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*things to
know about
Burlington's
new Official Plan*

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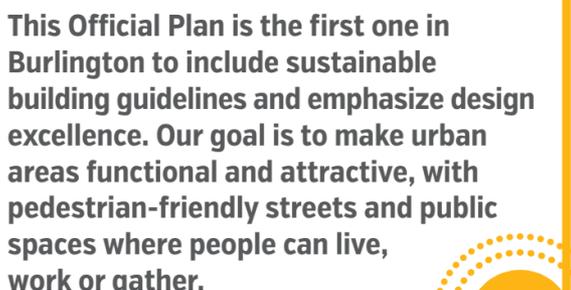
Burlington's new Official Plan was adopted by Burlington City Council in April. The new plan outlines how and where land can be developed as our city grows.

The Official Plan protects what residents value – our waterfront, neighbourhoods and the rural community. The plan also allows for new neighbourhoods, more housing choices, more green space, better transit connections and improved walkability.

Here are seven important things to know about the plan:

1 Engagement

The Official Plan directly affects you, so we built public engagement into the process. Since 2011, we've held 120 public meetings and workshops, hosted online surveys and social media polls and spoken at community events. You helped fine-tune the four versions of the plan.



2 Design

This Official Plan is the first one in Burlington to include sustainable building guidelines and emphasize design excellence. Our goal is to make urban areas functional and attractive, with pedestrian-friendly streets and public spaces where people can live, work or gather.



- ✓ Sustainable Building Guidelines
- ✓ Urban Design Guidelines
- ✓ Tall Building Guidelines
- ✓ Urban Design Advisory Panel

3 Jobs

The plan protects employment areas and supports the retention of existing jobs and the attraction of new jobs. We're also encouraging employment in mixed-use intensification areas, including mobility hubs (near transit stations).



38% of jobs in Halton are in Burlington

33.7% – Knowledge-based and institutional, e.g. finance, law, hospitals, schools (29,580)

37.4% – Population related, e.g. retail, hotel, restaurants, medical offices (32,783)

28.9% – Employment land, e.g. manufacturing, construction, warehousing (25,317)

Source: 2017 Halton Region Employment Survey

4 Housing

The majority of growth in the city will be in downtown and around the city's GO transit stations, with more housing choices, including rentals. We're supporting a mix of housing options to provide opportunities for households of all sizes, ages and incomes.

Private dwellings

by structural type, as of 2016:



Source: 2016 Census

Housing units

completed in 2017 by type:



Source: CMHC Starts and Completions Survey

5 Transportation

Instead of building more roads or widening our existing streets, the plan provides for more choices to get around the city, including improved transit services, new cycling networks and more sidewalks for walking. To encourage sustainable modes of transportation, we are integrating land use and transportation planning by locating housing, jobs and shopping closer together. We have also introduced "Frequent Transit Corridors" which are key streets that will service Burlington's growth areas with improved transit reliability, frequency and better connections to surrounding communities.

Daily drives in Burlington



56% of daily drives could be replaced by walking, cycling and transit.

6 Rural

More than half of Burlington is greenbelt, with uses that include agriculture, natural heritage and recreation. Farming is an important economic driver for our community and the new plan supports viable farming operations and advocates for local food production.



7 Parks/Neighbourhoods

In the new plan, intensification in established neighbourhoods is discouraged. Our neighbourhoods and parks will see limited change over time while maintaining their role in the city. We're directing growth to areas around the GO transit stations called mobility hubs, along with other key areas. New investments like separated bike lanes, more and wider sidewalks, benches, paths and trails will contribute to the creation of walkable, people-centred neighbourhoods.

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