

#### Glendale Niagara District Plan Study - Phase 2





Study Update Presentation to the Niagara Region Planning and Economic Development Committee

March 20, 2019







#### **Intent of Presentation**

- Provide an overview of:
  - Why one is being prepared for Glendale
  - The two-phase District Plan Study approach
- Provide an update on the status of Phase 2 of the Study:
  - Work program
  - Next steps
  - Opportunities for stakeholders and public input
- Answer questions and obtain feedback



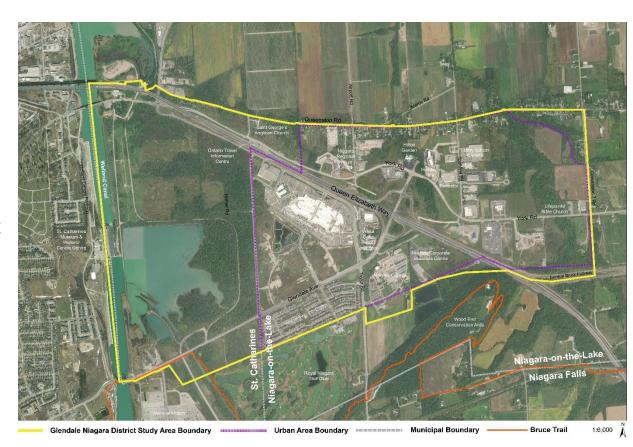






# Why a District Plan for Glendale Niagara?

- Over 400 hectares already designated for urban growth
- Opportunity to transform the area into a compact, complete and iconic community
- Coordinate the interests of multiple jurisdictions
- Implement the Growth Plan







# Glendale Niagara District Plan Study

In 2018 Niagara Region initiated a two-phase District Plan Study:

#### **Phase 1 - Vision Exercise and Concept Plan**

- Led by The Planning Partnership
- Completed in August 2018
- Endorsed by Regional Council in October 2018

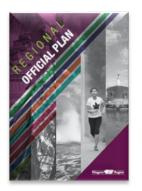
#### **Phase 2 - District Plan and Component Studies**

- Commenced in November 2018
- Being led by IBI Group
- Anticipated to be complete by July 2019

#### Implementation - July 2019 onward

- Regional Official Plan Amendment (ROPA)
- Local municipal policy updates and initiatives















#### **Phase 1 - Vision**



#### **Vision Statement**

Glendale @ Niagara will be a vibrant community for people of all ages, lifestyles, and abilities - a place to live, work, play, learn and grow.

Its urban districts, with a mix of uses, will protect, integrate and celebrate the natural and rural surroundings reflecting the distinct character of the area.

Glendale @ Niagara will be framed by a new park on the Welland Canal, the creek valleys, the Niagara Escarpment and agricultural lands.

Glendale @ Niagara will put mobility first'with a robust transit system, cycling trails and pedestrian routes seamlessly connecting areas north and south of the QEW.







## **Phase 2 – Objective**

- To refine the Phase 1 Vision in more detail and to guide future Secondary Planning at the local municipal level
- Provide recommendations to support and plan for development and infrastructure investment





# **Phase 2 – Ongoing Work Program**

- ✓ Background and Contextual Review
- ✓ Components of technical analysis:
  - Urban Design arrangement, form and function of urban spaces
  - Commercial Land Needs potential market opportunities
  - Transportation infrastructure needs and opportunities for improved mobility
- ✓ Draft Land Use Plans
- ✓ Preliminary Draft Demonstration Plans





