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Vision Georgetown: Kick-off Public Information Session

John Elliott Theatre, Georgetown

Monday, September 16, 2013



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Meeting Agenda

- Opening Remarks
- Presentation
- Q&A
- Plenary Discussion
- Next Steps
- Closing Remarks





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Presentation Overview

- Planning Context
- Process and Timing
- Project Team
- Current Status
- Opportunities to Participate
- Who to Contact
- Next Steps





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STUDY AREA – 1,000 acres



Georgetown Urban Area is 4,700 acres

Halton Hills has a total land area of 68,700 acres



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BACKGROUND



Province of Ontario
Growth Plan (2006)



Region of Halton – Sustainable Halton
Regional Official Plan Amendment No. 38
(Adopted 2009)

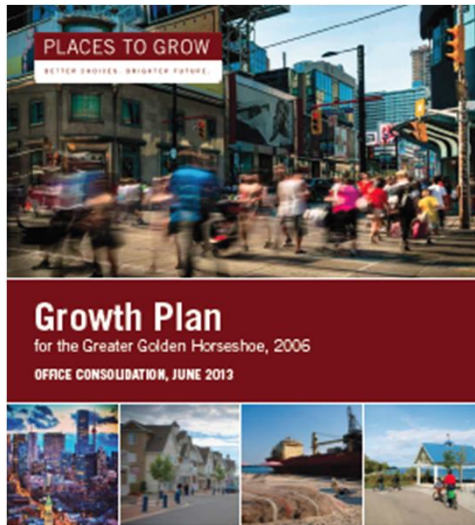


Town of Halton Hills
Official Plan Amendment No. 10 (Adopted 2010)



Town of Halton Hills - Vision Georgetown

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO Growth Plan (2006)

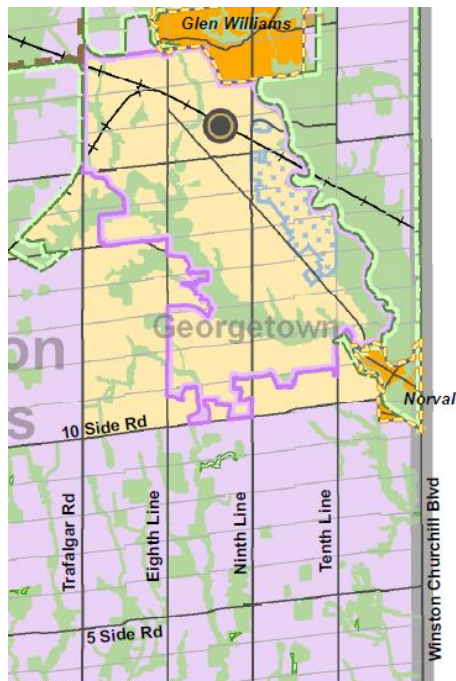


- Allocated 130,000 people and 50,000 jobs to Halton Region between 2021 and 2031
- Requires new communities to be developed at an average density of 50 residents/jobs per hectare
- Regional and local Official Plans must conform to Growth Plan



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REGION OF HALTON Sustainable Halton/ Region Official Plan Amendment (ROPA) No 38



- Urban Area
- Built Boundary

- Growth Allocation - 20,000 people and 13,590 jobs to Halton Hills between 2021 and 2031
- Residential Component – about 19,000 to Study Area along with 1,700 jobs
- Most of new jobs to be in 401 Corridor
- Moderate scale of growth to 2031
- Balance of greenfield growth to Milton (70,000), and growth through intensification to Burlington and Oakville
- Halton Hills required to conform to ROPA 38



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REGION OF HALTON Servicing

- **Water Servicing**
 - New Lake-based water supply to subject lands, Georgetown South
 - New pumping station and water main on Trafalgar Road
- **Wastewater Servicing**
 - Subject lands and Georgetown South flows to Mid-Halton WWTP
 - Sewer main on Eighth Line

