



REPORT

REPORT TO: Mayor Bonnette and Members of Council

REPORT FROM: Damian Szybalski, Manager of Sustainability

DATE: June 27, 2014

REPORT NO.: PDS-2014-0050

RE: Green Development Standards Study – OPA No. 19
Recommendation Report
File No. D08-GR OPA No. 19

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report No. PDS-2014-0050, dated June 27, 2014, regarding Official Plan Amendment No. 19, pertaining to the Green Development Standards Study be received;

AND FURTHER that Council endorse the recommendations of this report responding to comments received on the draft Official Plan Amendment;

AND FURTHER THAT Town of Halton Hills Official Plan Amendment No. 19 pertaining to the Green Development Standards Study, dated June 2014 and attached to this report as Appendix 2, be adopted as an exempt Local Official Plan Amendment.

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

The purpose of this report is to:

- Summarize comments received on the draft Official Plan Amendment No. 19;
- Provide an overview of minor refinements proposed to Official Plan Amendment No. 19;
- Obtain Council's adoption of the final Official Plan Amendment No. 19; and
- Outline next steps.

BACKGROUND:

Through the recommendations of Report No. PDS-2014-0038 (dated May 22, 2014), Council was presented with a draft Official Plan Amendment pertaining to the Green

Development Standards Study. This report served as a basis for the June 9, 2014 Statutory Public meeting.

In the course of preparing the Green Development Standards, Council considered several reports:

- PDS-2014-0038: <http://haltonhills.ca/calendars/2014/PDS-2014-0038.pdf>
- PDS-2014-0022: <http://haltonhills.ca/calendars/2014/PDS-2014-0022.pdf>
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- PDS-2012-0063: www.haltonhills.ca/calendars/2012/PDS-2012-0063.pdf

COMMENTS:

1. Official Plan Amendment No. 19

Official Plan Amendment No. 19 has been prepared to enhance the Town's existing Official Plan policies which pre-date the Green Development Standards Study. The Amendment is intended to:

- Clearly articulate the Town's expectations with respect to sustainable development; and
- Integrate the Green Development Standards into the planning process.

To accomplish this, the following Official Plan sections are recommended to be amended:

- Community Vision (Section A1)
- Goals and Strategic Objectives (Section A2)
- Environmental Management Policies (Part C)
- Site Plan Control (Section G8)
- Pre-Consultation and Complete Application Requirements (Section G12)

Appendix 1 to this report contains the track changes made to the draft Amendment. Appendix 2 contains the Amendment with the track changes accepted.

2. Statutory Public Meeting

A Statutory Public Meeting pertaining to draft Official Plan Amendment No. 19 was held on June 9, 2014. There were no persons in attendance at that time that expressed an interest in the matter. The Minutes of the Statutory Public Meeting are attached as Appendix 3 to this report.

3. Agency Comments

The deadline for comments on the proposed Official Plan Amendment No. 19 was June 16, 2014. Formal comments were received from:

- Halton Region;
- Grand River Conservation Authority; and
- Niagara Escarpment Commission.

In a letter dated June 18, 2014, Halton Region did not object to the approval of the Amendment, subject to minor refinements. These refinements included minor edits to:

- Section A1;
- Section A2.11.2;
- Section C18; and
- Section C18.1.

Both, Grand River Conservation Authority and the Niagara Escarpment Commission had no objections.

In addition to the above, an e-mail inquiry was received from the Halton District School Board regarding the relationship between the Town's Green Development Standards and the School Board's own requirements for school construction, as well clarification as to the area to which the Standards apply. Town staff have responded to this inquiry with relevant information.

4. Recommended Revisions to Official Plan Amendment No. 19

In light of the comments received on draft Official Plan Amendment No. 19, only minor revisions are recommended. Importantly, these are largely of a housekeeping nature and do not have a material impact on the draft Amendment. Recommended revisions include:

- In Section A1, added a reference to cultural, economic, environmental and social well-being which aligns with the Community Sustainability Strategy. In addition, improved community design, more active transportation, efficient infrastructure use, stormwater management and lower long-term operating costs were added as examples of sustainable development benefits.
- In Section A2.11.2, clarified the meaning of an "energy efficient mix" of land uses.
- In Section C18:
 - To be consistent with the criteria categories of the Green Development Standards, added a reference to water quality, natural environment and communication.

