

Region of Peel

Official Plan

Office Consolidation

December 2018 Consolidation with Draft Tracked Changes as of June 29, 2021 incorporating the latest proposed changes for consultation through the **Peel 2051 Official Plan Review**.

Legend related to Peel 2051 Official Plan Review Proposed Changes in this Office Consolidation

Stage 1 of Peel 2041+ Environment Related Policies

(Office Consolidation prepared October 29, 2019, presented to Council December 12, 2019)

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Stage 2 of Peel 2041+ Employment, Major Transit Station Areas (MTSAs), Housing, Greenlands System, Transportation, Waste Related Policies

(Office Consolidation prepared June 12, 2020, presented to Council June 25, 2020)

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Stage 3 of Peel 2051 Growth Management, Settlement Area Boundary Expansion, Cultural Heritage & Indigenous Engagement and further revisions to earlier policies

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Note: where modifications through Stage 1 and 2 to the Office Consolidation dated October 29, 2019 and June 12, 2020 have been further modified in the June 29, 2021 Office Consolidation, they are shown in red text, deletions are not tracked to the previous red text, but where a change has occurred, there will be blue text.

Summary Table of Peel 2051 Official Plan Review Proposed Changes as of June 2021

Focus Area	Related Section #	Purpose/Objectives of the Policies
Agricultural and Rural Systems	3.3 The Agricultural System	<p>The objectives of the Agricultural System policies are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To protect the Prime Agricultural Area for long-term use for agriculture. 2. To protect <i>agricultural uses</i> in the Prime Agricultural Area from incompatible activities and land uses that would limit agricultural productivity or efficiency. 3. To provide flexibility to farmers to adopt agricultural innovations and new farming practices and to develop <i>agriculture-related uses</i> and other on-farm businesses in the Prime Agricultural Area. 4. To support and enhance the <i>Agricultural System</i> by addressing the impacts of development on the System by planning for local food and near-urban agriculture. <p>To support and enhance the <i>Agricultural System</i> by addressing the impacts of development on the System by planning for local food and near-urban agriculture.</p>
	5.7 The Rural System	<p>The Rural System policies are directed at conserving rural character and environmental resources; fostering healthy, sustainable and complete rural communities; providing opportunities for compatible economic development; and supporting the development of the <i>Agricultural System</i>.</p>
Climate Change	<p>1.6 Themes of the Plan 2.1 Purpose 2.4 Climate System 2.5 Air Quality 2.6 Water Resource System 2.6.20 Stormwater Management 2.14 Greenlands System 2.16 Natural and Human-made Hazards 3.3 The Agricultural System 3.7 Energy Resources 5.6 The Urban System 5.9 Housing 5.10 Transportation Chapter 6 Regional Services 7.6 Sustainability 7.12 Performance</p>	<p>A new climate change Section has been added to the Regional Official Plan that provides a comprehensive land use planning policy framework to address climate change as well as policy direction for collaborative climate change planning to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, reduce vulnerability, and increase resilience to adapt the Region to a changing climate.</p> <p>In addition to a new climate change section, updated and new climate change policies have been embedded throughout the Regional Official Plan in the theme areas including, but not limited to growth management, transportation, energy, waste, water resources, <i>natural hazards</i>, natural heritage and agriculture.</p> <p>Specific policies have also been developed to provide direction for the local municipalities to develop model policies and guidance to implement sustainability requirements through local official plan policies and tools.</p>

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	Measurement, Reviewing and Updating	
Provincial Greenbelt Plans	2.10 Niagara Escarpment 2.11 Oak Ridges Moraine 2.12 Greenbelt Plan	The policies in these three sections of the Regional Official Plan provide direction to facilitate the continued protection of the ecologically and hydrologically significant natural environments and scenic <i>landscapes</i> within the Niagara Escarpment, Oak Ridges Moraine and the Greenbelt Plan areas in Peel in accordance with the Provincial Greenbelt Plans (Niagara Escarpment Plan, Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, and <i>Greenbelt Plan</i>). The Regional Official Plan recognizes the requirements and policies of the Provincial Greenbelt Plans and applies them to the Regional and local context, including direction to the local municipalities to develop appropriate policies in their official plans and zoning by-law regulations.
Water Resources	2.6 Water Resource System 2.6.19 Watersheds 2.6.20 Stormwater Management 2.7 Source Water Protection 2.8 Lake Ontario 2.9 Lake Simcoe	<p>The objectives of the water resources policies are to protect, improve or restore the quantity and quality of water resources for the supply of potable water and maintenance of <i>ecosystem</i> integrity in Peel.</p> <p>It is also an objective of the policies to protect, improve and restore the elements that contribute to the ecological health of the Lake Ontario and Lake Simcoe watersheds. The policies serve to eliminate or minimize potential negative land use impacts on vulnerable surface and ground water, sensitive ground water features and sensitive surface water features, and their hydrologic functions.</p> <p>The policies recognize stormwater as a resource to be managed and provide for stormwater management within the Regional Road rights-of-way</p>
Wildland Fire	2.16.12 Wildland Fire Hazards	<p>The <i>natural hazards</i> or potential hazards in the Region include lands with hazardous forest types for wildland fire that are susceptible to wildland fire.</p> <p>This section of the Regional Official Plan provides policies to prevent or minimize the risk to human life and property associated with development and site alteration on or adjacent to lands with hazardous forest types for wildland fire.</p>
Growth Management	Chapter 4 – Forecasts 5.1 – Purpose (Regional Structure) 5.6 – Urban System 5.5 – Regional Urban Boundary 5.4 – Growth Management	<p>The Growth Plan, 2019 directs upper-tier municipalities to plan and manage growth in conformity with the policies of the plan by accommodating forecasted population and employment growth to 2051 and achieving minimum density and <i>intensification</i> targets.</p> <p>The objectives of the growth management policies are to establish a Regional framework inclusive of intensification and density targets that determines where and how forecasted population and employment growth will be accommodated. This includes existing areas that should be intensified and criteria to determining when <i>settlement area</i> boundary expansion is needed to accommodate forecasted growth to the horizon of the plan.</p>
Employment and Future Strategic	5.8 Employment Areas	The Growth Plan recognizes the diversity of land resources in the Greater Golden Horseshoe (GGH) and the <i>GTHA</i> in particular. One of the guiding

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Employment Areas (Growth Management)	5.8.44 Future Strategic Employment Areas	<p>principles of the Growth Plan, that should assist in the decision-making process of land <i>development</i>, resource management and investment, is to support the achievement of complete communities that are designed to support healthy and active living and meet people’s needs for daily living throughout an entire lifetime. The Growth Plan encourages planning for <i>development</i> of complete communities and a balance of jobs and housing. Growth management policies of this Plan contribute to the achievement of complete communities within Peel which accommodate both residential and employment opportunities. The employment planning policies in the Regional Official Plan are situated within this larger growth management context and are described as follows.</p> <p>The Region is forecasted to accommodate about 335,000 new jobs and about 700,000 additional residents by 2051, compared to 2021. This will bring the total number of jobs to 1,070,000 and total population to 2,280,000</p> <p><i>Employment Areas</i> are places of business and economic activity in the Region that are vital for the Region to maintain a healthy economy and accommodate future jobs and economic opportunities to meet the Regions employment forecast.</p> <p>These areas accommodate a broad range of uses including manufacturing, warehousing, office, and associated retail and ancillary facilities across various geographies ranging from individual sites, to nodes, corridors, and entire districts. The lands will remain important for the Region to maintain a healthy and diverse economy.</p> <p>For 21st century employment opportunities to thrive, new infrastructure such as strong transit connectivity to a qualified labour force and affordable symmetrical broadband internet is required, while changes in technology will enable employment across a wider variety of land uses and building spaces than ever before. However, employers will continue to need core essentials like affordable electricity, good roads, clean water, and a variety of appropriate spaces in order to create and expand business.</p> <p>Beyond <i>Employment Area</i> designations the regional and local official plans support a mix of uses and major office development in <i>Strategic Growth Areas</i>. On the periphery of <i>Employment Areas</i>, retail and commercial uses serve the workers in the <i>Employment Areas</i>, provide a <i>buffer</i> to sensitive land uses, and benefit from visibility and access to transit.</p>
Greenlands System	2.14 Greenlands System	<p>Greenlands System are defined as systems made up of natural heritage features and areas, and linkages that provide <i>connectivity</i> between natural heritage features and areas for the movement of plants and animals.</p> <p>The objectives of the policies are to help the Region adapt to climate change and ensure that Peel’s natural heritage features and their</p>

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		<p>functions will be preserved over time. Further, policy direction for natural heritage system planning will be updated and policies for <i>urban forest</i>, greenlands system management and <i>invasive species</i> will be added or revised. Mapping of the Greenlands System will be revised and updated.</p>
Housing	<p>5.9 Housing</p> <p>6.3 Regional Human Services</p>	<p>Draft Regional housing policies establish a policy framework that supports a range and mix of dwelling sizes, forms, tenure and affordability that meets the needs of all residents, and responds to key challenges related to housing in the Region.</p> <p>To further the Region’s objective of improving housing affordability, draft policies introduce stronger methods for securing <i>affordable housing</i> through the development approvals process and introduce a Regional and local municipal <i>inclusionary zoning</i> framework. New housing unit targets are provided and align with housing need as identified in the Regional Housing Strategy and Peel Housing and Homelessness Plan. There are limited rental housing options in Peel that create affordability challenges. As a result, draft policies will support the creation and maintenance of rental housing by broadening <i>additional residential unit</i> (second unit) policies to align with the Planning Act and protecting existing rental housing through stronger policies to restrict demolitions and conversions.</p> <p>Draft policies also reflect the way the Region is growing – increasingly through intensification, and through higher density development. By encouraging a range and mix of unit sizes in multi-unit residential developments, the Region will support its need for larger family-sized units. Further, by supporting increased heights and densities in <i>Strategic Growth Areas</i>, the policies reflect the need for complete communities in areas with access transit and amenities.</p>
Major Transit Station Areas	5.6.19 Major Transit Station Areas	<p><i>Major Transit Station Areas</i> will be planned to create a compact urban form with a diverse mix of land uses, housing types, employment, and amenities that are in close proximity and support existing and planned transit and <i>active transportation</i> infrastructure.</p> <p>These areas are a critical element in the Regions growth management strategy, with the potential to achieve higher densities and compact mixed-use development oriented to <i>higher order transit</i>. More jobs, housing, and amenities will increase transit ridership and enhance commuter travel to these locations to create vibrant 24-hour destinations. These areas will also contribute to enhancing the Regions attractiveness for new employment opportunities.</p> <p>Each station will be unique and be influenced by its local condition and growth potential. Not all stations will achieve the same mix of land uses or intensity of development. Some stations may not be able to achieve the requirements of transit-oriented development in the short-term but will be protected for future transit-oriented development.</p>
Designated	5.6.20 Designated Greenfield Areas	Existing <i>Designated Greenfield Area</i> policies have been moved to bring all <i>Designated Greenfield Area</i> special policy areas into one section.

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Greenfield Areas		<p>A new section for “New Community Planning Area” has been added to provide direction related to the new Settlement Area Boundary Expansion (SABE) and includes policies to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure protection of natural heritage and water resource management systems—to maintain and enhance the natural environment. • Require staging and sequencing of growth to support orderly development and the effective delivery of services • Guide subsequent community and neighbourhood planning to be thorough, detailed and well coordinated—to ensure complete, healthy and sustainable communities. • Implement the recommendations of technical studies undertaken through the SABE study
Transportation	<p>5.10 Transportation System</p> <p>7.10 Regional Road Right-of-Way Requirements</p>	<p>Transportation policies in the ROP guide the development and strengthening of a regional network to accommodate current and projected travel demands of people who live, work or travel within or through Peel. In light of a rapidly changing planning landscape, the policies draw from both Provincial and Regional Plans and studies such as, the Provincial Policy Statement, A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe 2019, the Long Range Transportation Plan, the Sustainable Transportation Strategy, the Vision Zero Road Safety Strategic Plan, and the Goods Movement Strategic Plan to foster increased resilience of the transportation system in Peel.</p> <p>Through this ROP update, transportation policies establish a framework that manages anticipated growth through a balanced approach that shifts 50 per cent of travel to sustainable modes, while optimizing the use of existing transportation infrastructure.</p>
Cultural Heritage & Indigenous Engagement	<p>1.2 Geographic Scope & Land Acknowledgement</p> <p>3.6 Cultural Heritage</p> <p>7.4.10 Public Consultation & Indigenous Engagement</p>	<p>Cultural heritage and Indigenous engagement policies were identified as a policy gap in the Official Plan based on recent changes to the Provincial Policy Statement and Growth Plan. An update to these policies will provide an important link to Peel’s history and culture.</p> <p>Policies will be updated to align with updated Provincial direction on working with Indigenous communities when developing and implementing strategies for the identification and management of <i>cultural heritage resources</i>. Updated policies will also encourage the coordination of planning matters, the building of relationships to facilitate knowledge sharing, and engagement with Indigenous communities.</p> <p>Various definitions related to cultural heritage policies, such as <i>built heritage resources</i> and <i>areas of archaeological potential</i> will be updated. Policy connections between Indigenous communities, cultural heritage and <i>archaeological resources</i> will be updated and clarified. Additional policies supporting the conservation and promotion of cultural heritage and <i>archaeological resources</i> to support the wellbeing of all communities, including Indigenous communities will be introduced.</p>
Waste	6.6 Waste Management	Waste policies were identified as a policy gap in the Official Plan based on changes in waste management legislation and policies that have occurred

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Management		<p>since 2009 and the introduction in 2018 of the Roadmap to a <i>Circular Economy</i> in the Region of Peel. These changes require the insertion of policies that address the <i>circular economy</i>, <i>resource recovery</i>, waste diversion and <i>food and organic waste</i> source separation. Key proposed changes will designate and protect land used in the recovery and management of waste materials; consider <i>circular economy</i> practices in order to be consistent with Provincial policy and the Regional vision for waste management; improve the development review process to ensure new residential developments allow for waste material diversion; include <i>food and organic waste</i> policies to be consistent with Provincial Food and Organic Waste Policy Statement; amend <i>thermal treatment</i> and alternative <i>resource recovery</i> policies to be consistent with the Province's Strategy for a Waste-Free Ontario and Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan, which consider anaerobic digestion as a form of diversion and advanced <i>thermal treatment</i> for <i>resource recovery</i> from non-recyclable plastic waste. These changes will bring Waste management in line with various Provincial legislation, regulations and plans, including Environmental Protection Act, the Waste-Free Ontario Act, the Food and Organic Waste Policy Statement, the PPS, the Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan, and A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe.</p>

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Disclaimers:

1. This Office Consolidation is for information purposes only and the actual Council adopted ROPAs, Ministry approvals and Ontario Land Tribunal decisions and approvals should be used for legal reference.
2. Sections of ROPA 20, 22 and 24 related to Strategic Infrastructure Study Area (SISA) policies remain appealed and are subject to final decision by the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal.
3. The Minister has made no decision on ROPA 21B regarding two parcels of land located in Part of the East Half of Lots 21 and 22, Concession 4, W.H.S. in the Geographic Township of Caledon.
4. Sections of ROPA 26 related to GTA West Transportation Corridor policies remain appealed and are subject to final decision by the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal.