REGION OF HALTON Transportation

- Steeles Avenue (in progress) 2 to 4 lanes
- Ninth Line (2016) 2 to 4 lanes (10 Side Road to Steeles)
- Trafalgar Road (2018, 2019) 2 to 4 lanes (Hwy. 7 to Steeles)
- Winston Churchill Blvd. (2019) 2 to 4 lanes (2 km s. of 5 Side Road to 10 Side Road/WC Blvd. by-pass)
- Steeles Avenue (2025, 2028) 4 to 6 lanes
- 10 Side Road (2031) 2 to 4 lanes (Trafalgar Rd. to WC Blvd by-pass)
- Norval By-Pass; WC Blvd. By-pass (future EA's)



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COUNCIL'S VISION

Council has expressed a desire to create a significantly different community on the subject lands than has developed in Halton Hills to date:

- More people-friendly;
- More community-oriented;
- Cleaner, greener, and more sustainable;
- More walkable, cycling-friendly, and less dependent on cars;
- More “people-gathering” places and different styles of parks;
- More compact urban design in order to encourage greater social interaction

TOWN OF HALTON HILLS Official Plan Amendment No. 10



- Identified subject lands as Future Residential Mixed Use Area to accommodate growth – 2021 to 2031
- Housing mix 46% low density, 32% medium density and 22% high density*
- Density of subject lands to be 55-60 residents and jobs/hectare

* This housing mix applies to both greenfield and intensification growth in the Town as a whole.



TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

Official Plan Amendment No. 10

Objectives for the new development area:

- To integrate new development into the fabric of the existing community of Georgetown
- To be developed as a *complete community* (compact pedestrian-friendly neighbourhoods, a mix of housing types, community facilities, commercial centres, and open spaces)
- To be developed to a high standard of urban design

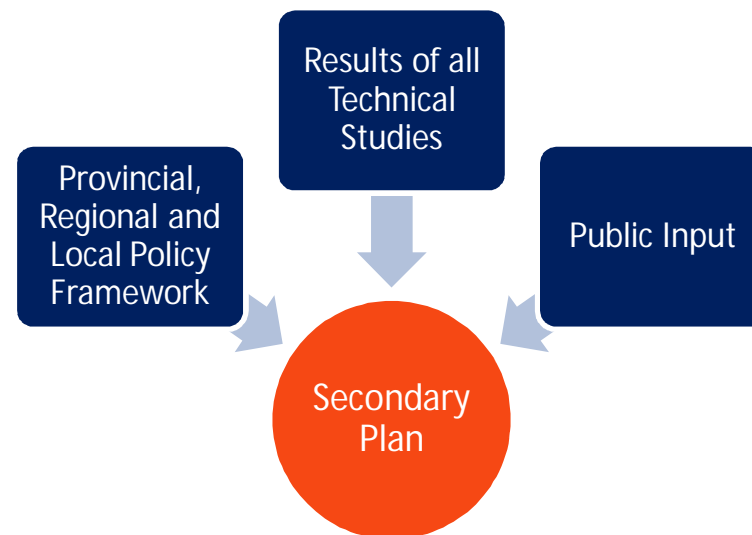


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TOWN OF HALTON HILLS A Consulting Team has been Retained to Prepare Secondary Plan

- Meridian Planning has been retained to project manage the preparation of the required Secondary Plan

