

## NIAGARA OFFICIAL PLAN – DRAFT FRAMEWORK

The following is the draft framework for the Niagara Official Plan (“NOP”).

This framework sets out the type of materials in the NOP, what is provided in this Report, and where to find it.

All information is available on the Region’s website at the following link: [NOP Website](https://www.niagararegion.ca/official-plan/consolidated-policy-report.aspx) (https://www.niagararegion.ca/official-plan/consolidated-policy-report.aspx). Some material is also included with the May 12, 2021 Planning and Economic Development agenda (not all, due to size limitations).

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<b>1. INTRODUCTION - MAKING OUR MARK</b>			
<b>1.1 Niagara Context</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning context</li> <li>• Challenges and opportunities</li> <li>• Two Tier Organization</li> </ul>	For incorporation in next OP draft		N/A
<b>1.2 Niagara’s Strategy for the Future</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vision and key directions</li> </ul>	For incorporation in next OP draft		N/A
<b>1.3 How to use the Niagara Official Plan</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legislative basis</li> <li>• Format</li> <li>• Provincial Plans</li> <li>• Status of Comment boxes, Appendices, Guidance documents</li> </ul>	For incorporation in next OP draft		N/A

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<b>2. GROWING REGION</b>			
<b>2.1 Growth Allocation and Land Needs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coordinate Regional population and employment growth forecasts</li> <li>Provide direction for municipalities to implement forecasts</li> <li>Ensure a sufficient supply of developable land is available within municipalities</li> </ul>	<p>Executive Overview</p> <p>Report: Draft Land Needs Assessment Summary</p> <p>Memorandum: Niagara Region Municipal Comprehensive Review – Growth Allocation Update to 2051 (Hemson Consulting)</p> <p>Draft Forecasted Growth Policies</p>	<p><b>Appendix 3.1</b></p> <p><b>Appendix 3.2</b></p> <p><b>Appendix 3.3</b></p> <p><b>Appendix 3.4</b></p>	<p>Included in this Report &amp; NOP Website</p> <p>Included in this Report &amp; NOP Website</p> <p>Included in this Report &amp; NOP Website</p> <p>NOP Website</p>
<b>2.2 Regional Structure</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accommodate growth in settlement areas through intensification rates and density targets</li> <li>Manage growth by directing a significant portion to Strategic Growth Areas</li> <li>Plan for the orderly implementation of infrastructure and land use patterns</li> </ul>	<p>Executive Overview</p> <p>Report: Regional Structure Policy Paper</p> <p>Draft Regional Structure Policies</p> <p>Draft Regional Structure Schedule</p>	<p><b>Appendix 4.1</b></p> <p><b>Appendix 4.2</b></p> <p><b>Appendix 4.3</b></p> <p><b>Appendix 4.4</b></p>	<p>Included in this Report &amp; NOP Website</p> <p>Included in this Report &amp; NOP Website</p> <p>NOP Website</p> <p>NOP Website</p>

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<b>2.3 Housing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide for a mix of housing options, including affordable options for low and moderate income households</li> <li>Coordinate with the Region's Housing and Homelessness Action Plan</li> <li>Establish an affordable housing target</li> </ul>	Executive Overview  Memorandum: Housing Affordability and Growth Plan 2051 (CANCEA)  Draft Housing Policies	<b>Appendix 5.1</b>  <b>Appendix 5.2</b>  <b>Appendix 5.3</b>	Included in this Report & NOP Website Included in this Report & NOP Website  NOP Website
<b>3. SUSTAINABLE REGION</b>			
<b>3.1 Natural Environment System</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify a regional-scale natural heritage and water resource system</li> <li>Determine appropriate goals, objectives, and targets</li> </ul>	Executive Overview  Report: Status Update and Recommendations  Memorandum: Preliminary Policy Intent for the Natural Environment System in the Region's Settlement Areas & Discussion on Implications	<b>Appendix 6.1</b>  <b>Appendix 6.2</b>  <b>Appendix 6.3</b>	Included in this Report & NOP Website Included in this Report & NOP Website  Included in this Report & NOP Website
<b>3.2 Watershed Planning</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure the NOP and other land-use planning is appropriately informed by watershed planning in accordance with Provincial direction</li> <li>Provide a framework and policies for subsequent watershed planning in the Region</li> </ul>	Executive Overview	<b>Appendix 7.1</b>	Included in this Report & NOP Website

