

Origin of comment	Comment	Response
City of Welland	No objection to the revisions	Noted
City of Niagara Falls	No objections	Noted
Town of Grimsby	No objection to the revisions	Noted
Town of Lincoln	Supportive of the revisions	Noted
Enbridge Gas Inc.	No objections	Noted
Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC)	Requested Policy 14.E.6 a) and b) add consultation with the Niagara Escarpment Commission or applicable provincial planning authority.	Change not made. If lands are within the Niagara Escarpment Plan area, the application will be circulated to the NEC for review and comment per the requirements of the <i>Planning Act</i> . The Region would also recognize the Provincial interest and work collaboratively with the local municipality prior to determining if exemption can be issued.
Niagara Region – Development Services	Minor wording suggestions	Changes made
Town of Fort Erie	Notes concern with the Policy 14.E.7 in relation to Secondary Plans.	Policy 14.E.7 represents the list of Regional and Provincial interest. The policy enables continued collaboration to address any of these matters to the Region's satisfaction. Where a resolution can be reached which will satisfactorily address the matter through policy or other means (for example holding provisions for an associated zoning amendment or conditions of draft plan approval for an associated draft plan of subdivision), exemption could be issued. Policy 14.E.6 b) indicates that the Region would

		work collaboratively with the local municipality for comprehensive amendments such as Secondary Plans.
Niagara Region - Enterprise Resource Mgmt Services	Request for clarification on the criterion in 14.E.7 which speaks to directly affecting Regional capital and confirmation that other Departments are reviewing prior to issuing exemption.	This criterion relates to comprehensive local Official Plan Amendments such as Secondary Plans or large scale developments. As part of these applications, the consultant/applicant would prepare and submit traffic studies and servicing/infrastructure studies that would be reviewed by our Development Engineering and Transportation staff to assess if it aligns with the Region's Master Servicing Plan and Transportation Master Plan, as well as if any required upgrades have been identified in the capital budget. Staff would identify any major issues through review of these studies to discuss further with the local municipality and applicant to make adjustments, where required.
Ministry of Municipal Affairs	Generally supportive of the exemption policies. MMA notes consideration to the impact of Amendment 1 of the Growth Plan on the proposed changes to the process for employment conversion. The comments reference triggering a Regional Official Plan Amendment.	As noted in the report, an employment conversion would follow the collaborative review process. Employment areas which fits the definition in the Official Plan would need to meet the Region's requirements and the 2019 Growth Plan requirements to be considered for conversion.