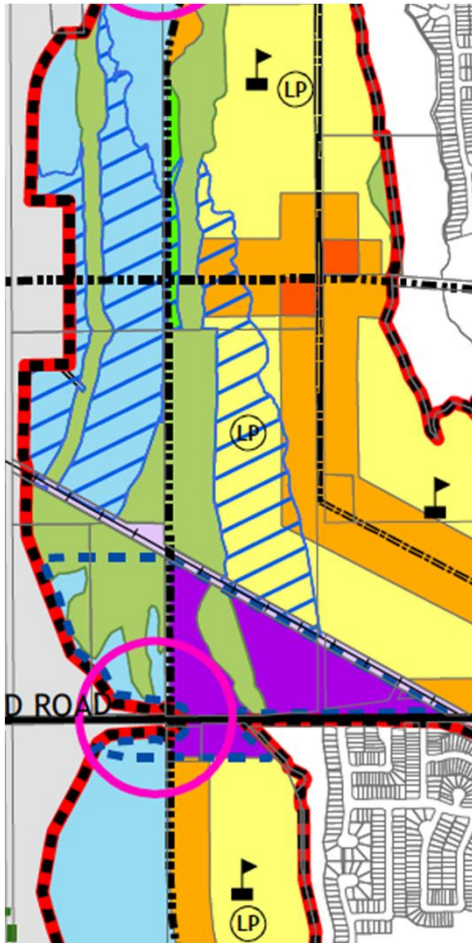




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What is a Secondary Plan?

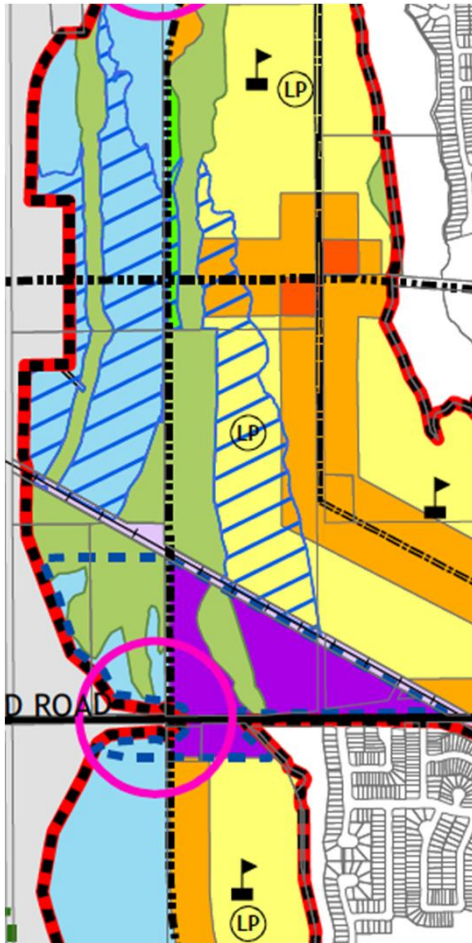


- Is a plan that sets out where all land uses are to be located (residential, commercial, schools, parks).
- Environmental areas are identified and protected.
- Improvements to infrastructure and road upgrades are identified.
- The design and walkability of the new community will be a key consideration.
- Public input will be invaluable.



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TOWN OF HALTON HILLS Integrated Planning Process

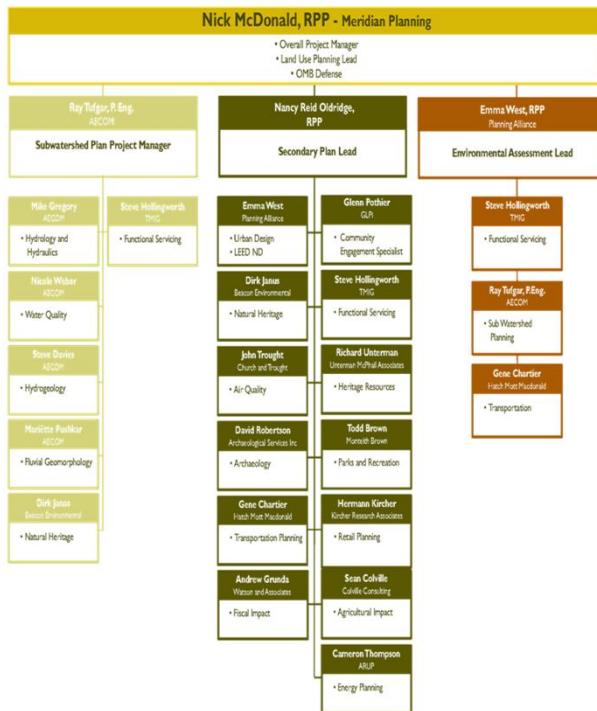


- The Study will also identify improvements to infrastructure and will proceed in accordance with Schedule B of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) process.
- This Study will be based on an “integrated approach” as set out in Section A.2.9 of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment.



