

June 2021 Public Information Centre Key Themes

The following table outlines key comments or questions from the five public information centres (PICs) held from June 9-23, 2021.

Video recordings, presentations, as well as Regional responses to comments not addressed at the June PICs can be found at the Region's website: [Niagara Official Plan](https://www.niagararegion.ca/official-plan/public-information-centres.aspx) (<https://www.niagararegion.ca/official-plan/public-information-centres.aspx>)

Chapter/Session	Consistent/Key Comment or Question
Chapter 2: Growing Region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Requests for clarity and more information regarding the process, timelines and proposed locations of settlement area boundary expansions. - Lack of affordable housing options in Niagara. - The implications of potential boundary expansions on the natural environment and agricultural lands.
Chapter 6: Vibrant Region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support for low impact development strategies for future developments (urban design). - Coordination with local area municipalities on mapping and implementation of the new Archaeological Management Plan.
Chapter 4: Competitive Region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support for protection of existing Specialty Crop Areas and enhanced designation of Prime Agricultural Areas. - Consideration of allowances for Greenhouses and other Agricultural structures to be built on top of Specialty Crop Area. - Comments on Employment Area categorizations. - Approach to recognizing Special Policy Areas in agricultural areas.
Chapter 5: Connected Region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concern with accessibility and trip lengths of Regional Transit services. - Concerns with stormwater pollution and quantity, and support for reduction strategies through green infrastructure.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concerns over lateral connections to services outside the settlement area boundary within Specialty Crop areas.
Chapter 6: Sustainable Region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Information regarding species, planting areas, and public involvement in the Regional Greening Initiative. - Clarification on timelines for draft policy and mapping for the Natural Environment System. - Support for climate change mitigation and integration of climate change policy into various areas of the Plan.