- Clarified that only applicable development applications are subject to the Green Development Standards as not all applications (e.g. renovations and expansions of existing buildings) are currently subject to the Standards.

5. Next Steps

Once Council passes Official Plan Amendment No. 19, the Clerk of the municipality must issue a notice of adoption within 15 days. Notice of adoption of the Official Plan Amendment initiates the 20 day appeal period. If there are no appeals, the Official Plan Amendment comes into effect. If appeals are received, the matter goes before the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) and the Official Plan Amendment is not in full force and effect until the appeal(s) are addressed by the OMB.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN:

Sustainability is one of ten Council priorities identified in the Strategic Plan. Hence, the Amendment and the Green Development Standards will enable the Town to fulfill its sustainability objectives, and directly support numerous Strategic Objectives and Strategic Actions, including:

- A.6: To develop innovative programs and partnerships related to sustainable design and energy efficiency.
- B.5: To conserve energy through community design, land use planning, transportation planning, and the design/retrofitting of public and private buildings.
- G.5: To ensure that new growth contributes in a positive manner to the Town's short and long term economic and fiscal viability and sustainability.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no direct financial impact associated with this report.

COMMUNICATIONS IMPACT:

Notification that this recommendation report is on the Council Agenda was provided to the Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD) and Halton Region, as well as the project's Steering and Technical Advisory Committees. Notification of Adoption of Official Plan Amendment No. 19 will be provided in accordance with the statutory obligations under the *Planning Act*.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:

The Town is committed to implementing our Community Sustainability Strategy, Imagine Halton Hills. Doing so will lead to a higher quality of life. The relationship between this report and the Strategy is summarized below:

Do the report's recommendations advance the Strategy's implementation?

Yes No N/A

Which pillar(s) of sustainability does this report support?

Cultural Vibrancy Economic Prosperity N/A
 Environmental Health Social Well-Being

By requiring more sustainable and efficient approaches to new development, the Green Development Standards advance the Vision of the Community Sustainability Strategy as well as its numerous themes, including Green Economy, Land Use, Infrastructure, Energy, Natural Heritage, Natural Resources, Water, Air Quality & Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Consumption & Waste Generation, Biodiversity and Housing. There are also linkages to the "Preparing for change in our climate" report prepared by the Town Environmental Advisory Committee.

The new Standards also support several Green Plan recommendations, including #17, 25 and 26 which pertain to sustainable development practices, energy efficiency, and engagement of the development and building industry.

Lastly, the Standards' objectives align with those being considered for the Vision Georgetown Secondary Plan exercise, and complement the Town's own commitment to more efficient development, as demonstrated by Council's approval of a Corporate Sustainable Building Policy for municipal facilities.

Overall, the alignment of this report with the Community Sustainability Strategy is:

Excellent Very Good Good Fair N/A

CONSULTATION:

Significant stakeholder consultation, including with the development industry, has occurred during the course of the Green Development Standards Study. The project's Steering and Technical committees have been engaged throughout the project's duration. In addition, an industry workshop/information session on the Green Development Standards was widely advertised and held on May 28, 2014.

Going forward, an on-going working group will be established with interested industry stakeholders with the objective of ensuring the successful implementation of the Green Development Standards.

CONCLUSION:

This report has:

- Summarized comments received on the draft Official Plan Amendment No. 19;
- Provided an overview of minor refinements proposed to Official Plan Amendment No. 19;
- Sought Council's adoption of the final Official Plan Amendment No. 19; and
- Outlined next steps.