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<b>3.3 Source Water Protection</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Protect existing and future sources of drinking water</li> </ul>	For incorporation in next OP draft		N/A
<b>3.4 Stewardship</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Greening initiative link</li> <li>Partnerships</li> <li>Rehabilitation</li> </ul>	For incorporation in next OP draft		N/A
<b>3.5 Climate change</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Principles to address climate change</li> <li>Climate modeling and projections, vulnerability assessments, adaptation strategies</li> <li>Regional Greening Initiative</li> </ul>	Executive Overview  Report: Climate Change Section Update	<b>Appendix 8.1</b>  <b>Appendix 8.2</b>	Included in this Report & NOP Website Included in this Report & NOP Website
<b>3.6 Niagara Escarpment Plan</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Direction from the Niagara Escarpment Plan</li> </ul>	For incorporation in next OP draft		N/A
<b>3.7 Excess Soils</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Municipal excess soil reuse strategies</li> <li>Excess soil reuse best practices</li> </ul>	For incorporation in next OP draft		N/A

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<b>4. COMPETITIVE REGION</b>			
<b>4.1 Agriculture</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain and enhance the geographic continuity of the agricultural land base and connections to the Agri-food network</li> <li>Protect the agricultural land base</li> <li>Promote a full range of agricultural &amp; value added uses</li> <li>Requirements for Agricultural Impact Assessments (AIA)</li> </ul>	Executive Overview  Draft Agriculture Policies  Draft Agricultural Land Base Schedule	<b>Appendix 9.1</b>  <b>Appendix 9.2</b>  <b>Appendix 9.3</b>	Included in this Report & NOP Website NOP Website  NOP Website
<b>4.2 Employment Areas</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify and plan for Employment Areas</li> <li>Further protect Employment Areas against conversions and sensitive land use encroachment</li> <li>Identify opportunities for strategic investments, future employment areas and Provincially Significant Employment Zones</li> </ul>	Executive Overview  Report: Employment Policy Paper  Draft Employment Policies  Draft Employment Areas Schedule	<b>Appendix 10.1</b>  <b>Appendix 10.2</b>  <b>Appendix 10.3</b>  <b>Appendix 10.4</b>	Included in this Report & NOP Website Included in this Report & NOP Website  NOP Website  NOP Website

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<b>4.3 Aggregates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Protect mineral aggregate resources and existing mineral aggregate operations</li> <li>Provide for efficient, compatible extraction of mineral aggregate resources with minimal impacts</li> </ul>	Executive Overview  Draft Mineral Aggregate Resources Policies  Draft Known Deposits of Mineral Aggregate Resources – Sand and Gravel Schedule  Draft Known Deposits of Mineral Aggregate Resources – Bedrock Schedule  Draft Mineral Aggregate Operations Schedule	<b>Appendix 11.1</b>  <b>Appendix 11.2</b>  <b>Appendix 11.3</b>  <b>Appendix 11.4</b>  <b>Appendix 11.5</b>	Included in this Report & NOP Website NOP Website  NOP Website  NOP Website  NOP Website
<b>4.4 Economic Prosperity</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sustainable tourism development</li> <li>Partnerships with higher education institutions</li> <li>Diversified rural economy</li> </ul>	For incorporation in next OP draft		N/A
<b>5. CONNECTED REGION</b>			

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<b>5.1 Transportation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support the needs and safety of all road users through a complete streets approach</li> <li>Prioritize investments in public transit and active transportation infrastructure</li> <li>Support goods movement facilities and transportation corridors</li> </ul>	Executive Overview  Draft Transportation Policies  Draft Transportation Infrastructure Schedule  Draft Strategic Cycling Network Schedule	<b>Appendix 12.1</b>  <b>Appendix 12.2</b>  <b>Appendix 12.3</b>  <b>Appendix 12.4</b>	Included in this Report & NOP Website NOP Website  NOP Website  NOP Website
<b>5.2 Infrastructure</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Co-ordinate land use and infrastructure planning</li> <li>Ensure servicing capacity for growth.</li> <li>Ensure servicing is financially sustainable and assists in addressing a changing climate.</li> <li>Integrated waste management</li> </ul>	Executive Overview  Draft Infrastructure Policies	<b>Appendix 13.1</b>  <b>Appendix 13.2</b>	Included in this Report & NOP Website NOP Website
<b>5.3 Public Spaces, Recreation, Parks, Trails, and Open Space</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Publicly accessible and connected systems, within settlement area</li> </ul>	For incorporation in next OP draft		N/A

