



making our mark

NIAGARA
OFFICIAL PLAN

PDS 4-2021

Niagara Official Plan Steps and Directions Moving Forward

**January 13, 2021 – Presentation to Planning and
Economic Development Committee**



Provide Information on the Niagara Official Plan Consultation, Work Program and Reports Over Q1 and Q2 of 2021.

- Conformity and limits of an Official Plan
- Emerging themes to consider while reviewing and approving policy
- Two level workshops - Regional & Local Councils-The process of how Councils will be informed over the next few months
- Niagara Official Plan reporting steps



Conformity and Limits of an Official Plan

- Parts of Official Plan are mandated by provincial policy
- Council decisions - consistent with, conform to, or not conflict with, Provincial Policy
- Regional staff must make recommendations to Council under the same rules
- Local Official Plans → comply with Niagara Official Plan once approved
- Official Plans are land-use policy planning documents



Emerging Themes

Managing Growth - Proactively plan for assigned growth

Policy Interconnection - Changing policy in one area, impacts others

Contemporary Policy Platform - Allows Niagara to be competitive

Competing Interests - Balancing competing interests

Planning for the Long Term – 30 year plan; beyond immediate concerns

Regular Updating - Monitoring & updating (once approved)

Assist with Local Conformity - Clear policies identifying local roles



Workshops – Regional & Local Councils

1. Regional Council Workshop → March 2021
2. Local Council Workshops → March/April 2021
 - 2 hour virtual workshops
 - Presentations and discussions on growth management key policy content and natural environment options



Upcoming Reporting to PEDC

February	
Consultation Reports	- Natural Environment - Climate Change
Overlap Associated	Directions Survey with Regional Councillors
April	
Joint Report	Highlighting draft policy integration for many sections: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Growing Region Regional Structure, Housing, Land Needs, SABR• Connected Region Transportation, Infrastructure• Vibrant Region District/Secondary Plans, Urban Design, Archaeology• Competitive Region Employment, Agriculture, Aggregates• Sustainable Region Natural Heritage and Water System Options, Watershed Planning, Climate Change



Questions ?