Respectfully submitted,

Damian Szybalski, M.Sc.PI, MCIP, RPP
Manager of Sustainability

John Linhardt, M.PI., MCIP, RPP
Director of Planning, Development
and Sustainability

David Smith
Chief Administrative Officer

**APPENDIX 1 to Report No. PDS-2014-0050
-Official Plan Amendment No. 19 with Track Changes-**



BY-LAW NO. 2014-

A By-law to adopt Amendment No. 19 to the Official Plan of the
Town of Halton Hills
Green Development Standards

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills, is empowered to enact this By-law by virtue of the provisions of the Planning Act, 1990, R.S.O., c. P 13, as amended;

AND WHEREAS the Regional Municipality of Halton, as the approval authority, has exempted this Official Plan Amendment from their approval;

AND WHEREAS on Date, Council for the Town of Halton Hills approved/adopted Report No. Report Number, dated Date of Report, in which certain recommendations were made relating to the Halton Hills Green Development Standards Study.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. That Amendment No. 19 to the Official Plan of the Town of Halton Hills, being the attached text and schedules is hereby adopted;
2. That the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to circulate the Official Plan Amendment as provided for by the Planning Act regulating the appeal process.

BY-LAW read and passed by the Council for the Town of Halton Hills this ____ day of _____, 2014.

MAYOR – Rick Bonnette

TOWN CLERK – Suzanne Jones

AMENDMENT NO. 19
TO THE OFFICIAL PLAN
FOR THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

Town of Halton Hills
Green Development Standards Study and Policies

AMENDMENT NO. 19

TO THE OFFICIAL PLAN FOR THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

PART A – THE PREAMBLE does not constitute part of the Amendment.

PART B – THE AMENDMENT, consisting of the following text and schedules, constitutes Amendment No. 19 to the Official Plan for the Town of Halton Hills.

PART C – THE APPENDICES - does not constitute part of the Amendment, but is included for information purposes only.

AMENDMENT NO. 19 TO THE OFFICIAL PLAN
OF THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

The attached text and schedules constitute Amendment No. 19 to the Official Plan of the Town of Halton Hills, which was adopted by the Council of the Town of Halton Hills by By-law 2014-_____ in accordance with the provisions of the Planning Act, 1990, R.S.O., c.P. 13, as amended;

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

MAYOR – R. Bonnette

CLERK – S. Jones

Part A – The Preamble

1. Purpose of the Amendment

The purpose of this Amendment is to implement the recommendations resulting from the Town of Halton Hills Green Development Standards Study. The Amendment facilitates the implementation of sustainable development practices through enhanced performance related to energy conservation, water conservation, air quality, waste management, transportation, community design, natural environment, innovation and communication. It also advances relevant goals of the Halton Hills Integrated Community Sustainability Strategy, Imagine Halton Hills. The Amendment makes amendments to sections "A1 The Community Vision"; "A2 Goals and Strategic Objectives"; "Part C – Environmental Management Policies"; "G8 Site Plan Control", and "G12 – Pre-Consultation and Complete Application Requirements".

2. Location

Amendment No. 19 applies Town-wide.

The intent is for the Green Development Standards to be considered as part of the comprehensive Vision Georgetown planning process.

3. Basis of the Amendment

Buildings are major users of energy and natural resources. They generate waste, air pollution, greenhouse gas emissions, and impact the health and productivity of residents, workers and visitors.

Recognizing this, in 2010, Town of Halton Hills Council approved a 'first-generation' Green Development Evaluation Checklist. This award-winning Checklist has been applied to new major ground-related residential projects. Proponents were required to review and complete the Checklist, and demonstrate compliance to the fullest extent feasible based on best industry practices. The Town's conditions for water servicing allocation were amended to require compliance with the Green Development Evaluation Checklist.

Building on the Green Development Evaluation Checklist, the Green Development Standards Study and the associated Official Plan Amendment No. 19 respond to the following:

- Limitations of the existing Green Development Evaluation Checklist, specifically:
 - Application only to new major ground-related residential projects.
 - Focus on the function of individual dwellings rather than on broader community design.
 - Compliance verification limitations.
- Need to clearly articulate the Town's expectations with respect to sustainable development as an outcome of the Green Development Standards Study, and integrate the same into the planning process;
- Need for a more comprehensive set of sustainable high-performance development criteria that fully address the objectives of the Halton Hills Official Plan;

- Need to incorporate relevant amendments made by Bill 51 (Planning and Conservation Land Statute Law Amendment Act) to the Planning Act, specifically changes to Site Plan Control provisions which now give the Town of Halton Hills the ability to address certain additional matters relating to sustainable design.