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<b>6. VIBRANT REGION</b>			
<b>6.1 District and Secondary Planning</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepare District Plans to guide urban growth in regionally significant areas</li> <li>Prepare Secondary Plans to implement regional and local planning priorities</li> </ul>	Executive Overview  Draft District and Secondary Plans Policies	<b>Appendix 14.1</b>  <b>Appendix 14.2</b>	Included in this Report & NOP Website NOP Website
<b>6.2 Urban Design</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Urban design direction for more attractive, safe, diverse, and functional communities</li> <li>Regional interest</li> <li>Urban/rural transition (edge planning)</li> </ul>	Executive Overview  Draft Urban Design Policies	<b>Appendix 15.1</b>  <b>Appendix 15.2</b>	Included in this Report & NOP Website NOP Website
<b>6.3 Archaeology</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Archaeological screening criteria</li> </ul>	Executive Overview	<b>Appendix 16.1</b>	Included in this Report & NOP Website
<b>6.4 Cultural Heritage</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cultural heritage conservation</li> <li>Built heritage and Cultural Heritage Landscapes</li> <li>Cultural heritage districts</li> </ul>	For incorporation in next OP draft		N/A
<b>7. IMPLEMENTATION</b>			
<b>7.1 Plan Interpretation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How to read the Plan</li> </ul>	For incorporation in next OP draft		N/A



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<b>7.2 Region and Local Roles</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordination</li> <li>• Exemptions</li> <li>• Memorandum of Understandings</li> <li>• Guidance documents</li> </ul>	For incorporation in next OP draft		N/A
<b>7.3 Performance Indicators and Monitoring</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitor intensification and density targets</li> <li>• Land developed</li> <li>• Natural environment mapping updates</li> <li>• AMP potential mapping updates</li> </ul>	For incorporation in next OP draft		N/A
<b>7.4 Phasing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local municipalities phasing growth</li> <li>• Excess lands</li> </ul>	For incorporation in next OP draft		N/A
<b>7.5 Health Impact Assessment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Criteria - Secondary Plans</li> </ul>	For incorporation in next OP draft		N/A
<b>7.6 Asset Management Plan</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Infrastructure planning</li> </ul>	For incorporation in next OP draft		N/A
<b>7.7 Complete Applications</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Studies required</li> </ul>	For incorporation in next OP draft		N/A
<b>7.8 Review / Updates / Amendments to OP</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List of Amendments</li> </ul>	For incorporation in next OP draft		N/A

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<b>7.9 Consultation and engagement</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public consultation</li> <li>Consulting with other governments</li> <li>Engaging local municipalities</li> <li>Engaging Indigenous groups</li> </ul>	For incorporation in next OP draft		N/A
<b>8. SITE SPECIFIC POLICIES</b>			
<b>8.1 Site Specific Policies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Policies to address site specific developments (carried over from existing OP)</li> </ul>	For incorporation in next OP draft		N/A
<b>9. DEFINITIONS</b>			
<b>9.1 Glossary of Terms</b>	Glossary of Terms	<b>Appendix 17</b>	Included in this Report
<b>SCHEDULES/MAPS</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Schedule A - Local Municipalities</li> <li>Schedule B - Regional Structure</li> <li>Schedule C1 - Natural Environment System - TBD</li> <li>Schedule C2 - Natural Environment System - TBD</li> <li>Schedule D - Source Water Protection</li> <li>Schedule E - Agricultural Land Base</li> <li>Schedule F - Employment Areas</li> </ul>	Incorporation in next OP draft Included in this Report Incorporation in next OP draft Incorporation in next OP draft Incorporation in next OP draft Included in this Report Included in this Report	<b>Appendix 4.4</b>          <b>Appendix 9.3</b>  <b>Appendix 10.3</b>	NOP Website          NOP Website NOP Website

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Schedule G1 - Known Deposits of Mineral Aggregate Resources – Sand and Gravel</li> <li>Schedule G2 - Known Deposits of Mineral Aggregate Resources – Bedrock</li> <li>Schedule G3 - Mineral Aggregate Operations in the Region</li> <li>Schedule H - Mineral and Petroleum Resources Areas - TBD</li> <li>Schedule I1 - Transportation Infrastructure</li> <li>Schedule I2 - Strategic Cycling Network</li> <li>Schedule J - Areas of Archaeological Potential - TBD</li> </ul>	Included in this Report	<b>Appendix 11.3</b>	NOP Website
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<b>APPENDICES</b>			
1. Settlement Area Boundary Review	Executive Overview	<b>Appendix 18.1</b>	Included in this Report & NOP Website
	Criteria: MCR Urban Area Boundary Expansion Assessment Criteria	<b>Appendix 18.2</b>	Included in this Report & NOP Website
	Criteria: Rural Settlement Boundary Review Process	<b>Appendix 18.3</b>	Included in this Report & NOP Website

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	Criteria: Boundary Technical Mapping Updates	<b>Appendix 18.4</b>	Included in this Report & NOP Website