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This Office Consolidation incorporates the following Appealed Policies:

Regional Official Plan Amendment (ROPA)	Council Adopted	Provincial Modifications	Policies Appealed to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal
16 - Transportation	September 15, 2006	Not applicable	Yes – Appealed Portions Yellow Highlights
20 – Sustainability and Energy	May 14, 2009	Nov. 26, 2009	Yes – Appealed Portions Yellow Highlights
21B – Natural Heritage and Agriculture	May 13, 2010	May 24, 2012 The Minister has made no decision on ROPA 21B regarding two parcels of land located in Part of the East Half of Lots 21 and 22, Concession 4, W.H.S. in the Geographic Township of Caledon.	
22 – Transportation	November 19, 2009	August 27, 2010	Yes – Appealed Portions Yellow Highlights
24 – Growth Management, Employment Areas and Greenbelt Conformity	April 22, 2010	Not applicable	Yes- Appealed Portions Yellow Highlights Strategic Infrastructure Study Area under appeal on Regional Official Plan Schedule D.
26 – Incentives for Intensification, Petroleum Resources, Human-Made Hazards, Special Policy Areas, Compatible Active Recreation, Transportation Schedules	June 28, 2012	January 2, 2013	Yes- Appealed Portions Yellow Highlights Schedule E under appeal in its entirety. The appealed version of Schedule E includes the Conceptual GTA West Transportation Corridor.
30 – An Amendment to Establish a Bolton Residential Expansion Settlement Area Boundary	December 8, 2016	Not applicable	No longer appealed; LPAT approved November 20, 2020
32 – An Amendment to remove shale resources protection policies in the North West Brampton Urban Development Area	July 11, 2019	Not applicable	No longer appealed; LPAT approved September 11, 2020
33 – An amendment to expand the Urban Boundary to include the Ninth Line lands in the City of Mississauga	March 12, 2020	Not applicable	No
34 – An amendment to expand the Mayfield West Rural Service Centre boundary to include the Mayfield West Phase 2 Stage 2 lands	September 10, 2020	Not applicable	No

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The Region of Peel Official Plan was adopted by Regional Council on July 11, 1996 through By-law 54-96. The Plan was subsequently approved with modifications by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, through the Minister's Notice of Decision on the Plan dated October 22, 1996. The Regional Official Plan (ROP) was approved under the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990 C.P 13, as amended by Bill 20 and its associated Provincial Policy Statement (1996).

Appeals of the Plan were forwarded to the Ontario Land Tribunal (previously known as the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) or Local Planning Appeal Tribunal). Sections of the Plan deemed not under appeal became effective on October 1, 1997. The appeals of the Plan were separated into four hearing phases.

Phase one of the Regional Official Plan hearings generally related to Section 5.4 (The Rural System) as it applied to specific lands in the Town of Caledon. OMB Decision/Order No. 1344 relating to these lands and policies became effective on October 1, 1997.

The second phase of the ROP hearings involved miscellaneous appeals of various policies and was characterized as the "General Appeals". The decision on these appeals became effective on November 3, 1997 (OMB Decision/Order No. 1543).

The third phase of the ROP hearings pertained to Mineral Aggregate/Natural Environment policies (and associated Glossary terms). The decision on these appeals became effective on February 12, 1998 (OMB Decision/Order No. 0350). Appeals to parts of the ROP, in so far as they apply to specific sites, were adjourned pursuant to that decision. The deferrals referring to the Eight Acres Limited lands in Mississauga were dismissed July 19, 2000 (OMB Decision/Order No. 1056). The Harbour View Investments Limited appeals referred to in OMB Decision/Order No. 0350, which were site specific to Caledon, have now been dismissed (OMB Decision/Order No. 1984 issued August 11, 1998).

The fourth and final phase of the ROP hearings pertained to "Airport" issues. OMB Decision/Order No. 1650 became effective July 6, 1998.

This Office Consolidation includes Ministry and Ontario Land Tribunal approvals as well as approved amendments made through:

ROPA #	Subject	Date Adopted
1	Caledon East Secondary Plan	May 11, 2000
2	Housekeeping Amendment	October 2, 2000
3	Assumption of Highway 7 from the Province of Ontario	December 6, 2001
4	York/Peel BATS Implementation	December 6, 2001
5	Airport Operating Area	July 31, 2002
7	Regional Official Plan Strategic Update, Oak Ridges Moraine	April 17, 2003
8	Regional Official Plan Strategic Update, Population and Employment Forecasts	July 10, 2003
9	Northwest Mississauga Proposed GO Rail Symbol	May 27, 2004
11	Regional Official Plan Strategic Update, Revisions to Human Services Policies	August 20, 2004
13	Regional Official Plan Strategic Update, Schedule A: Core Areas of the Greenlands System in Peel	December 15, 2005

15	Regional Official Plan Strategic Update, Brampton Urban Boundary Expansion, North West Brampton	June 16, 2005
16	Regional Official Plan Strategic Update, Revisions to Transportation Policies, being those portions no longer under appeal	September 15, 2005
17	Revisions to Mayfield West Rural Service Centre Boundary	December 15, 2005
20	Peel Region Official Plan Review, Sustainability and Energy Policies, being those portions no longer under appeal	May 14, 2009
21A	Peel Region Official Plan Review, Air Quality and Integrated Waste Management Policies	November 19, 2009
22	Peel Region Official Plan Review, Transportation Policies, being those portions no longer under appeal	November 19, 2009
23	Peel Region Official Plan Review, Housing Policies	November 19, 2009
25	Peel Region Official Plan Review, Performance Measurement Policies and Planning Act Conformity Policies	February 11, 2010
24	Peel Region Official Plan Review (PROPR) Managing Growth, Employment Areas, and Greenbelt Conformity Policies, being those portions no longer under appeal	April 22, 2010
21B	Peel Region Official Plan Review (PROPR) Natural Heritage and Agriculture Policies	May 13, 2010
26	Incentives for Intensification, Petroleum Resources, Human-Made Hazards, Special Policy Areas, Compatible Active Recreation and Transportation Policies, being those portions no longer under appeal	June 28, 2012
28	South Albion-Bolton Employment Land and North Hill Supermarket Settlement Area Boundary Expansion, being those portions no longer under appeal.	April 24, 2014
29	Mayfield West Phase 2 Secondary Plan Settlement Area Boundary Expansion	September 11, 2014
30	An Amendment to Establish a Bolton Residential Expansion Settlement Area Boundary	April 30, 2021
27	Health and the Built Environment, Age-friendly Planning, and Technical and Administrative Updates Policies	February 23, 2017
31	Airport Exception Policies	December 17, 2018
32	An Amendment to remove shale resources protection policies in the North West Brampton Urban Development Area	July 11, 2019
33	A proposed amendment to expand the Urban Boundary to include the Ninth Line lands in the City of Mississauga.	March 12, 2020
34	A proposed amendment to expand the Mayfield West Rural Service Centre boundary to include the Mayfield West Phase 2 Stage 2 lands.	September 10, 2020

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Foreword

The Need for a Plan

The Region of Peel continues to experience a high level of population and employment growth. This growth will continue to exert pressure on our ability to provide Regional *services*. This growth will also exert pressure on our ability to minimize further fragmentation and loss of the natural landscape and Peel's cultural heritage. These pressures, combined with evolving functions at the provincial and municipal levels, point to the timeliness of an Official Plan for Peel Region that can set the stage for delegation of planning authority from the provincial to the municipal level.

The Regional Official Plan is a public document which provides Regional Council with a long-term policy framework for decision making. It sets the Regional context for more detailed planning by protecting the environment, managing resources and directing growth and sets the basis for providing Regional *services* in an efficient and effective manner.

Background

The Regional Municipality of Peel came into existence on January 1, 1974, under the Province of Ontario's Regional Municipality of Peel Act. That legislation also established the lower tier constituent municipalities of the City of Brampton, the City of Mississauga and the Town of Caledon (referred to hereafter as the area-local municipalities). The Region of Peel was created, as were all upper tier municipalities in Ontario, to provide *services* that could best be delivered over a larger geographic area. All of these *services* are provided to those living and working in Peel on the basis of cooperation with the area-local municipalities.

The Region of Peel provides a wide range of *services* to those living and working in Peel. These include: construction and maintenance of Regional roads, *waste* management, water and sanitary sewers, regional planning, social assistance, assisted child care, homes for the aged, transit for the disabled, community health, non-profit housing, heritage, and an emergency 9-1-1 service. Through independent special purpose bodies, the Region of Peel also funds other *services* to those living and working in Peel, including policing, conservation authorities, hospitals and the Children's Aid Society.

The continuing provision of these *services* in an effective and efficient manner will be assisted by the strategies for growth and change contained in this Plan.

How the Plan was Prepared

The *Region of Peel* Official Plan was prepared according to a Council approved work program based on multi stakeholder consensus building. Overall direction for the Plan was provided by a Steering Committee comprised of an Assistant Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the members of the Regional Planning Committee. Management and preparation of the Plan was the responsibility of the Technical Advisory Committee comprised of the Commissioner of Planning, *Region of Peel*; the Commissioner of Planning and Building, City of Brampton; the Commissioner of Planning and Building, City of Mississauga; the Director of Planning and Development, Town of Caledon; and a representative of the Plans Administration Branch of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

The Steering Committee approved the terms of reference for four background studies to the Plan. Consultants were retained to complete background studies on the Regional Cost of Development, and on strategies for the Environment, Resources, and Regional Structure. Numerous multi-stakeholder workshops were held with staff representatives from *the Region*, area municipalities, Provincial ministries, special purpose bodies and neighbouring municipalities. Newsletters, questionnaires and information sessions provided opportunities for public information, input and comments.

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Chapter 1: Introduction

1.1 Purpose of the Plan

The Regional Municipalities Act and the Planning Act direct [Regional Council](#) to prepare and adopt a Regional Official Plan for [Peel](#) and submit it to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for approval. The Planning Act guides the content of the Regional Official Plan. When approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, this Plan becomes the primary long-range strategic land use policy document for the [Region of Peel](#).

The purpose of this Plan is to:

- provide a holistic approach to planning through an overarching *sustainable development* framework that integrates environmental, social, economic and cultural imperatives;
- provide [Regional Council](#) with the long-term regional strategic policy framework for guiding growth and *development* in [Peel](#) while having regard for *protecting* the environment, managing the renewable and non-renewable resources, and outlining a [Regional Structure](#) that manages this growth within [Peel](#) in the most effective and efficient manner;
- interpret and apply the intent of Provincial legislation and policies within a Regional context using the authority delegated or assigned to [the Region](#) from the Province;
- provide a long-term regional strategic policy framework for the more specific objectives and land use policies contained in the [area-local municipal official plans](#) which must conform to this Plan;
- recognize the duality in [Peel Region](#) between the urban nature of the Cities of Brampton and Mississauga and [southern Caledon, and](#) the primarily rural nature of [the Town of northern Caledon](#);
- recognize the need for effective environmental protection and management measures to ensure environmental sustainability;
- [integrate climate change considerations in planning and managing growth to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve the resilience of the Region to respond and adapt to a changing climate](#);
- recognize the importance of *protecting* and enriching the natural and cultural heritage of [Peel Region](#);

- [recognize the importance of planning for equity and inclusion in consideration of the population diversity in Peel Region;](#)
- provide for the health and safety of those living and working in Peel; and
- maintain and enhance the fiscal sustainability of the Region.

