#). The memo provides answers to outstanding questions raised by members of Council at the Planning and Building (P&D) Committee on:

- February 6, 2018, which served as a continuation of the November 30 meeting. This meeting focused on sections of the proposed new Official Plan that relate to growth management, housing, implementation, interpretation and selected components of the Downtown Precinct Plan (i.e. Upper Brant); and,
- February 28, 2018 which served as a continuation of the February 27 statutory public meeting on the proposed new Official Plan (February 2018 version).

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**Sincerely,
The Official Plan team**

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