To reflect recommendations of the Green Development Standards Study and meet objectives of the Halton Hills Official Plan, Amendment No. 19 makes changes to:

- Community Vision (Section A1)
- Goals and Strategic Objectives (Section A2)
- Environmental Management Policies (Part C)
- Site Plan Control (Section G8)
- Pre-Consultation and Complete Application Requirements (Section G12)

Part B – The Amendment

All of this part of the document entitled **PART B – THE AMENDMENT**, consisting of the following text and schedules, constitutes Amendment No. 19 to the Official Plan for the Town of Halton Hills.

Details of the Amendment

The Official Plan of the Town of Halton Hills is hereby amended as follows:

1. That Section A1 be amended by adding the following at the end of the current Section A1:

~~Through a variety of successful initiatives, the Town~~ is taking numerous steps towards achieving a sustainable community ~~characterized by cultural, economic, environmental and social well-being, through a variety of successful initiatives and~~ sustainable development is an important component of ~~achieving this objective, the~~ Sustainable development is often defined as development meeting the needs of the present ~~generation~~ without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. The benefits of sustainable development ~~are include a~~ reduction in the environmental footprint through a variety of measures that include ~~reducing~~ improving water, energy ~~and~~ land consumption, ~~minimizing~~ reducing construction waste and contaminants, and ~~improving air quality and improving air quality and the natural environment, the natural environment. Additional benefits include improved community design, support of active transportation, efficient infrastructure use, stormwater management and lower long-term building operating costs.~~

As part of achieving a sustainable community there has been ~~a~~ recognition of the need for sustainable building and development practices to use fewer resources during the construction process, and to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions and long-term operating costs of buildings."

2. That a new section A2.11 be added as follows:

A2.11 Sustainable Community Development

A2.11.1 Goal

To promote community development in a manner that is sustainable for present and future generations.

A2.11.2 Strategic Objectives

- ~~a) To develop an energy efficient mix of land uses in urban areas by integrating land use planning with energy conservation practices that take into account community layout, building types and densities, mix of uses and other factors that contribute to creating efficient, vibrant, compact, complete and healthy communities.~~
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c) To promote sustainable site and building design and construction techniques in new development that reduce energy and water consumption, improve air and water quality, encourage alternative modes of transportation, provide for enhanced natural environment conditions, and improve waste management.

d) To promote a total and per capita reduction in energy and water consumption in all sectors by encouraging retrofitting of existing buildings and facilities."

3. That a new Section C-1.s) be added as follows:

"s) Identify means for ensuring that new development is built in a more sustainable manner, including the implementation of green development standards."

4. That a new Section C-18 be added as follows:

***C-18 GREEN DEVELOPMENT**

To ensure that the goals and strategic objectives of this Plan to facilitate sustainable development practices are addressed through development applications, all applicable development applications in the Town shall promote the following goals through the use of technologies, innovations, features, landscaping, site plans, subdivision plans and any other means available to the developer:

- Energy conservation;
- Water conservation and quality;
- Natural environment;
- Air quality;
- Waste management;
- Communication; and
- Transportation and/or Community Design.

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A development application will be deemed to have met the above goals if it meets the requirements of the Green Development Standards adopted by Council, and as amended from time to time, to provide detailed direction for the implementation of this policy."

5. That Section G8 be amended by adding the following at the end of the first paragraph:

"Prior to the consideration of an application for Site Plan Control approval, Council shall be satisfied that the proposal conforms to Section 41(4) of the Planning Act, as amended."

6. That a new Section G12.3.o) be added as follows:

"o) Green Development Standards Checklist. The intent is to demonstrate that the development meets the goals of the Official Plan to provide for sustainable building and development and to be consistent with Section C-18 of this Plan."