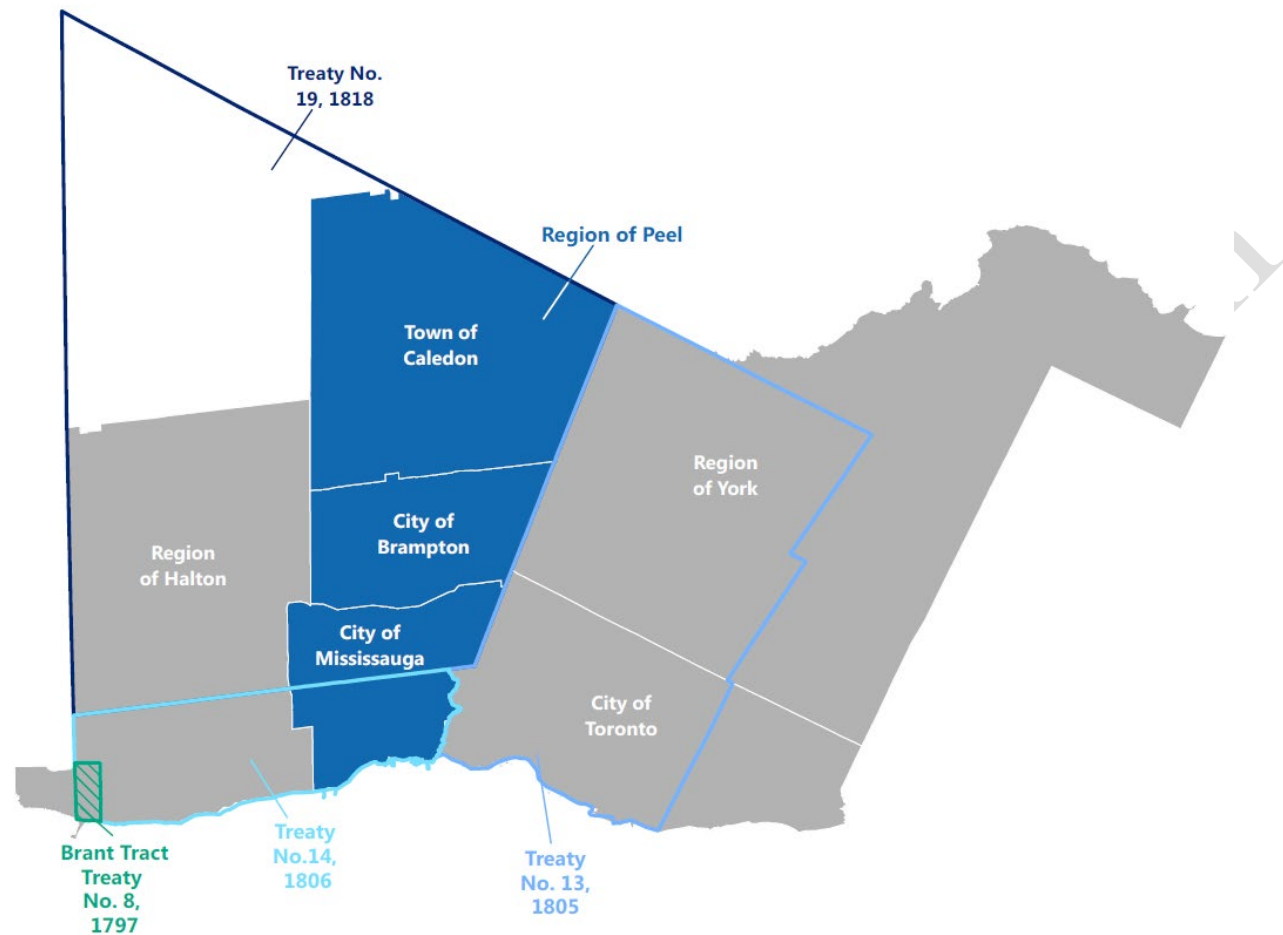
Based on these purposes, [Regional Council](#) has directed the preparation of this Plan.

1.2 Geographic Scope [& Land Acknowledgement](#)

Peel Region is situated in the west-central portion of the [Greater Toronto Area \(GTA\)](#), the largest urban agglomeration in Canada (see Figure 1 ~~in the Appendix~~). Covering 1,225 square kilometres (473 square miles) and stretching from Lake Ontario in the south, to the *Oak Ridges Moraine* and ~~above~~ the *Niagara Escarpment* in the north, Peel includes a diverse mixture of urban, suburban, rural, agricultural, and natural *landscapes*. ~~At the beginning of 1995, Peel had an estimated population of 853,000 persons.~~

[It is important to recognize that historically, lands in Peel were used for hunting, gathering and foraging by Indigenous communities, and their unique relationship to the land continues to shape the history and economy of Ontario today. Aboriginal rights are elements of Indigenous custom, practice or tradition that were historically integral to the distinctive culture of an Indigenous community, and that are still practices today. Treaty rights are the specific rights embodied in the treaties that were entered into with Canada, and often address the creation of reserves for the exclusive use of Indigenous communities. While many treaties were signed more than a century ago, treaty commitments continue to be valid today. In 1982, when the Constitution Act was passed, treaty rights were recognized and affirmed by Canada's Constitution protected by Section 35 of the Constitution Act.](#)

Peel is covered by various treaties. [Treaty 14 \(or 13A\) and Treaty 19 are within the Upper Canada Land Surrenders \(see map below\). Treaty 14 is known as the Head of the Lake Purchase and was signed on September 12, 1806 by representatives of the Crown and certain Mississauga peoples. It includes lands along the north shore of Lake Ontario to the southwest of the Toronto Purchase. Treaty 19 is also known as the Ajetance Purchase, signed on October 28, 1818 by representatives of the Crown and Anishinaabe peoples and covers approximately 6,500 km². The Ajetance Purchase is named for the Chief of the Credit River Mississaugas.](#)



(source: Peel Data Centre, 2020; treaty boundary mapping is based on *James L. Morris, Indians of Ontario* (Toronto Department of Land and Forests, 1943))

The municipal boundaries of the Region of Peel Official Plan apply to the combined areas of the City of Brampton, the City of Mississauga, and the Town of Caledon. The land on which the Region of Peel operates, is part of the treaty lands and territory of Indigenous communities. In particular, the Region acknowledges the territory of the Anishinabek, Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee and Ojibway/Chippewa peoples; the land that is home to the Metis, and most recently, the territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation who are direct descendants of the Mississaugas of the Credit. The Region of Peel recognizes the opportunity to work on this land, and by doing so, give our respect to its first inhabitants. Their territory has defined and sustained their communities for generations and must continue to do so for generations to come.

As of end of year 2020, Peel had an estimated population of 1,501,578 persons. Today, Peel is one of the fastest growing regions in Ontario. Peel's population growth is largely driven by immigration. Peel welcomes approximately 11 per cent of Canada's total annual immigrants and has the highest proportion of immigrants in the Greater Toronto Area (51.5 per cent). Peel is also one of the most diverse communities in Ontario. Diversity accounts for a variety of unique characteristics that

distinguish individuals and groups and may contain intersecting dimensions that affect how one experiences an environment. These can include factors such as culture, ethnicity, race, religion, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, language, abilities and socioeconomic status. This diversity is one of Peel's greatest assets. As the Region continues to grow, we strive to create communities that are inclusive and welcoming of all individuals.

~~In portions of Peel, such as the areas covered by the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan, Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, the Niagara Escarpment Plan, the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, the Greenbelt Plan, and the Parkway Belt West Plan, specific provincial plans are in effect. In the event of a conflict, these provincial plans and policies take precedence over this Plan (see Figure 2 in the Appendix).~~

~~The Region of Peel recognizes that the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan, prepared in accordance with the Lake Simcoe Protection Act, 2008, came into effect on June 2, 2010. The Lake Simcoe Protection Plan is a watershed-based plan that provides a roadmap to help restore and protect the health of Lake Simcoe. The Region of Peel shall review the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan and incorporate policies to enable its implementation through a future Official Plan Amendment.~~

1.3 Guide to Reading the Plan

~~This Plan outlines strategies to guide growth and development in Peel Region for the period 2005 to 2031 for the Urban System and 2005 to 2021 for the Rural System. The reference year for the Plan is 2001, which was a Federal Census year. This Plan acknowledges and is based on legislation, policy statements, guidelines and provincial policy positions available as of the adoption date of this Plan.~~

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This Plan is structured as a series of policy layers to be applied to the geographic base of Peel. The importance of environmental concerns in the future of Peel is highlighted by the position of the environment in Chapter 2 at the front of the Plan.

Chapters 1 to 7, Tables 1 to 3, Schedules A to ~~HX12~~, and the Glossary, constitute the Region of Peel Official Plan. Except as expressly noted in Policies ~~7.2.2.3, 7.2.2.7, and 7.2.2.9~~ 7.3.4, 7.3.8, 7.3.10; any changes, additions, or deletions to these elements will require an amendment to this Plan.

With *ecosystem* features and functions *protected* by the policies in Chapter 2, the Plan then sets out strategic policies to guide the wise use of resources in Chapter 3. Certainly resources are part of the natural environment, but specific policies regarding resource protection are called for by legislation.

Recognizing the importance of the environment and resources, Peel must plan carefully to accommodate anticipated growth. Chapter 4 contains growth forecasts to the year ~~2031~~2051 for

Peel, allocates the forecasted population, household and employment growth among the three [area local](#) municipalities, and contains policies regarding population, household and employment growth.

Chapter 5 sets out objectives and policies to guide the structural *development* of [the Region](#) in order to accommodate the anticipated population and employment growth in a manner which respects the environmental and resource objectives and policies in this Plan.

Chapter 6 deals with the provision of Regional *services* in *support* of the policies in this Plan.

Chapter 7 deals with the various means by which [the Region](#) can and may implement the policies in this Plan.

The Glossary includes definitions of various terms, and is provided to assist the reader in interpreting the Plan. The definitions of terms provided in [provincial plans](#) and the Provincial Policy Statement applies to those terms that are used in the Region of Peel Official Plan, unless otherwise identified in the Glossary section of the Region of Peel Official Plan.

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[References to the 'Region of Peel', 'Peel Region' and 'the Region' are meant to reflect the corporation and geography of the Regional Municipality of Peel.](#)

[Terms in *italicized* text throughout the Plan are defined in the Glossary. In addition, terms throughout the Plan in **bold and italicized** text are used for the purpose of achieving conformity with \[provincial plans and policies\]\(#\). The definitions for these terms are not provided in the Glossary. The reader is referred to the relevant \[provincial plans, policy or legislation\]\(#\) for the definition. Provincial \[plans and policies\]\(#\) referenced include, but are not limited to, the Greenbelt Plan, the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan, the Niagara Escarpment Plan, the Growth Plan, the Provincial Policy Statement, and the Food and Organic Waste Policy Statement.](#)

1.3.1-1.4 Application of Provincial Policy

This Plan outlines strategies to guide growth and *development* in [Peel Region](#), ~~for the period 2005 to 2031 for the Urban System and 2005 to 2021 for the Rural System. The reference year for the Plan is 2001, which was a Federal Census year.~~ This Plan acknowledges and is based on legislation, policy statements, guidelines and provincial policy positions available as of the adoption date of this Plan.

The Regional Official Plan is designed to clarify the roles and responsibilities of [the Region](#) and the [area local](#) municipalities by providing regional leadership where value is added and by clearly assigning certain roles to the [area local](#) municipalities through strong, directive policy language.

In portions of Peel, specific provincial plans are in effect such as the areas covered by the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan, A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (the Growth Plan), the Niagara Escarpment Plan, the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, the Greenbelt Plan, and the Parkway Belt West Plan, ~~specific provincial plans are in effect~~. For a complete understanding of more detailed matters not covered in this Plan, reference should be made to the official plans for the area local municipalities, their supporting documents and applicable provincial plans. In the event of a conflict, these provincial plans and policies take precedence over this Plan (see Figure 2 ~~in the Appendix~~).

An underlying premise of this Plan is that provincial policy will be implemented *jointly* through both the Regional Plan and area-local municipal plans. Area Local municipal official plans will contain more detailed policies. Where a policy in this Plan directs the local municipalities to include specific policies in their official plans, the direction and the provisions contained in the policy and in any provincial plans referred to are policies of Regional Council with respect to the Region's planning decisions.

1.3.2-1.5 Five Planning Principles of the Plan

This Plan is based on a set of five principles formulated by the Regional Official Plan Technical Advisory Committee as part of the "Regional Official Plan Outline" (revised August 13, 1993) and approved by the Regional Official Plan Steering Committee and Council. The following are the principles identified for the preparation of this Plan:

- a) The Plan must be strategic in nature, setting broad, high-level, long-term policy directions for Peel and incorporating the strategic objectives of the area-local municipalities;
- b) The Plan should aim to disentangle area-local municipal, regional and provincial activities in planning, eliminate duplication and not complicate area-local municipal planning efforts. To accomplish this, the Plan must remain focused on the responsibilities mandated in the Regional Municipality of Peel Act;
- c) The Plan must add value to the planning and *development* process in Peel. The Plan must not duplicate or infringe on area-local municipal planning efforts and must have a distinct, complementary and productive role;
- d) The Plan should not act as a vehicle for Regional involvement in matters that are established as area-local municipal planning and servicing responsibilities; and
- e) The Plan must be prepared with a view to having the Province delegate authority to the Regional, area-local municipal and/or conservation authority level.

1.3.3 Elements of the Plan

~~There are five elements to this Plan: Text, Tables, Schedules Glossary and Figures.~~

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1.3.4 Organization of the Chapters

This Plan is structured as a series of policy layers to be applied to the geographic base of *Peel*. The importance of environmental concerns in the future of *Peel* is highlighted by the position of the environment in Chapter 2 at the front of the Plan.