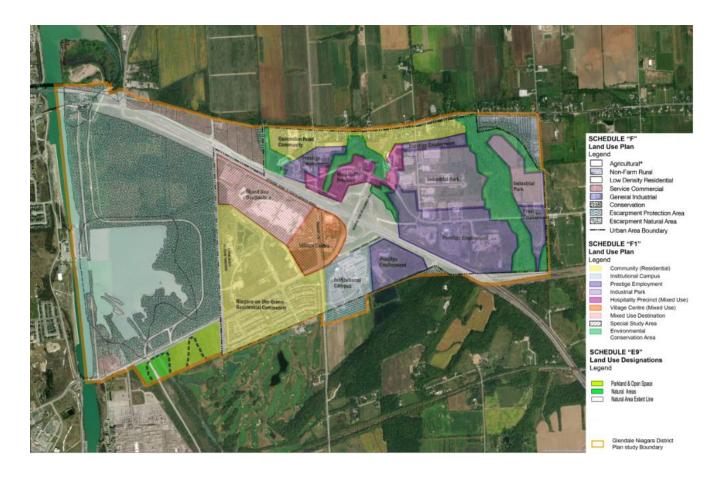






### **Land Use – Existing Land Use Plan**

- More traditional, suburban approach to land use planning:
  - Discrete, separate land uses
  - Large amounts of land for industrial
  - Lower density





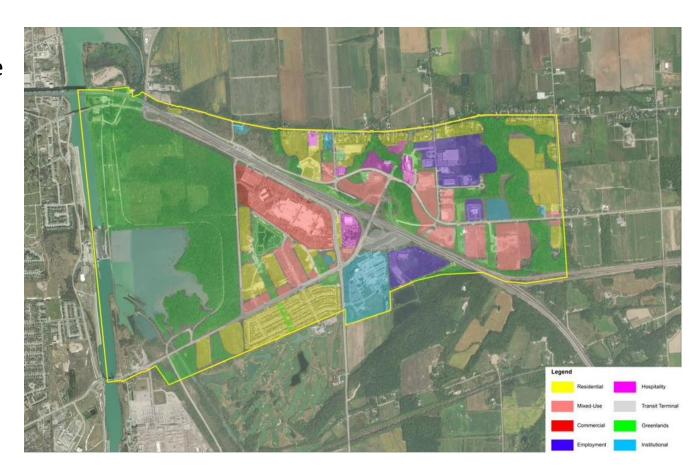






#### **Land Use - Phase 1 Vision**

- Plan for a complete community
- More integrated mix of land uses
- Defined nodes
- Regional economic driver
- Positive urban experience
- High quality urban design







## **Land Use – Phase 2 Draft Option Approach**

- Two draft land use concepts are being refined based on:
  - Findings of technical findings (i.e. transportation, urban design and commercial market)
  - Active development plans/proposals
  - Additional stakeholder consultation
  - Policy updates
- The unique opportunities of each concept are being evaluated and the preferred land use concept will be presented









### **Building Heights**

Appropriate building heights will be determined considering:

- Existing height permissions
- Federal height restrictions associated with the Niagara **District Airport**
- Protection of views/vistas
- Providing appropriate transitions and interface
- Opportunities for gateway or landmark features





















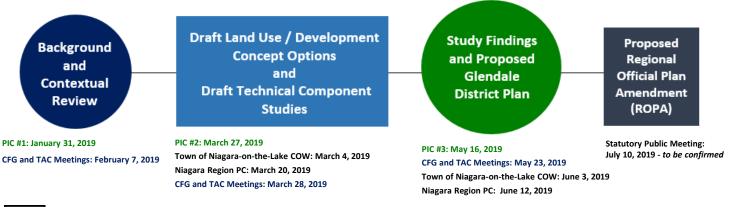






## Opportunities for Stakeholder & Public Input

- 3 Public Information Centres (PICs)
- 3 Community Focus Group (CFG)
- 4 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
- One-on-One Stakeholder Meetings (e.g. landowners, developers, Niagara College, Niagara Regional Native Centre)
- Regional Website, Facebook and Twitter
- Interactive Web-based Engagement (Arch GIS Crowdsource)
- Committee and Council Meetings









# **Phase 2 – Next Steps**

- Draft and Final Component Studies
- Preferred Land Use Concept and Demonstration Plan
- District Plan
  - Recommended policies
  - Guidelines
  - Implementation strategies
- Regional Official Plan Amendment (ROPA)