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TOWN OF HALTON HILLS Project Disciplines



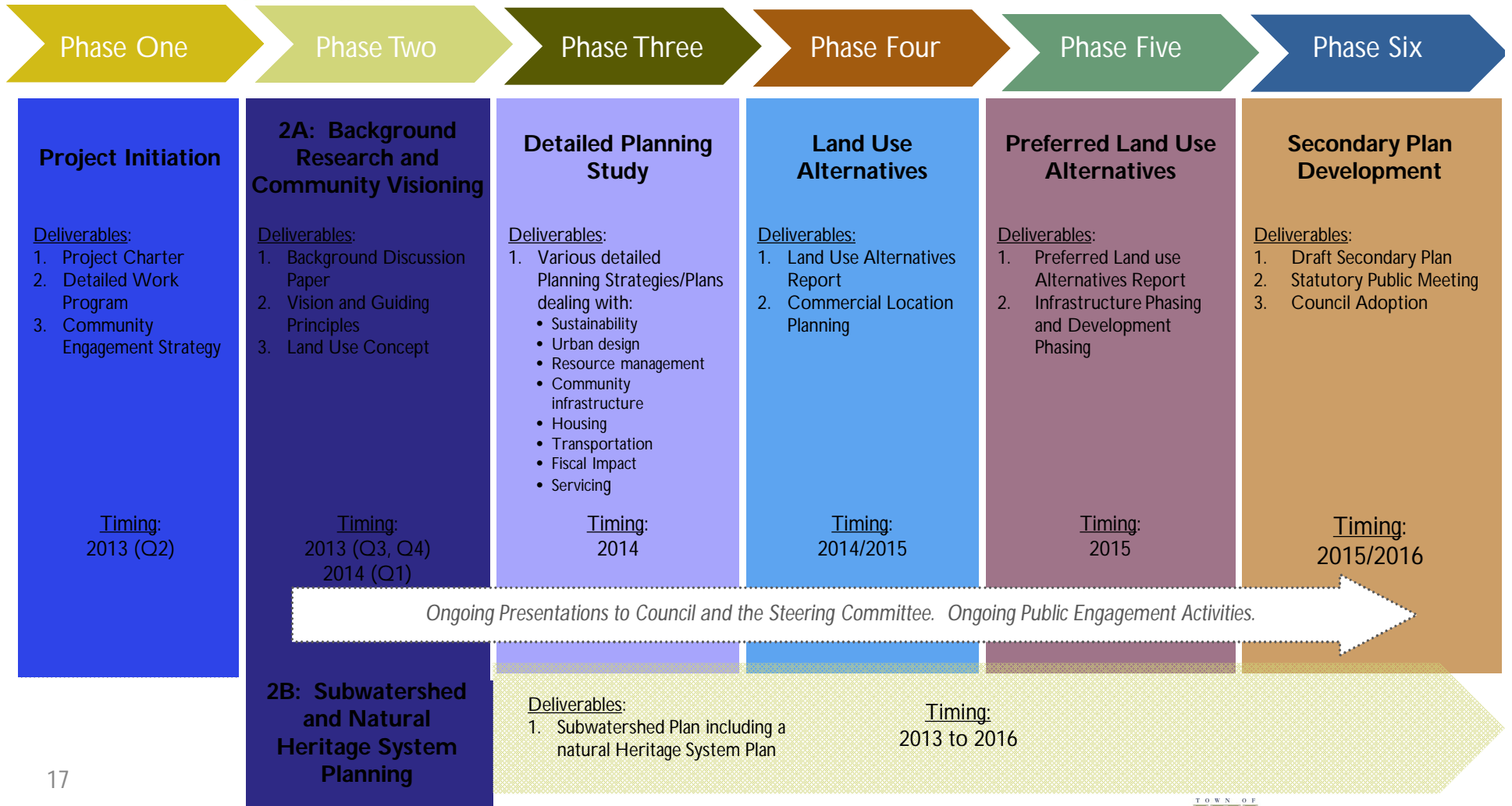
- Planning and urban design
- Environmental
- Infrastructure and transportation
- Financial impact and retail needs
- Parks and facilities planning
- Agricultural impact
- Built heritage and archaeological
- Air quality