With *ecosystem* features and functions *protected* by the policies in Chapter 2, the Plan then sets out strategic policies to guide the wise use of resources in Chapter 3. Certainly resources are part of the natural environment, but specific policies regarding resource protection are called for by legislation.

Recognizing the importance of the environment and resources, *Peel* must plan carefully to accommodate anticipated growth. Chapter 4 contains growth forecasts to the year 2031 for *Peel*, allocates the forecasted population, household and employment growth among the three area municipalities, and contains policies regarding population, household and employment growth.

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1.3.5-1.6 Overarching Themes of the Plan

The over-arching theme of this Plan is *sustainability* which refers to meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. Regional Council will work towards *sustainability* by applying a *sustainable development* framework which will provide a holistic approach to planning, action and measurement. The principle of *sustainable development* is important given the need to address significant issues such as developing a sustainable society and addressing specific issues such as the impacts of climate change through mitigation and adaptation measures. The aim is to create a strong, vibrant and resilient [Region society](#) that can adapt to changes while meeting the [environmental, social, economic and cultural human services and infrastructure](#) needs of the community. By adopting the framework below, the Plan will guide the Region in its [goal quest](#) to become and remain a sustainable community.

The environmental imperative is to protect, enhance and foster self-sustaining, regional, native biodiversity while reducing and measuring the impact of development on the [ecosystem](#) based on an integrated systems approach. The imperative ensures water quantity and quality is protected, [improved](#) or [restored enhanced](#) to meet [ecosystem](#) needs and for human uses. Further, the imperative seeks to reduce Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions and other pollutants while promoting best practices in *sustainable development* including use of green development standards, energy and water efficient systems and living within the carrying capacity of Peel's supporting [ecosystems](#).

The social imperative is to create conditions conducive to healthy citizens and thriving communities committed to achieving social harmony and social inclusion so that individual, family, neighbourhood and community needs are met. The Region will strive to have a society that encourages healthy behaviours, lifestyles, and respect for one another; fosters inclusiveness, kindness and human dignity; that welcomes newcomers with grace and speed; and that ensures a civil and peaceful society for all people. [The Region will strive to create communities that are inclusive and welcoming of all individuals. To address this, the Region recognizes the need for equity in its communities, to be more inclusive for all individuals and avoid barriers that lead to systemic and persistent discrimination. Peel will continually strive to be a place where individuals of all identified and backgrounds can live free from discrimination, oppression, harassment, and hate.](#)

The cultural imperative is to promote arts, culture and heritage, and quality of place that will attract and retain talented people, and encourage creativity and entrepreneurship. Also, the imperative seeks to create buildings and public spaces that are beautiful and accessible building on our distinctive human, cultural, historical and natural characteristics, where people take personal responsibility for the success of our community and promote civic engagement, [and social cohesion and inclusion](#), placing value on [the many diverse ethnic, religious, cultural groups that make up](#) the rich fabric of Peel's population.

The economic imperative is to promote a strong, vibrant and prosperous economy that operates within the *sustainability* theme [while by](#) encouraging environmentally friendly businesses and business practices, providing for an adequate supply of future [employment lands](#), convenient, efficient and effective [public transportation system safe and efficient transportation network](#), sustainable *infrastructure* and *services* to support a diverse and growing economy including local employment and financial sustainability.

This *sustainable development* framework enables integration of the environmental, social, economic and cultural imperatives throughout the Plan. Each imperative requires planning issues to be approached from different perspectives and has a distinct primary focus and strengths. ~~Also, each imperative has its particular strengths when applied to regional planning for an area like Peel.~~ Viewed together, the imperatives provide an integrated and flexible basis for the formulation of policy and decision-making. These four imperatives ~~also reflect~~ contribute towards the “Community for Life” vision in the Council ~~approved~~ adopted Region of Peel Corporate Strategic Plan and Mission to create a healthy, safe and connected community: Peel will be a healthy, vibrant and safe community that values diversity, and quality of life. Therefore, This Plan contains integrated yet adaptive goals and objectives that promote *sustainable development*.

1.7.3.6 General Goals of the Plan

In applying the policies in this Plan, the overall goals of **Regional Council** are:

1.3.6.1

1.7.1

To create healthy and sustainable regional communities for those living and working in **Peel** which is characterized by physical, mental, economic and social well-being; ~~minimized~~ crime prevention, hunger and homelessness; a recognition and preservation of **the Region's** natural and cultural heritage; and an emphasis on the importance of **Peel's** future as a caring **community**.

1.3.6.2

1.7.2

To recognize, respect, preserve, restore and enhance the importance of *ecosystem* features, functions and linkages, and enhance the environmental well-being of air, water, land resources and living organisms.

1.3.6.3

1.7.3

To recognize the importance of a vital, competitive and diverse economy and a sound tax base, and manage and stage growth and *development* in accordance with the financial goals and overall fiscal sustainability of **the Region**.

1.3.6.4

1.7.4

To *support* growth and *development* which takes place in a sustainable manner, and which integrates the environmental, social, economic and cultural responsibilities of **the Region** and the Province.

The implementation of policies and strategies detailed in this Plan is subject to the fiscal constraints of the Province, **the Region**, the area-local municipalities and agencies directly or indirectly involved. However, both the short and long-term economic, social, cultural and environmental implications of inaction must be seriously considered.

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Chapter 2: The Natural Environment

2.1 Introduction Purpose

2.1.1 Purpose

The Region's heritage resources consist of its natural and cultural heritage. There is an important interrelationship between these resources illustrating the historic link between the area-local municipal community and its surrounding environment, and providing a sense of place and identity. The Region of Peel recognizes that Indigenous communities have a special relationship with the earth and its natural resources. Indigenous communities' tradition of stewardship of land, water and resources extends back thousands of years and links to aboriginal and treaty rights as recognized and affirmed in Section 35 of the Constitution Act. The primary focus of this chapter is ~~on~~ the natural environment heritage resources, while the identification, preservation and promotion of Peel's cultural heritage is dealt with in Chapter 3: Resources of this Plan. The close relationship that exists between the natural and cultural heritage is recognized, therefore, the objectives and policies of this chapter should not be considered in isolation.

~~The natural environment provides the life support system for our urban and rural communities. Ideally, healthy~~ Healthy natural systems require no intervention to function properly. Degraded natural systems, ~~on the other hand,~~ have costly consequences for our communities which can be intensified by the impacts of climate change. A well-functioning natural environment has social, health and economic benefits for those living and working in Peel, now and in the future.

The Region of Peel recognizes its responsibility to maintain ~~preserve~~, *protect*, restore and enhance and encourage through the support of, and where appropriate, participation in the restoration and rehabilitation of natural areas in Peel. The Region recognizes the importance of a resilient natural environment which will better enable natural systems to recover from disturbances and to tolerate and adapt to a changing climate. The Region's Strategic Plan reflects this in its goals to "conserve Peel's air, water and land resources", and to "protect Peel's important natural features and environmentally sensitive areas".

In this chapter, emphasis is placed on the *joint* efforts with the area-local municipalities, conservation authorities and other agencies that are required to *protect* the natural systems in Peel, restore poorly functioning *ecosystems*, ~~and~~ promote clean air, water and land, and mitigate and adapt to climate change.

These efforts contribute to ecological *sustainability* and a healthy environment for the residents of the Region. This is accomplished by promoting *sustainable development* in accordance with the

policies of this Plan and through decisions that integrate social, economic, environmental and cultural considerations which affect the environment. One of the appropriate frameworks for these efforts is the establishment of a set of environmental policies in this Plan, to be supported and supplemented by environmental policies in the three area-local municipal official plans, the Greenbelt Plan, ~~the~~ Lake Simcoe Protection Plan, approved source protection plans, ~~the~~ Parkway Belt West Plan, Provincial Policy Statement, Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (Places to Grow), Niagara Escarpment Plan, ~~and the~~ Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, and Provincial Policy Statement.

Large environmental systems interact with smaller *ecosystems*, including localized plant and animal communities. This Plan considers the Region's climate system, Water Resource System, airsheds, watersheds, groundwater resources, the Lake Ontario Waterfront, Lake Simcoe, Bioregions, the Greenbelt, the Niagara Escarpment, and the Oak Ridges Moraine, and the Greenlands System, as the relevant large environmental systems which Peel has a role part in *protecting*.

~~The establishment of a Greenlands System in Peel, as called for in the Strategic Plan, protecting and, where possible and ecologically appropriate, connecting key natural features, is set out in some detail in Section 2.3 of this chapter.~~

Goal

~~2.1.2~~ 2.2 To ~~create and maintain a system of viable, well functioning environmental features to~~ ensure a healthy, resilient and self-sustaining natural environment within Peel Region.

~~2.1.3~~ 2.3 General Policies

~~It is the policy of Regional Council to:~~

2.3.1 Establish a comprehensive policy framework to mitigate and adapt to climate change.

~~2.1.3.1~~

2.3.2 Rationalize the regulatory framework for the natural environment across the Region on an *ecosystem* basis, *jointly* with the area-local municipalities, conservation authorities and provincial agencies, to increase the defensibility and effectiveness of protection measures.

~~2.1.3.2~~

2.3.3 *Protect, maintain, restore* and enhance the quality and *integrity ecological integrity* of *ecosystems*, including air, water, land and biota *jointly* with the area local municipalities, conservation authorities and provincial agencies.

2.3.4 Adopt policies and establish programs for the restoration and enhancement of the natural environment in Peel jointly with the local municipalities, conservation authorities and provincial agencies.

~~2.2.2.3~~

2.3.5 Participate in, and *support*, broader scale environmental studies in order to assess the carrying capacity of *ecosystems* and the potential cumulative effects of *development* in areas where *development* is likely to have a major impact on the *integrity ecological integrity* of broader *ecosystems* and the Greenlands System in Peel ~~(see Section 2.3).~~

~~2.1.3.3~~

2.3.6 Identify and regulate *development* on lands exposed to *natural hazards* jointly with the ~~area~~-local municipalities, provincial agencies and conservation authorities.

~~2.1.3.4~~ ~~Adopt policies and establish programs for the restoration of the natural environment in Peel jointly with the area municipalities, conservation authorities and provincial agencies.~~

~~2.1.3.5~~ ~~Ensure, jointly with the area municipalities and the conservation authorities in consultation with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, that no negative impacts, as defined in the Provincial Policy Statement, occur to fish habitat as a result of development and site alterations.~~

~~2.1.3.6~~

2.3.7 Encourage the ~~area~~-local municipalities, in consultation with the conservation authorities, to promote and enforce soil conservation measures on developing sites.

2.2 Large Environmental Systems

Large environmental systems interact with smaller *ecosystems*, including localized plant and animal communities. This Plan considers *airsheds*, *watersheds*, groundwater resources, the Lake Ontario Waterfront, *Bioregions*, *the Greenbelt*, the *Niagara Escarpment* and the *Oak Ridges Moraine* as the relevant large environmental systems which *Peel* has a part in *protecting*.

2.2.1 General Objectives

2.2.1.1 To recognize and promote the connections between local *ecosystem* functions and large environmental systems and contribute to the protection of these larger non-localized systems.

2.2.1.2 To conserve, restore and enhance *integrity* of *Peel's* air, water and land resources.

2.2.2 General Policies

It is the policy of Regional Council to:

2.2.2.1 Study, recognize and protect the overall integrity of *Peel's* *ecosystems* which are part of connected biotic (living) and abiotic (non-living) systems providing local and larger scale natural functions.

2.2.2.2 Study and create databases for the larger environmental systems.

2.2.2.3 Participate in, and support, broader scale environmental studies in order to assess the carrying capacity of *ecosystems* and the potential cumulative effects of *development* in areas where *development* is likely to have a major impact on the *integrity* of broader *ecosystems* and the *Greenlands System in Peel* (see Section 2.3).

2.4 Climate System

The Region's climate is changing due to changes in the global climate system caused by the release of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. Climate change is a serious issue that affects people, communities and *ecosystems* at the global, national and local levels. It is anticipated that changes to the Region's climate will result in higher annual average temperatures, and more extreme, unpredictable weather. Over time, climate change will adversely impact the makeup and function of natural systems, increase the risk of flooding, damage *infrastructure* and negatively impact public health. As *Peel* continues to grow, the challenge of reducing greenhouse gas emissions as well as managing the risks and vulnerabilities associated with climate change will be intensified. Climate change impacts will not be experienced equally across individuals and communities. Underlying social inequities will also need to be addressed as climate change will disproportionately affect those with

lower socio-economic and/or health status. All of these changes will increase costs and demand for government programs and services.

Mitigation and adaptation are core strategies for reducing and managing the risks related to climate change. Mitigation refers to actions that reduce or eliminate the sources and emissions of greenhouse gases. Adaptation refers to actions that reduce the vulnerability of communities to the impacts of climate change and improve the resilience of communities to respond and recover when impacts occur.

The Region, in conjunction with the local municipalities, agencies and other levels of government have an important role in mitigating the impacts of climate change and reducing community vulnerability through adaptation while taking advantage of opportunities to strengthen economic prosperity, social well-being and environmental integrity. This can be achieved through land use and infrastructure planning, and adjusting Regional programs and services to reduce emissions and improve resiliency.

The interconnectedness of actions requires direction across planning themes including growth management, transportation, natural heritage, water, energy and agriculture for the protection of human health, property, environment, and economy. Policies addressing climate change will be found in other areas of this Plan including the Natural Heritage, Resources, Regional Structure, Services and Implementation sections.

