Vision Georgetown: Kick-off Public Information Session

John Elliott Theatre, Georgetown
Monday, September 16, 2013
Meeting Agenda

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

- Planning Context
- Process and Timing
- Project Team
- Current Status
- Opportunities to Participate
- Who to Contact
- Next Steps
STUDY AREA – 1,000 acres

Georgetown Urban Area is 4,700 acres

Halton Hills has a total land area of 68,700 acres
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
REGION OF HALTON
Sustainable Halton/ Region Official Plan Amendment (ROPA) No 38

- 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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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
• 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)
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
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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.
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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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

BE PART OF PLANNING FOR THESE LANDS

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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.
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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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
Process and Timing

Phase One: Project Initiation
- Deliverables:
  1. Project Charter
  2. Detailed Work Program
  3. Community Engagement Strategy
- Timing: 2013 (Q2)

Phase Two: 2A: Background Research and Community Visioning
- Deliverables:
  1. Background Discussion Paper
  2. Vision and Guiding Principles
  3. Land Use Concept
- Timing: 2013 (Q3, Q4) 2014 (Q1)

Phase Three: Detailed Planning Study
- Deliverables:
  1. Various detailed Planning Strategies/Plans dealing with:
     - Sustainability
     - Urban design
     - Resource management
     - Community infrastructure
     - Housing
     - Transportation
     - Fiscal Impact
     - Servicing
- Timing: 2014

Phase Four: Land Use Alternatives
- Deliverables:
  1. Land Use Alternatives Report
  2. Commercial Location Planning

Phase Five: Preferred Land Use Alternatives
- Deliverables:
  1. Preferred Land use Alternatives Report
  2. Infrastructure Phasing and Development Phasing
- Timing: 2015

Phase Six: Secondary Plan Development
- Deliverables:
  1. Draft Secondary Plan
  2. Statutory Public Meeting
  3. Council Adoption

Ongoing Presentations to Council and the Steering Committee. Ongoing Public Engagement Activities.

2B: Subwatershed and Natural Heritage System Planning
- Deliverables:
  1. Subwatershed Plan including a natural Heritage System Plan
- Timing: 2013 to 2016

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• 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)
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.
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

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| 2     | • Community Information Session  
• Community Visioning Workshop  
• Community Land Use Workshop | • September 16<sup>th</sup>  
• November 2<sup>nd</sup>  
• Winter 2014                  |
| 3     | • Open House and Presentation of Detailed Planning Studies                           | • 2014                      |
| 4     | • Events to be held to obtain input on the Draft Land Use Alternative               | • 2015                      |
| 5     | • Events to be held to obtain input on the Preferred Land Use Alternative          | • 2015                      |
| 6     | • Open House and Presentation of Draft Secondary Plan  
• Statutory Public Meeting     | • 2016                      |

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

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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
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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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?
Question #2:
What communities are you aware of that have been well-planned? What makes them so?
Plenary Discussion

Question #3:
What are the positive attributes of Georgetown today – what are the strengths on which we want to build?
Question #4:
In developing this community, what do we want to avoid?
Plenary Discussion

Question #5:
Complete this sentence: “I will know that this new community in Georgetown has been well-designed if...”