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Process and Timing





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Current Status

- Phase One (*Project Initiation*) is complete:
 - Project Charter
 - Detailed Work Program
 - Community Engagement Strategy
- Phase Two (*Information Gathering and Community Visioning*) has been initiated:
 - Policy Background Report (Fall 2012)
 - Visioning Workshops (Fall 2012)
 - Vision and Guiding Principles (End of 2012)
 - Land Use Concept Workshops (Early 2013)
 - Land Use Concept (Early 2013)



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Community Engagement Strategy

Consultation Principles:

The Team commits to...

- Providing the information required to stimulate discussion and promote meaningful participation;
- Ensuring reasonable access for input through both formal and less structured opportunities to participate;
- Reaching out to the broader community;
- Giving consideration to all input;
- Being accountable;
- Acting with purpose;
- Promoting a cooperative and productive consultation environment;
- Encouraging, not forcing consensus; and
- Protecting the public interest.



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Community Engagement Strategy

Engagement Objectives:

- To meaningfully engage and gather input ...
- To ensure that residents, landowners, community, stakeholders are made aware of the importance of the initiative ...
- To foster an environment that is conducive to substantive dialogue ...
- To inspire confidence ...
- To identify and involve community groups (e.g. youth) ...
- To present a well integrated/seamless project progression ...
- To establish and reinforce realistic expectations regarding what is feasible ...

Opportunities to Participate

Phase	Consultation Events	Timing
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Information Session Community Visioning Workshop Community Land Use Workshop 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> September 16th November 2nd Winter 2014
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open House and Presentation of Detailed Planning Studies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2014
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Events to be held to obtain input on the Draft Land Use Alternative 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2015
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Events to be held to obtain input on the Preferred Land Use Alternative 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2015
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open House and Presentation of Draft Secondary Plan Statutory Public Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2016

Note: On-line surveys, newsletters and website updates will be an on-going part of the process to keep you informed.



Who to Contact

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Next Steps

The next key date is Saturday November 2,
2013 – Community Visioning Workshop

We look forward to seeing you there

Current Status

Some work has also been initiated to assess the 'existing conditions', dealing with:

- Natural Heritage
- Cultural Heritage
- Archaeology
- Agriculture
- Transportation and Servicing
- Parks and Recreational Facilities

Additional 'detailed planning studies' to be initiated later in the process to assess:

- Energy Conservation
- Water Conservation
- Stormwater Management
- Community Infrastructure
- Housing
- Sustainability
- Urban Design
- Air Quality
- Fiscal Impact



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Plenary Discussion

Question #1:

What characteristics contribute to a great neighbourhood? Please identify your top 3 priorities.

- A range of housing types
- Bicycle paths
- Encourage social interaction
- Natural areas/woodlands
- Passive parks
- Safety
- Walking paths
- Visually interesting
- Active parks
- Community centres
- Environmentally conscious (rain barrels, energy star appliances, solar panels, etc.)
- Neighbourhood schools
- Public transit
- Others?



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Plenary Discussion

Question #2:

What communities are you aware of that have been well-planned? What makes them so?



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Plenary Discussion

Question #3:

What are the positive attributes of Georgetown today – what are the strengths on which we want to build?



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Plenary Discussion

Question #4:

In developing this community, what do we want to avoid?



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Plenary Discussion

Question #5:

Complete this sentence: "I will know that this new community in Georgetown has been well-designed if..."