Goal

2.4.1 To address the impacts of climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions through mitigation and reducing the vulnerability of the Region to climate change impacts through adaptation to create a more resilient and low-carbon community.

Objectives

2.4.2 To support the development of sustainable, low-carbon, compact, mixed-use, and transit supportive communities which reduce greenhouse gas emissions, protect natural systems, features and functions, and promote renewable energy, energy conservation and efficient design.

2.4.3 To support the implementation of policies, programs, and services that reduces community and natural vulnerability to climate impacts.

2.4.4 To assess the potential impacts and associated risks of climate change to infrastructure and incorporate appropriate measures to reduce or mitigate vulnerabilities, impacts and risks.

2.4.5 To promote a culture of conservation through energy, water and soil conservation and integrated waste management.

2.4.6 To support and promote local food production and sustainable procurement, food security, and protect the Region's agricultural land base and rural economy.

Policies

2.4.7 In collaboration with local municipalities and conservation authorities, support and undertake climate change mitigation and adaptation planning and implementation through coordinated strategies, plans and actions in accordance with accepted frameworks and provincial guidance.

2.4.8 In collaboration with local municipalities and conservation authorities, support and undertake community sector and infrastructure risk and vulnerability assessments and identify strategies and actions that will reduce vulnerability and improve the resiliency of the Region to climate change.

2.4.9 In collaboration with local municipalities, develop and complete region-wide community greenhouse gas inventories in accordance with accepted methods and standards.

2.4.10 Direct the local municipalities in collaboration with the Region to undertake community energy and greenhouse gas emissions reduction planning in accordance with provincial guidance, including developing energy use and greenhouse gas inventories for local community emissions, establishing emission reduction targets, objectives or scenarios, and recommending strategies and actions to reduce emissions and promote low carbon energy alternatives.

2.4.11 Establish Regional corporate greenhouse gas emission reduction targets that support provincial targets and that work towards the goal of creating low-carbon communities and monitor and report on progress made towards the achievement of these targets.

2.4.12 Proactively engage all levels of government, the private sector, public organizations and the public to support implementation of climate change planning actions.

2.2.32.5 Air Quality

Air quality is a significant issue which can negatively affect human health, the environment and economy. Peel is part of a Great Lakes Basin climatic system or *airshed*. Peel's air quality is affected not only by local sources of air pollution, but also regional, national and international sources. Larger weather systems may flush out, bring in, or trap polluted air. On average, approximately fifty per cent of the air pollution experienced in Peel comes from sources in the United States. In addition, Peel's emissions also affect our neighbour's downwind.

Air pollution comes from a number of natural and human sources which include industry, transportation, heating and cooling, dust and forest fires. Poor air quality affects everyone, including healthy individuals. Certain groups of people however, face a greater health risk from poor air quality and are referred to as vulnerable populations. These vulnerable populations include: children, seniors, people with allergies, asthma, heart and/or lung conditions and people who work or exercise outside.

Air has no boundaries and is constantly moving. The Region does not have the authority to regulate air emissions. However, the Region in conjunction with the [area-local](#) municipalities plays a significant role in creating healthier and sustainable communities. Air quality can be improved by the Region through the land use and [infrastructure](#) planning processes and through leadership in reducing emissions associated with corporate operations. Policies to improve air quality are also valuable in mitigating the effects of climate change, as both issues require changes to land use, minimizing use of fossil fuels, decreasing auto [modal share](#) and shifting towards alternative energy sources. Policies related to air quality are captured below. However, due to the interrelationships with other sections including transportation, energy, [climate change](#) and sustainability; policies to address air quality can also be found in other sections of the Official Plan.

2.2.3.1

Goals

[2.5.1](#) To create healthier and sustainable communities by improving local air quality and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

2.2.3.2

Objectives

2.2.3.2.1

[2.5.2](#) To improve local air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

2.2.3.2.2

[2.5.3](#) To promote sustainable development and land use patterns which address public health, transportation systems, energy conservation and environmental concerns.

2.2.3.3

Policies

[It is the policy of Regional Council to:](#)

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[2.5.4](#) In consultation with the [area-local](#) municipalities, develop [strategies and](#) tools to assess the air quality implications of [development](#) that [support the reduction in emissions from municipal, transportation, commercial, industrial and residential sources that can](#) minimize adverse human health effects. These tools would be

applied to but not limited to development applications and projects that may be insignificant by themselves, but cumulatively are significant.

~~2.2.3.3.2~~

2.5.5

Develop a multi-stakeholder air quality management plan to provide more detail on policies and strategies for reducing air pollution.

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2.5.6

Raise awareness of local air quality issues and climate change through partnerships with all levels of government, the private sector and public organizations.

~~2.2.3.3.4~~

2.5.7

In consultation with area-local municipalities and other levels of government, develop outreach programs to promote air quality and to encourage behaviour change in order to reduce air pollution.

~~2.2.3.3.5~~

2.5.8

Proactively engage all levels of government, the private sector and public organizations to promote more health protective emissions standards for vehicles, industries and energy producing facilities.

~~2.2.3.3.6~~

2.5.9

Establish corporate targets for greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution reductions to improve local air quality and address climate change.

~~2.2.3.3.7~~

2.5.10

Support the development of area-local municipal official plan policies including, but not limited to, setbacks for residential *development*, transportation corridors and the separation of sensitive land uses from both planned and existing sources of harmful emissions.

~~2.2.3.3.8~~

2.5.11

~~Monitor and model~~ air quality to accurately establish local air emissions in Peel and report on the findings from ~~the monitoring and~~ modelling.

2.6 **Water Resource System**

Water resources in Peel are comprised of complex interrelated systems, features and areas such as aquifers, ground water recharge and discharge areas, seepage areas and springs, rivers, streams, ponds, wetlands, lakes, and stormwater. These systems depend on the hydrological cycle of precipitation, ground water infiltration, evapotranspiration and surface runoff. Ground water and surface water are important regional resources. Not only do these resources supply drinking water, they also play a vital role in maintaining ecological integrity of ecosystems.

The Credit River, Humber River, Etobicoke Creek, Mimico Creek and their *tributaries* form the major *watersheds* in Peel, although portions of other larger *watersheds* and many smaller *watersheds* also lie within Peel (see Figure 3).

Ground water plays an important role in the hydrological cycle of the Water Resource System in Peel. The identification, maintenance and protection of ground water recharge and discharge features and functions such as *woodlands*, topographic depressions, *wetlands*, ponds, lakes, rivers and streams are important to sustaining ground water quality and quantity. These features are adversely affected by climate change and are also essential for adaptation and mitigation of climate change impacts.

The *ground water features* and areas, *surface water features* and areas, and their associated *hydrologic functions* make up Peel's Water Resource System. The sustained social, economic and environmental well-being of the Region is dependent on the proper protection, management and conservation of Peel's Water Resource System and related Greenlands System.

Peel has an abundance of ground and surface water resources, but faces a growing number of water management challenges as the extent and intensity of land uses increase the impacts on natural systems. Climate change also presents a threat to the Region's water resources. Ground and surface waters face threats from climate change such as reduced water levels, leading to habitat loss. The Region of Peel and its partners are developing and implementing strategies to adapt to and mitigate the effects of climate change. The interconnections and relationships among human activities and the subsequent impacts on the Water Resource System must be recognized and addressed.

Objectives

- 2.6.1** To protect, improve or restore the quantity and quality of water resources for the supply of potable water and maintenance of *ecosystem integrity* in Peel.
- 2.6.2** To eliminate or minimize potential negative land use impacts on *vulnerable surface and ground water, sensitive ground water features and sensitive surface water features*, and their *hydrologic functions*.
- 2.6.3** To increase the collective knowledge of water resources in and adjacent to Peel through the study, analysis and monitoring of these resources.
- 2.6.4** To promote public awareness and education initiatives with respect to the protection and conservation of water resources.

Policies

- 2.6.5** Protect, improve or restore the quality and quantity of water resources, including Water Resource System features and areas, *key hydrologic areas* and *key hydrologic features*, and their *hydrologic functions*, and related natural systems, features and

areas, including their linkages and related functions, *jointly* with the [local municipalities](#), conservation authorities and other related agencies.

- 2.6.6 To identify [Water Resource System](#) features and areas as shown on Schedules X1, X5 and X6 and direct the [local municipalities](#) to further interpret, refine and designate, *as appropriate*, [Water Resource System](#) features and areas in their official plans.
- 2.6.7 Initiate, promote and *support* efforts to further identify, study, analyze and monitor water resources, *jointly* with the [local municipalities](#), conservation authorities and other related agencies to ensure water quantity and quality meet provincial and regional standards.
- 2.6.8 Initiate, promote and *support, as appropriate*, coordinated inter-municipal and inter-agency water resource management efforts, particularly with respect to cross boundary resource issues.
- 2.6.9 Require the use of ***low impact development*** and *green infrastructure* approaches, *as appropriate*, to mitigate and adapt to climate change impacts, *support* the efficient and *sustainable* use of water resources and to manage stormwater.
- 2.6.10 Direct the [local municipalities](#) to establish policies and programs to *protect*, improve or restore water resources.
- 2.6.11 Direct the [local municipalities](#) to include policies in their official plans to implement restrictions on *development* and *site alteration* to [protect](#) municipal drinking water supplies in accordance with the policies in this Plan, and to *protect*, improve or restore ***vulnerable surface*** and ***ground water, sensitive surface water features, sensitive ground water features, key hydrologic features*** and ***key hydrologic areas***, and their functions.
- 2.6.12 Direct the [local municipalities](#) to require that *development* and *site alteration* that may have an immediate or cumulative impact on water resources be supported by appropriate hydrological and hydrogeological studies in accordance with provincial policy and the policies of this Plan. Study requirements, *as appropriate*, shall be confirmed when applications for *development* or *site alteration* are proposed within ***designated vulnerable areas*** or ***key hydrologic areas***, or on lands within 120 metres of a ***sensitive surface water feature, sensitive ground water feature*** or ***key hydrologic feature***.
- 2.6.13 Exempt new or expansions to buildings or structures for *agricultural uses, agriculture related uses* or *on-farm diversified uses* from the requirement of a hydrological or hydrogeological study where the total impervious surface does not exceed 10 percent of the lot or if a minimum 30 metre ***vegetation protection zone*** is provided from a ***key hydrologic feature***.

- 2.6.14 Direct the local municipalities to prohibit *development* and *site alteration* in **key hydrologic features** or any associated **vegetation protection zone** outside of *settlement areas* in accordance with any policies of this Plan and applicable provincial plan.
- 2.6.15 Direct the local municipalities to require a hydrologic evaluation that identifies a **vegetation protection zone** for applications related to new *development* or *site alteration* within 120 meters of a **key hydrologic feature** outside of a *settlement area*, in accordance with any requirements of this Plan and the Growth Plan.
- 2.6.16 Direct the local municipalities to only permit large scale *development* by plan of subdivision, vacant plan of condominium or site plan in **key hydrologic areas** outside of *settlement areas* if it is demonstrated that the **hydrologic functions**, including the quality and quantity of water, of these areas will be protected and, where possible, enhanced or restored in accordance with any requirements of this Plan and the Growth Plan.
- 2.6.17 Support initiatives of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, other Provincial ministries, farming organizations, local municipalities, conservation authorities and other agencies, which encourage sound agricultural land management and soil conservation practices, and other measures that minimize or eliminate the amount of pesticides, nutrients, silt and other contaminants which have the potential to enter ground and surface water systems of the region.
- 2.6.18 Work jointly with the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks, local municipalities, conservation authorities and other relevant agencies to establish coordinated procedures with respect to water taking permits to ensure that water resources in Peel are *protected*, improved and restored, and that the concerns of the Region and local municipalities are addressed.

2.2.4—2.6.19 Watersheds

The Credit River, Humber River, Etobicoke Creek, Mimico Creek and their tributaries form the major *watersheds* in *Peel*, although portions of other larger *watersheds* and many smaller *watersheds* also lie within *Peel* (see Figure 3 in the Appendix). *Peel* has an abundance of ground and surface water resources, but faces a growing number of water management challenges as the extent and intensity of land uses increase the impact on natural systems. The interconnections and relationships among human activities and the subsequent impacts on *ecosystems*, must be recognized.