PART C
THE APPENDICES

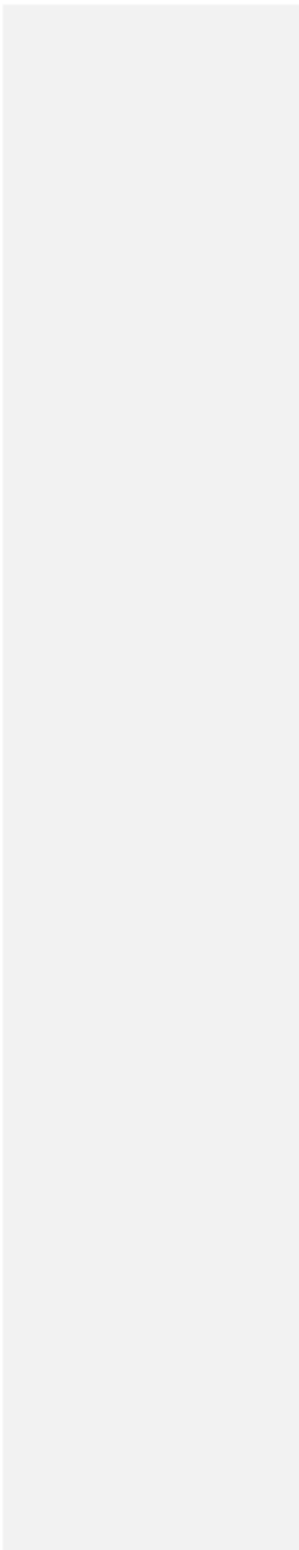


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Final Green Development Standards http://haltonhills.ca/calendars/2014/Green%20Development%20Standards%20Study.pdf	March 2014
Draft Official Plan Amendment No. 19 http://haltonhills.ca/initiatives/GreenBuildingStudy.php	May 15, 2014

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APPENDIX 2 to Report No. PDS-2014-0050
-Final *Official Plan Amendment No. 19*-



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APPENDIX 3 to Report No. PDS-2014-0050
-The Minutes of the Statutory Public Meeting-

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June 9, 2014

APPENDIX A



MINUTES

PUBLIC MEETING-2014-0002

Official Plan Amendment No. 19 – Green Development Standards Study

Minutes of the Public Meeting held on Monday, June 9, 2014 at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, Town of Halton Hills Civic Centre, 1 Halton Hills Drive.

Councillor A. Lawlor chaired the meeting.

Councillor A. Lawlor advised the following:

The purpose of this Public Meeting is to inform and provide the public with the opportunity to ask questions, or to express views with respect to an Official Plan amendment pertaining to the Green Development Standards Study. The Councillors are here to observe and listen to your comments; however, they will not make any decisions this evening.

As the Chair, I am informing you that when Council makes a decision, should you disagree with that decision, the Planning Act provides you with an opportunity to appeal the decision to the Ontario Municipal Board for a hearing. Please note that if a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the Town of Halton Hills before the decision is made, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Town of Halton Hills to the Ontario Municipal Board. In addition, if a person or public body does not make oral submission at a public meeting, or make written comments to the Town of Halton Hills before the decision is made, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board, unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so. You may wish to talk to Planning staff regarding further information on the appeal process.

The Planning Act requires that at least one Public Meeting be held.

The format of this Public Meeting is as follows:

- The Town's Manager of Sustainability, Damian Szybalski, will generally explain the purpose and details of the proposed Official Plan amendment;
- Next, the public can obtain clarification, ask any questions and express their views on the draft amendment.

Town staff will attempt to answer questions or respond to concerns this evening. If this is not possible, staff will follow up and obtain this information. Responses will be provided when this matter is brought forward and evaluated by Council at a later date.

The Chair asked if there were any persons in attendance who were interested in this public meeting and no persons came forward.

The Chair noted for the record that there were no persons present who had an interest in this matter. The Chair declared the Public Meeting closed. The Chair stated that staff will report at a future date with a recommendation concerning the proposed draft Official Plan amendment pertaining to the Green Development Standards Study. If any persons wished to receive further notice of consideration of this proposal, they should leave their name with staff outside of the Council Chambers.

The Public Meeting Closed at 7:04 p.m.

Rick Bonnette MAYOR

Suzanne Jones CLERK