GROWTH MANAGEMENT IN THE OFFICIAL PLAN

Status of the Regional Structure and Settlement Area Boundary Review
OUTLINE

- The Growth Management Program
- Next Steps and Engagement
- Takeaways
The *Growth Management Program* will modernize Niagara’s Official Plan to align with Regional priorities and Provincial policies.

- Make Niagara more affordable.
- Make Niagara more competitive.
- Coordinate infrastructure planning.
- Protect Niagara’s natural and rural systems.
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN GROWTH MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

- Allocation of Growth Forecasts
  - Housing Strategy
  - Employment Strategy

- Regional Structure Strategy

- Land Needs Assessment

- Settlement Area Boundary Review

NATURAL AND RURAL SYSTEM STUDIES
Natural Environment, Watershed Planning, Climate Change, Agriculture, and Archaeological Management
The Settlement Area Boundary Review uses the results of the Land Needs Assessment to determine the most appropriate locations for Settlement Area expansions.
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PLANNING MANDATE FOR GROWTH MANAGEMENT IN NIAGARA

ONTARIO HOUSING SUPPLY ACTION PLAN

PROVINCE-WIDE POLICIES

PROVINCIAL POLICY STATEMENT

PLANNING ACT

AREA SPECIFIC POLICY PLANS

NIAGARA ESCARPMENT PLAN

GROWTH PLAN FOR THE GGH

GREENBELT PLAN

NIAGARA OFFICIAL PLAN
Niagara 2041 is based on existing growth forecasts, and informs the following studies:

- Water/Wastewater Master Servicing Plan
- Transportation Master Plan
- Development Charge Background Study

Proposed Amendment 1 to the Growth Plan introduces new growth forecasts for Niagara:

- 10 Year Extension
- Higher Growth Rate
MORE DENSE FORMS OF HOUSING ARE NEEDED TO ADDRESS AFFORDABILITY IN NIAGARA

Core Housing Need currently affects over 13% of households in Niagara.
The Regional Structure will establish **density and intensification targets** for specific areas.

- Focusing growth and development to specific areas, like Downtowns and GO Station sites, helps meet growth management priorities.
- Directs growth to certain areas within Settlement Area boundaries.
- Identifies the intensification and density targets required by the Growth Plan.
- Supports the achievement of complete communities through policy development.
The Land Needs Assessment refers to a Provincial methodology used to calculate the overall amount of Settlement Area land required for growth forecasts.

Growth Forecasts \(\div\) Density Targets \(-\) Non-Developable Features \(=\) Community Area Land Need

Employment Strategy

Housing Strategy

Regional Structure

Natural and Rural Systems

Land Needs Assessment

Regional Structure

Non-Developable Features

Employment Area Land Need

Community Area Land Need

Growth Forecasts

Density Targets

Non-Developable Features

Land Needs Assessment
GROWING REGION

Policies and mapping to guide growth and development. The Regional Structure and the Housing Strategy will inform this section.

COMPETITIVE REGION

Policies and mapping to guide economic development and employment. The Employment Strategy will inform this section.
NEXT STEPS AND ENGAGEMENT

**Summer 2020**
- Proposed Growth Plan Amendment 1 and new LNA Methodology

**Fall 2020**
- Regional Structure Report PDS 28-2020
- SABR Background Report PDS 29-2020
- Growth management survey
- Local municipal planners meetings

**Winter 2020/2021**
- Meetings with stakeholders and indigenous groups
- New Official Plan open houses
- Regional Structure Final Report
- Employment Policy Final Report
- SABR Interim Report

**Spring 2021**
- SABR Final Report
- New Official Plan policy and mapping development
- New Official Plan open houses
The Region is required to accommodate a minimum amount of future growth in the new OP.

We need to make housing more affordable by facilitating the development of more dense forms of housing.

Amendment 1 introduces new population and employment forecasts to a planning horizon of 2051.

Conformity to the Growth Plan must be achieved within existing timeframes. The Regional Structure and SABR are critical to this work.

Substantive engagement is planned for the Fall and Winter. After that, staff will make recommendations on these strategies to Committee.