The natural boundaries of *watersheds* and *subwatersheds* provide the ecologically meaningful scale to undertake **watershed planning** as a comprehensive, integrated and long-term approach for the protection, restoration and enhancement ~~relevant and practical units for an~~

~~ecosystem approach to the management of water resources, and related natural resources, which utilize the hydrological cycle as the pathway that integrates physical, chemical and biological processes. Existing provincial Provincial guidelines provide a framework for the preparation of watershed and subwatershed plans subwatershed plans.~~

~~2.2.4.1~~

Policies

~~It is the policy of Regional Council to:~~

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~~2.6.19.1 Promote Require and participate in watershed planning watershed plans and subwatershed plans within Peel Region in order to protect, improve or restore the quality and quantity of water resources.~~

~~2.2.4.1.2 Determine jointly with the area municipalities, conservation authorities and provincial agencies the requirement for a subwatershed plan where planning initiatives are likely to have a significant immediate or cumulative impact on water resources and related natural systems in a watershed or subwatershed. Such a determination shall include consideration of the Water Resources policies contained in Section 3.4 of this Plan.~~

~~2.6.19.2 Work jointly with the local municipalities in partnership with the conservation authorities and, where applicable, the Niagara Escarpment Commission to implement guidance and recommendations provided through watershed and subwatershed plans to ensure that:~~

- ~~a) the identification of Water Resource System is informed by watershed planning and other available information;~~
- ~~b) appropriate designations and policies are applied in local municipal official plans to provide for the long-term protection of key hydrologic features, key hydrologic areas, and their functions;~~
- ~~c) decisions on allocation of growth and planning for water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure are informed by applicable watershed planning;~~
- ~~d) planning for Designated Greenfield Areas is informed by a subwatershed plan or equivalent study; and~~
- ~~e) the Great Lakes Strategy, the targets and goals of the Great Lakes Protection Act, and any applicable Great Lakes agreements, coastal or waterfront planning initiatives are considered.~~

~~2.2.4.1.3— Determine *jointly* with the area and neighbouring municipalities, conservation authorities, and other provincial agencies, a schedule prioritizing the need for *watershed* and *subwatershed plans* in *Peel Region*.~~

~~2.2.4.1.4— Work *jointly* with the area and neighbouring municipalities, conservation authorities, and other provincial agencies to determine planning and monitoring information requirements for inclusion in *watershed* and *subwatershed plans*.~~

~~2.2.4.1.5— Work *jointly* with the conservation authorities, the area municipalities and, where applicable, the Niagara Escarpment Commission to integrate *subwatershed* planning and monitoring information on a regional and *watershed* basis, in order to assess the cumulative effects of land use changes and the implementation of *subwatershed plans*.~~

~~2.2.4.1.6~~

2.6.19.3 ~~Integrate ground and surface water quality and/or quantity monitoring conducted by Regional departments within *watershed* and *subwatershed plans* and other environmental monitoring, including the analysis of cumulative effects. Monitor ground and surface water quality and quantity *jointly* with the local municipalities and conservation authorities to assess cumulative impacts and the effectiveness of strategies, policies and programs in meeting water resource objectives.~~

Watershed Plans

2.6.19.4 ~~Work *jointly* with the conservation authorities, and the local municipalities, to prepare *watershed plans* that, at a minimum:~~

- ~~a) characterize the *watershed*, including establishing a water budget and nutrient loading assessment;~~
- ~~b) consider and evaluate climate change impacts;~~
- ~~c) establish water quality and quantity goals, objectives and targets;~~
- ~~d) evaluate the impacts of forecasted growth and servicing options;~~
- ~~e) establish criteria for identifying and protecting water quality and quantity, hydrologic features, areas and functions;~~
- ~~f) provide direction and recommendations for land and water management strategies, mitigation and environmental best~~

management practices, including recommendations addressing water and **natural heritage system** protection, restoration and enhancement, water conservation, stormwater management and the impacts of climate change on natural heritage and the Water Resource System;

- g) provide recommendations for environmental monitoring; and,
- h) provide direction for undertaking **subwatershed plans**.

Subwatershed Plans

2.6.19.5 Require the local municipalities, in consultation with the Region and conservation authorities to prepare **subwatershed plans**, or equivalent studies, prior to the development of a new or a major update to an existing secondary plan or local plan, or **settlement area** boundary expansion.

2.6.19.6 Require that **subwatershed plans**, or equivalent studies, include, at a minimum, the following:

- a) a characterization of existing environmental conditions;
- b) the establishment of environmental targets to maintain, restore and enhance existing conditions;
- c) an assessment of the cumulative environmental impacts from existing and planned *development*;
- d) the consideration of land use, *development*, and *infrastructure* alternatives to avoid or minimize impacts;
- e) the identification of management strategies and actions to meet environmental targets and objectives including identification of water resource and **natural heritage system** features and areas requiring protection, improvement, restoration and enhancement;
- f) confirmation of the boundaries of the Regional Greenlands System; and,
- g) recommendations regarding monitoring and adaptive environmental management.

2.2.5—Groundwater

Groundwater plays an important role in the hydrological cycle of the water resource system in Peel. The identification, maintenance and protection of groundwater recharge and discharge features and functions such as woodlands, topographic depressions, wetlands, ponds, lakes, rivers and streams are important to sustaining groundwater quality and quantity.

Groundwater, accumulated and stored in aquifers, is an important source of drinking water for individual households and communities in Peel. The continued health of fish and wildlife habitat is also dependent on year round groundwater discharge as baseflow to streams and wetlands. In the north of Peel, groundwater recharge occurs mainly through the bedrock dolostone of the Niagara Escarpment and the thick granular deposits and poorly defined surface drainage pattern typical of morainal topography north of the Peel Plain and the Niagara Escarpment. The groundwater discharge features of the Oak Ridges Moraine's south slope and the Escarpment's easterly face function as the headwater areas for many of the rivers and streams in the region.

The less permeable soils of the Peel Plain reduce contributions to groundwater through recharge. However, localized recharge and discharge functions in these areas do contribute to water supplies and surface water systems.

Water resources are dealt with in more detail in Section 3.4 of this Plan.

2.2.5.1 Policies

It is the policy of Regional Council to:

2.2.5.1.1 Protect, maintain and enhance the integrity of ecosystems through the proper planning and management of groundwater resources and related natural systems in Peel.

2.2.5.1.2 Work with the area municipalities, conservation authorities and other provincial agencies to protect, maintain and enhance groundwater resources.

2.6.20 Stormwater Management

Stormwater refers to rainwater and melted snow that flows over land, roads, parking lots, lawns and other sites. Under natural conditions, stormwater is intercepted by vegetation and then absorbed into the ground and filtered. Eventually, stormwater contributes to replenishing aquifers or is absorbed into plants or the ground and filtered. In urban and rural areas, however, impervious surfaces such as roads and roofs reduce the amount of precipitation from naturally soaking into the ground, resulting in increased runoff, erosion and flooding during storm events.

Objectives

- 2.6.20.1 To recognize stormwater as a resource and to manage stormwater in a way that protects, improves or restores the health of water resources, minimizes flooding and erosion, and considers the risks and vulnerabilities of stormwater infrastructure to climate change.
- 2.6.20.2 To implement an integrated *watershed* approach for the management of stormwater to protect public health and the natural environment.
- 2.6.20.3 To manage stormwater to maintain the natural hydrologic cycle, prevent an increased risk of flooding, and stream erosion, replenish ground water resources and protect, improve or restore water quality.
- 2.6.20.4 To practice and encourage effective management of stormwater drainage for Regional *infrastructure* and facilities in order to protect, improve or restore water quantity and quality.
- 2.6.20.5 To ensure that the management of stormwater does not impede the intended use of Regional road rights-of-way to serve present and future transportation needs.
- 2.6.20.6 To ensure that adverse drainage impacts to Regional road rights-of-way will not occur as a result of stormwater flows from adjacent lands.

Policies

- 2.6.20.7 Work *jointly* with the local municipalities and the conservation authorities to develop stormwater **master plans** for serviced *settlement areas* that:
- a) are informed by **watershed planning**;
 - b) protect the quality and quantity of water by assessing existing stormwater systems and facilities;
 - c) characterize existing environmental conditions;
 - d) examine the cumulative environmental impacts of stormwater from existing and planned *development*, including an assessment of how climate change and extreme weather events will exacerbate these impacts and the identification of appropriate adaptation strategies;
 - e) incorporate appropriate **low impact development** and **green infrastructure** approaches;

- f) identify the need for stormwater management retrofit opportunities that could improve the level of stormwater management for areas where stormwater is uncontrolled or inadequately controlled;
- g) identify the full life cycle costs of the stormwater *infrastructure*, and options to finance costs over the long-term; and
- h) include an implementation and maintenance plan.

2.6.20.8 Work *jointly* with the local municipalities and conservation authorities to maximize the extent and function of vegetative and pervious surfaces, thereby reducing the volume of stormwater needed to be managed within developed areas.

2.6.20.9 Promote and implement stormwater management practices to maintain the natural hydrologic cycle, prevent an increased risk of flooding, and stream erosion, replenish ground water resources and *protect*, improve or restore water quality.

2.6.20.7 Promote and implement a hierarchy of stormwater management practices including at source, conveyance and end of pipe solutions.

2.6.20.10 Direct the local municipalities to develop and implement stormwater management programs which address policy, planning, design, operations, and maintenance requirements for the provision of stormwater *services* to local communities.

2.6.20.11 Direct the local municipalities to integrate stormwater management planning requirements throughout the planning and *development* approvals process in accordance with provincial requirements and to implement the guidance and recommendations of watershed and subwatershed plans, master environmental servicing plans, environmental impact studies and stormwater master plans, as appropriate.

2.6.20.12 Direct the local municipalities to require proposals for large-scale *development* to be supported by a stormwater management plan that:

- a) is informed by a *subwatershed plan* or equivalent;
- b) incorporates an integrated treatment train approach to minimize stormwater flows and reliance on stormwater ponds;
- c) incorporates *low impact development* and *green infrastructure* approaches;

- d) minimizes vegetation removal, grading and soil compaction, sediment erosion and impervious surfaces; and
- e) aligns with the **stormwater master plan** for the **settlement area**, where applicable.

2.6.20.13 Encourage the local municipalities to prepare comprehensive **flood and stormwater management plans** for areas undergoing **intensification and redevelopment** in advance of or concurrent with **development** approvals.

Stormwater Management within Regional Roads and Regional Facilities

2.6.20.14 Manage stormwater quality and quantity by undertaking environmentally **sustainable** site design and building practices that avoid, minimize or mitigate stormwater runoff volume, contaminant loads and impacts to receiving watercourses and ground water.

2.6.20.15 Implement **low impact development** and **green infrastructure** practices which recognize that stormwater is most effectively managed on-site where it falls to mimic natural hydrology to the greatest extent possible through infiltration, evapotranspiration, harvesting, filtration, and detention of stormwater supplemented by conveyance, then end-of-pipe solutions.

2.6.20.16 Discourage the use of Regional road rights-of-way to accommodate drainage from **development or site alteration** on adjacent lands.

2.6.20.17 Only allow the use of Regional road rights-of-way to convey stormwater when it is demonstrated by the proponent that directing the flow of drainage into the local municipal storm sewer system is not feasible and the stormwater run-off from a proposed **development or site alteration** will not negatively impact the performance of the Regional road drainage system to the satisfaction of the Region and relevant approval agencies.

2.6.20.18 Require that all drainage from **development or site alteration** on adjacent lands that drain into a Regional storm sewer meet criteria identified in assessment studies such as **watershed or subwatershed plans** and demonstrate the following:

- a) Post-development flow should be equal to or less than the pre-development levels in order to not exacerbate or increase the downstream flood risk;

- b) Drainage does not adversely affect the capacity and performance of Regional infrastructure;
- c) Drainage does not adversely impact water balance, or exacerbate or increase the downstream erosion risk; and
- d) Drainage does not adversely impact water quality to the Regional road drainage system or receiving waterways.

When the above conditions are not feasible, should the Region deem it acceptable to allow drainage from development or site alteration on adjacent lands, the Region may require the provision of offsetting compensation to ensure stormwater is managed effectively.

- 2.6.20.19 Direct the local municipalities and conservation authorities to ensure that stormwater drainage from Regional roads is considered and comprehensively managed during the development of stormwater management plans for new development or redevelopment.

2.7 Source Water Protection

The quantity and quality of drinking water can be adversely affected by incompatible activities and land uses which have the potential to contaminate or reduce the supply of drinking water sources. The Clean Water Act provides a framework through which municipalities can protect existing and future sources of municipal drinking water and requires the preparation of source protection plans. A source water protection plan is a watershed based strategy containing policies which direct how the quality and quantity of municipal drinking water supplies will be protected. In Peel Region, the Credit Valley Conservation –Toronto and Region Conservation –Central Lake Ontario Conservation (CTC), South Georgian Bay –Lake Simcoe (SGBLS) and Halton Hamilton (HH) Source Protection Committees have led the preparation of source water protection plans, all of which apply to various portions of Peel Region. The applicable land use planning policies have been incorporated into the Region of Peel Official Plan. These policies must be read in conjunction with the applicable source protection plans and area-local municipal official plans.

Objectives

- 2.7.1 To provide a multi-barrier approach to protecting the quantity and quality of existing and future drinking water sources from incompatible land uses and significant drinking water threats.
- 2.7.2 To ensure that a drinking water threat activity does not become a significant drinking water threat.

2.7.3 To promote the *stewardship* of drinking water sources in collaboration with the Province, local municipalities and Conservation Authorities.

Policies

2.7.4 Support the development and implementation of education and awareness initiatives in collaboration with the local municipalities, conservation authorities, and the Province, which promote the protection and *stewardship* of drinking water sources in *vulnerable areas*.

2.7.5 Identify and implement the following source protection plans, as identified on Schedule X2, that apply to Peel Region:

- a) CTC Source Protection Plan
- b) South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Plan
- c) Halton Hamilton Source Protection Plan

2.7.6 Direct the local municipalities to identify the boundaries of *vulnerable areas* including *wellhead protection areas, highly vulnerable aquifers, intake protection zones, significant ground water recharge areas, and issue contributing areas* in their official plans.

2.7.7 Direct the local municipalities to include policies in their official plans to restrict, prohibit and/or regulate *development* and *site alteration* within *vulnerable areas*, in accordance with the applicable source protection plan.

2.7.8 Direct the local municipalities to require the appropriate studies in accordance with the applicable source protection plan to assess whether *development* and *site alteration* will be a potential threat to a municipal drinking water source within a *vulnerable area* and determine whether *development* or *site alteration* should be restricted, prohibited or regulated.

Restricted Land Use Policies

2.7.9 Direct the Town of Caledon to:

- a) designate all land uses, except residential land uses, as restricted land uses in accordance with Section 59 of the Clean Water Act, in all areas where *drinking water threat* activities are, or would be, a *significant drinking water threat*, for the purpose of implementing a Prohibition (Section 57) or a Risk Management Plan (Section 58) in accordance with the applicable source protection plan;

- b) circulate applications for *development* and *site alteration* within a *wellhead protection area* or *issue contributing area* to the *Risk Management Official* for review to determine whether Section 57 Prohibition or Section 58 Regulated Activities of the [Clean Water Act](#), applies to the activity for which the land is to be used; and
- c) require applications for *development* and *site alteration* in a *wellhead protection area* or *issue contributing area* to submit a *source water disclosure report* and Section 59 Notice as part of a complete application, as required.

Wellhead Protection Areas and Issue Contributing Areas

- 2.7.10 Identify *wellhead protection areas* and *issue contributing areas* on Schedule X3 of this official plan.
- 2.7.11 Identify the relative vulnerability of *wellhead protection areas* shown on Schedule X3 by indicating their vulnerability to *drinking water threats* as a vulnerability score which ranges from 1 to 10, with 10 representing the highest vulnerability.
- 2.7.12 Direct the Town of Caledon to prohibit or restrict the following *development* or *site alteration* in *wellhead protection areas* and *issue contributing areas* where the *development* or *site alteration* is a *significant drinking water threat*, in accordance with the applicable source protection plan:
 - a) Waste disposal sites
 - b) Septic systems
 - c) Stormwater management ponds
 - d) Sanitary sewers and related *infrastructure*
 - e) Sewage treatment plants
 - f) Parking lots, roadways and sidewalks
 - g) Storage facilities for agricultural source material
 - h) Storage facilities for non-agricultural source material
 - i) Storage facilities for commercial fertilizers
 - j) Storage facilities for pesticides
 - k) Storage facilities for road salt
 - l) Storage facilities for snow storage
 - m) Storage facilities for fuel
 - n) Storage facilities for dense non-aqueous phase liquids (DNAPL)
 - o) Storage facilities for organic solvent
 - p) Outdoor confinement or farm animal yard

CTC Source Protection Plan Area Policies

Waste Disposal Sites

2.7.13 Direct the Town of Caledon to prohibit the use of land for the following types of waste disposal facilities in *wellhead protection areas* A and B with a vulnerability score of 10, *wellhead protection area* E with a vulnerability score of 9 and *issue contributing areas* for nitrates or pathogens:

- a) Storage, treatment, and discharge of tailings from mines
- b) Landfarming of petroleum refining waste;
- c) Landfilling of hazardous waste;
- d) Landfilling of municipal waste;
- e) Landfilling of solid non-hazardous industrial or commercial waste;
- f) Liquid industrial waste injection into a well;
- g) Storage of hazardous or liquid industrial waste at large facilities such as landfills and transfer stations; and
- h) Storage of wastes described in clauses (p), (q), (r), (s), (t) or (u) of the definition of “hazardous waste”, or in clause (d) of the definition of “liquid industrial waste” as large facilities such as landfills and transfer stations in Section 1 of Regulation 347 (General – Waste Management) R.R.O. made under the [Environmental Protection Act](#).

Septic Systems Under the Building Code Act – Vacant Lots of Record

2.7.14 Direct the Town of Caledon to restrict *development* dependent on septic systems governed under the [Building Code Act](#) on vacant existing lots of record in *wellhead protection areas* A, B and E with a vulnerability score of 10 and *issue contributing areas* for nitrates or pathogens. Septic systems may be permitted if the *development* is subject to site plan control in order to ensure that the location and design is optimized in relation to *significant drinking water threats*.

Septic Systems Under the Building Code Act – New Lots

2.7.15 Direct the Town of Caledon to prohibit the creation of new lots requiring septic systems governed under the [Building Code Act](#) in *wellhead protection area* A, where the activity would be a *significant drinking water threat*.

2.7.16 Direct the Town of Caledon to restrict the creation of new lots requiring septic systems governed under the [Building Code Act](#) in *wellhead protection areas* B and E with a vulnerability score of 10 and *issue contributing areas* for nitrates or pathogens. New lots shall only be permitted if a hydrological assessment to determine the appropriate *development* density has been prepared by a qualified professional

licensed to carry out the work and the municipality is satisfied that the activity will not become a *significant drinking water threat*.

Septic Systems Under the Ontario Water Resources Act

- 2.7.17 Direct the Town of Caledon to prohibit *development* dependent on septic systems governed under the Ontario Water Resources Act in *wellhead protection area A*, where the activity would be a *significant drinking water threat*.
- 2.7.18 Direct the Town of Caledon to restrict *development* dependent on septic systems governed under the Ontario Water Resources Act in *wellhead protection areas B and E* with a vulnerability score of 10 and *issue contributing areas* for nitrates, pathogens, sodium or chloride. New *development* shall only be permitted if it has been demonstrated through an approved environmental assessment or similar planning process that the location of the septic system is the preferred alternative and the safety of the *drinking water system* has been assured.

Stormwater Management

- 2.7.19 Direct the Town of Caledon to prohibit the use of land for the establishment of a new stormwater management facility in *wellhead protection area A*, where the discharge, including infiltration, of stormwater to land or surface water would be a *significant drinking water threat*.
- 2.7.20 Direct the Town of Caledon to restrict the use of land for the discharge of stormwater to land or surface water from a stormwater management facility in *wellhead protection area B* with a vulnerability score of 10, *wellhead protection area E* with a vulnerability score of 8 or greater, and in *issue contributing areas* for nitrates, pathogens or chloride, where the activity would be a *significant drinking water threat*. The use of land for the discharge of stormwater shall only be permitted if it has been demonstrated through an approved environmental assessment or similar planning process that the location of the discharge from a stormwater management facility is the preferred alternative and the safety of the *drinking water system* has been assured.

Sanitary Sewers and Related Pipes

- 2.7.21 Direct the Town of Caledon to restrict *development* dependent on sanitary sewers and related pipes in *wellhead protection areas A, B and E* with a vulnerability score of 10, and in *issue contributing areas* for nitrates or

pathogens. New *development* dependent on sanitary sewers and related pipes shall only be permitted where it has been demonstrated through an approved environmental assessment or similar planning process that the location of the sanitary sewer and related pipes is the preferred alternative and the safety of the drinking water has been assured.

Storage of Sewage

2.7.22 Direct the Town of Caledon to prohibit the use of land for the establishment of sewage storage facilities in *wellhead protection area A* with a vulnerability score of 10, *wellhead protection area E* with a vulnerability score of 9 or greater, and in *wellhead protection area E* in an *issue contributing area* for nitrates or pathogens, where the activity would be a *significant drinking water threat*.

2.7.23 Direct the Town of Caledon to restrict the use of land for the establishment of sewage storage facilities in *wellhead protection area B* with a vulnerability score of 8 or greater, *wellhead protection area C* with a vulnerability score of 8, and *issue contributing areas* for nitrates or pathogens. The use of land for sewage storage facilities shall only be permitted where it has been demonstrated through an approved environmental assessment or similar planning process that the location of the sewage storage facility is the preferred alternative and the safety of the *drinking water system* has been assured.

Sewage Works

2.7.24 Direct the Town of Caledon to prohibit *development* dependent on the establishment of sewage works where the sewage works discharge would be a *significant drinking water threat* and the discharge is to surface water from:

- a) combined sewer discharge from a stormwater outlet to surface water or sewage treatment plant bypass discharge to surface water in *wellhead protection area E* with a vulnerability score of 8 or greater, and in *wellhead protection area E* in an *issue contributing area* for nitrates or pathogens;
- b) industrial effluent discharges in *wellhead protection area E* with a vulnerability score of 8 or greater, and in *wellhead protection area E* in an *issue contributing area* for nitrates, pathogens or chloride; and
- c) sewage treatment plant effluent discharges including lagoons in *wellhead protection area A* and *B* with a vulnerability score of 10,

wellhead protection area E with a vulnerability score of 8 or greater, and in a wellhead protection area E in an issue contributing area for nitrates or pathogens.

Road Salt

2.7.25 Direct the Town of Caledon to prohibit new parking lots greater than 2000 square metres in area in *wellhead protection area A* and new parking lots greater than 200 square metres in area in *wellhead protection area A* in an *issue contributing area* for sodium or chloride, where the application of road salt to parking lots would be a *significant drinking water threat*.

2.7.26 Direct the Town of Caledon to require a salt management plan as part of a complete application in *wellhead protection area B* with a vulnerability score of 10, *wellhead protection area E* with a vulnerability score of 9 or greater, and in *issue contributing areas* for sodium or chloride, where the application of road salt is a *significant drinking water threat*. Salt management plans shall set out mitigation measures to minimize and reduce the use of salt including but not limited to the design of parking lots, roadways and sidewalks to avoid ponding of water, and directing stormwater discharge outside of *vulnerable area* where possible.

2.7.27 Encourage the **local** municipalities to require a salt management plan as part of a complete application in all *vulnerable areas* where the application of road salt to impervious areas is a moderate or low threat in *wellhead protection areas A, B, C, D and E, highly vulnerable aquifers and significant groundwater recharge areas*.

Water Quantity Threats – Water Taking

2.7.28 Direct the Town of Caledon to only permit new *development* in *wellhead protection area Q1*, if:

- a) the *development* does not require a new or amended permit to take water; or
- b) a new or amended permit to take water is required that prior to final approval, the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks has determined that the proposed taking will not become a *significant drinking water threat*.

2.7.29 Only permit *settlement area* expansions in a *wellhead protection area Q1* subject to a *municipal comprehensive review* where the applicable

provincial planning criteria have been met and the following has been demonstrated:

- a) the aquifer has sufficient capacity to sustainably provide municipal water services to the expanded *settlement area*;
- b) the expansion will not adversely impact the aquifer's ability to meet the municipal water supply requirements for current and planned service capacity, for other permitted takings, or for wastewater receiving bodies; and
- c) the hydrological integrity of municipal wells will be maintained.

Water Quantity Threats – Recharge Reduction

2.7.30

Direct the Town of Caledon to only permit new *development* or *site alteration* in *wellhead protection area Q2*, where a reduction of recharge to the aquifer is a *significant drinking water threat* by:

- a) Requiring new *development* and *site alteration*, except *agricultural uses*, to implement best management practices such as ***low impact development*** with a goal to maintain pre-development recharge, when feasible; and
- b) Requiring that all site plan and subdivision applications for major residential, commercial, industrial and institutional uses provide a water balance assessment to the satisfaction of the municipality, which addresses each of the following requirements:
 - i. the maintenance of pre-development recharge to the greatest extent feasible through best management practices such as ***low impact development***, minimizing impervious surfaces, and lot level infiltration;
 - ii. where pre-development recharge cannot be maintained on site, implement and maximize off-site recharge *enhancement* within the same *wellhead protection area Q2* to compensate for any predicted loss of recharge from the *development*; and
 - iii. for new *development* excluding a minor variance within the *wellhead protection area Q2* and in an *issue contributing area* for sodium, chloride or nitrates, the water balance assessment shall consider water quality when recommending best management practices and address how recharge will be maintained and water quality will be protected.
- c) Requirements shall be implemented to the extent feasible and practicable given the specific circumstances of a site and off-site

recharge opportunities. Agricultural, *agricultural related* and *on-farm diversified* uses are exempt from this requirement if the total impervious surface does not exceed 10 per cent of the lot.

2.7.31 Only permit *settlement area* expansions in *significant groundwater recharge areas* in *wellhead protection area Q2* as part of a *municipal comprehensive review* where it has been demonstrated that recharge functions will be maintained.

Applicability of Policies to Existing Threat Activities

2.7.32 The above policies applicable to the CTC Region Source Protection Plan do not apply to *existing threat activities* in accordance with the provisions of the source protection Plan.

South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Plan Area Policies

Road Salt

2.7.33 Direct the Town of Caledon to require a *risk* management plan as part of a complete application in *wellhead protection areas*, where the application of road salt is a *significant drinking water threat*. New development shall be subject to site plan control to ensure that, where possible, the extent and location of impervious surfaces are minimized, site grading and drainage is designed to reduce ponding, and run-off is directed outside of *vulnerable areas* or to storm sewers.

Stormwater Management

2.7.34 Direct the Town of Caledon to include policies in its official plan to ensure the design of new stormwater management facilities reduces the risk of *contaminating drinking water*, and where possible directs the discharge of stormwater outside of *wellhead protection areas*, where the activity would be a *significant drinking water threat*.

Sewage System Infrastructure

2.7.35 Direct the Town of Caledon to include policies in its official plan to ensure the location of new private or public sewage system *infrastructure*, wherever possible, is outside of *wellhead protection areas* and *issue contributing areas*, where the activity would be a *significant drinking water threat*.

2.7.36 Encourage the Town of Caledon to require master environmental servicing plans (MESPs) or an equivalent plan as part of a complete application in all *vulnerable areas* to avoid locating *development infrastructure*, stormwater pond discharges and sanitary sewers and related pipes in all *vulnerable areas* where the *infrastructure* would be a *significant drinking water threat*.

Septic Systems Under the Building Code Act

2.7.37 Direct the Town of Caledon to only permit new *development* dependent on septic systems regulated under the *Building Code Act* in *wellhead protection areas* and *issue contributing areas*, where septic systems would be a *significant drinking water threat*, if the lot size for any *development* is based on the most current provincial guideline for individual on-site servicing. Lots of record that existed on the date of effect of the source protection plan are exempted.

Applicability of Policies to Existing Threat Activities

2.7.38 The above policies applicable to the South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Region Source Protection Plan do not apply to *existing threat activities* in accordance with the provisions of the source protection Plan.

Halton Hamilton Source Protection Plan Policies

2.7.39 Work with the conservation authorities and City of Mississauga to further the objectives of the Halton Hamilton Source Protection Plan to *protect, improve and restore* the quality and quantity of water resources in *vulnerable areas*.

Intake Protection Zones

2.7.40 Identify *intake protection zones* on Schedule X4.

2.7.41 Work with and support the *local* municipalities, conservation authorities and the Province to protect the Lake Ontario drinking water supply by *promoting spills prevention, sharing information about source protection and implementing risk reduction and mitigation measures as directed by the applicable source protection plan*.

Highly Vulnerable Aquifers

2.7.42 Identify *highly vulnerable aquifers* on Schedule X5

- 2.7.43 Direct the local municipalities to protect highly vulnerable aquifers in accordance with the policies of this Plan.
- 2.7.44 Work with the local municipalities to encourage land uses considered to be a high risk to ground water that are located within areas of high aquifer vulnerability to implement best management practices including requiring the submission of a contaminant management plan as a condition of development approval.
- 2.7.45 Encourage the local municipalities to require a salt management plan to reduce the future use of salt as a condition of development in highly vulnerable aquifers in accordance with the applicable source protection plan.

Significant Groundwater Recharge Areas

- 2.7.46 Identify significant groundwater recharge areas on Schedule X6.
- 2.7.47 Direct the local municipalities to protect significant groundwater recharge areas in accordance with the policies of this Plan.
- 2.7.48 Direct the local municipalities to require development in significant groundwater recharge areas to implement low impact development stormwater practices to maintain pre-development recharge rates to the greatest extent feasible in accordance with applicable provincial and municipal requirements.
- 2.7.49 Encourage the local municipalities to consider requiring a salt management plan to reduce the future use of salt as a condition of development in significant groundwater recharge areas in accordance with the applicable source protection plan.

2.2.6-2.8 Lake Ontario

The Great Lakes are a treasure which contain nearly 20 per cent of the earth's fresh surface water, with Lake Ontario being a component of the Great Lakes system. Lake Ontario is an important economic resource that provides access to ocean shipping and supports an important freshwater fishery.

Nearly one-quarter of the present population of Canada lives in southern Ontario near Lake Ontario and relies on this resource. Lake Ontario is the source of drinking water for Brampton and Mississauga and some parts of Caledon. For many of Peel's residents, it is a place for leisure activities and aesthetic views. Lake Ontario receives water from many sources. The creeks, streams and rivers

in Peel Region eventually reach the Lake. The health of these water sources has an impact on the health of the lake.

~~Lake Ontario forms the region's southern boundary and is a very prominent feature within the natural heritage system of Peel. The fish and wildlife habitat associated with this aquatic ecosystem has undergone significant physical change through shoreline and stream channel alteration, land clearance and drainage, and other urban activities.~~ It is therefore important that land and water resource initiatives along the river *valley and stream corridors* and the upland *headwater* areas of Peel be complemented by efforts to sustain and create fish and wildlife habitat along the Lake Ontario Waterfront and contribute to the overall health of the Lake. Sections ~~2.3 and 2.4~~ 2.14 and 2.16 of the Plan deals with the protection and management of the Lake Ontario Shoreline in more detail.

~~2.2.6.1~~ Policies

It is the policy of Regional Council to:

~~2.2.6.1.1~~

2.8.1 Participate in international, national, provincial, inter-regional and area-local municipal initiatives, including the implementation of Ontario's Great Lakes Strategy and Great Lakes Protection Act, ~~the Lake Ontario Greenway Strategy~~ and the preparation and implementation of initiatives remedial action plans, to protect, improve and restore the aquatic *ecosystem* of Lake Ontario and its associated *shoreline*.

~~2.2.6.1.2~~

2.8.2 Encourage the City of Mississauga, the conservation authorities and the appropriate agencies to develop and implement ~~consider~~ an Integrated Shoreline Management Plan for an appropriate segment of the Lake Ontario Shoreline.

~~2.2.6.1.3~~

2.8.3 *Protect, improve maintain and restore enhance* the quantity and quality of water resources for the supply of potable water and maintenance of ~~ecosystem~~ ecological integrity in Peel.

2.9 Lake Simcoe

The *Lake Simcoe watershed* contains *significant* natural, urban and agricultural systems including parts of the *Oak Ridges Moraine* and Greenbelt. The boundary of the *Lake Simcoe watershed* extends into the northeast portion of Peel Region in the Palgrave community in the Town of Caledon. This portion of the *watershed* is called the *West Holland subwatershed*.

The *Lake Simcoe watershed* has experienced a wide range of interrelated adverse pressures. These include excessive nutrients, pollutants, invasive species, impacts of climate change and increasing

pressures from human activities. As a part of the Provincial Government's strategy to protect and restore the ecological health of the watershed, the Lake Simcoe Protection Act was passed and the subsequent Lake Simcoe Protection Plan took effect in 2009. The objectives of the plan are to protect, improve or restore the ecological health of the watershed, including reducing the levels of phosphorus and the discharge of pollutants into Lake Simcoe and its tributaries.

The policies of the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan, which are applicable to a portion of the Region of Peel, have been incorporated into this section of the Regional Official Plan. The policies should be read in conjunction with the detailed provision of the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan, relevant provincial policies, plans and acts which together express the Province's interest and direction with regard to protecting the ecological health and environmental sustainability of the Lake Simcoe watershed.

Policies

- 2.9.1 Protect, improve and restore the elements that contribute to the ecological health of the Lake Simcoe watershed, including water quality, hydrology, key natural heritage features and their functions and key hydrologic features and their functions.
- 2.9.2 Promote the protection, restoration and enhancement of natural heritage and the shorelines within the Lake Simcoe Watershed.
- 2.9.3 Recognize the ecosystem approach whereby Lake Simcoe and its watershed is an interconnected system.
- 2.9.4 Recognize the shared responsibility among the various levels of government to achieve effective implementation of the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan.
- 2.9.5 Require the Town of Caledon to develop appropriate official plan policies and zoning by-law provisions to implement the requirements of the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan.
- 2.9.6 Identify the boundaries of the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan on Schedule X7 of this official plan and to recognize that the boundary may be further refined in the Town of Caledon Official Plan.

Land Use

- 2.9.7 Permit all existing uses lawfully used for such purposes on the day before the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan came into force.
- 2.9.8 Permit development or site alteration on an existing lot of record provided that the lot of record was zoned for such development or site alteration as of the date the Lake Simcoe Plan came into force. Uses and structures are allowed subject to all

applicable provisions of the Town of Caledon Official Plan and the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan.

Utilities and Infrastructure

2.9.9 Direct the Town of Caledon to prohibit new **on-site sewage systems** or **subsurface sewage works** within 100 metres of any **permanent stream**, except in the following circumstances:

- a) a proposal for an **on-site sewage system** or **subsurface sewage works** that would serve an **agricultural use**, an **agricultural-related use** or a public open space;
- b) a proposal for an **on-site sewage system** or **subsurface sewage works** that would replace or expand the capacity of an existing **on-site sewage system** or **subsurface sewage works** that will serve a use that would have been permitted by the applicable zoning by-law; or
- c) a proposal for an **on-site sewage system** or **subsurface sewage works** that relates to a **development** proposal for only one dwelling, where the proposal would have been permitted by the applicable zoning by-law.

2.9.10 Prohibit the establishment of a new **municipal sewage treatment plant** in the **Lake Simcoe watershed** unless:

- a) the new plan is intended to replace an existing **municipal sewage treatment plant**; or
- b) the new **sewage treatment plant** will provide sewage services to:
 - i. a **development** that is on **partial services**, or
 - ii. a **development** where one or more **subsurface sewage works** or **on-site sewage system** are failing.

2.9.11 Direct the Town of Caledon to prohibit new private **sewage treatment plants** in the **Lake Simcoe watershed** unless the applicant applying to establish the plant can demonstrate that:

- a) the plant will result in a net reduction of phosphorous loadings to the **watershed** from the baseline conditions for the property that would be serviced by the new plant; or
- b) the undertaking that the plant will serve will not add phosphorous loadings to the **Lake Simcoe watershed**.

- 2.9.12 Direct the Town of Caledon to require an environmental assessment for the expansion of an existing or the establishment of a new **sewage treatment plant** to be completed or approved prior to giving any approvals for the proposal under the **Planning Act or the Condominium Act**, for a proposed **settlement area** expansion or a **development** proposal outside of a **settlement area** that requires an increase in the existing rated capacity of a **sewage treatment plant** or the establishment of a new **sewage treatment plant**.
- 2.9.13 Direct the Town of Caledon to require applications for **major development** within the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan boundary to be accompanied by a **stormwater management plan** that demonstrates:
- a) consistency with stormwater management master plans;
 - b) consistency with *subwatershed* studies;
 - c) use of an integrated treatment train approach to minimize stormwater management flows and reliance on end-of-pipe controls;
 - d) through an evaluation of anticipated changes in the water balance between pre-development and post-development, how such changes shall be minimized; and
 - e) through an evaluation of anticipated changes in phosphorus loadings between pre-development and post-development, how the loadings shall be minimized.

Environmental Protection

- 2.9.14 Direct the Town of Caledon to incorporate measures into subdivision and site plan agreements to ensure that the **development** and **site alteration**:
- a) minimizes the removal of vegetation, grading and soil compaction;
 - b) prohibits removal of vegetation more than 30 days before prior to grading or construction;
 - c) puts in place structures to control and convey runoff;
 - d) minimizes sediment that is eroded offsite during construction;
 - e) require the seeding of exposed soils once construction is complete and seasonal conditions permit; and
 - f) ensure erosion and sediment controls are implemented effectively.

- 2.9.15 Direct the Town of Caledon to prohibit the alteration of *intermittent streams* within the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan Area.
- 2.9.16 Direct the Town of Caledon to require the re-establishment of vegetation if it has been removed from a *key natural heritage feature* or *key hydrological feature* as a result of any development, to the extent possible.
- 2.9.17 Direct the Town of Caledon to restrict *development* in *significant groundwater recharge areas* in order to *protect, improve or restore the quality and quantity of ground water.*

Recreational Uses

- 2.9.18 Where, in accordance with the policies of the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan, *development* and *site alteration* is permitted within 120 metres of a permanent or *intermittent stream* or a *wetland*, the Town of Caledon shall ensure the *development* or *site alteration* will be integrated with existing or proposed parks and trails to the extent feasible.
- 2.9.19 Direct the Town of Caledon to require an application to establish or expand *major recreational uses* to be accompanied by a recreation water use plan.

2.2.7—Bioregions

~~*Bioregions* are landscape units, the extents of which are defined by the biological processes that occur within these areas. Lands and waters within *bioregions* share climatic and many ecological similarities. A bioregional unit helps to focus attention on the interdependency and internal links that exist within the natural environment.~~

~~The Greater Toronto *Bioregion* (see Figure 1 in the Appendix), has been defined as the area of land bounded by Lake Ontario, the *Niagara Escarpment* and the *Oak Ridges Moraine*. Most of *Peel's* land area is within the Greater Toronto *Bioregion*. However, large areas in the north of Caledon are part of other *bioregions*, some of which are functionally related to the *Oak Ridges Moraine*, the *Niagara Escarpment*, the Greenbelt and other systems to the north, east and west. Thus, *the Region* must address many different inter-regional *ecosystem* linkages and functions.~~

2.2.7.1—Policy

~~It is the policy of *Regional Council* to promote coordinated planning initiatives that recognize, *protect, restore and enhance ecosystem integrity* in a bioregional context *jointly* with the area municipalities, conservation authorities, *Niagara Escarpment Commission* and neighbouring municipalities.~~

2.2.8-2.10 Niagara Escarpment

The *Niagara Escarpment* is a provincially *significant*, 725 kilometre (450 mile) long geological and ecological feature in southwestern Ontario, a portion of which runs through Peel. ~~The particular combination of geological and ecological features along the *Niagara Escarpment* results in a landscape unequalled in Canada. In 1990 the Escarpment's unique character was recognized by United Nation's Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) when it was named a World Biosphere Reserve.~~ It is also a source of some of southern Ontario's prime rivers and streams, and contains some *significant* heritage features, rare plants and *significant* habitats which act to clean the air, provide drinking water and support recreational activities that benefit public health and overall quality of life. In 1990, the *Niagara Escarpment's* unique character was recognized by the United Nation's Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) as a World Biosphere Reserve. The rich and diverse natural and *cultural heritage resources* of this area are protected by the Niagara Escarpment Plan, this Plan and the Town of Caledon Official Plan.

The Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act, together with the Niagara Escarpment Plan (NEP), this Plan and the Town of Caledon Official Plan, permits *development* through established land use designations, permitted uses and development criteria while *protecting* the important natural features, *scenic resources* and *cultural heritage resources* of the *Niagara Escarpment*. The boundary and land use designations for the NEP Area within Peel are shown on Schedule X8 of this Plan.

2.2.8.1 — Policies

Goal

2.10.1 To facilitate the continued protection of the *Niagara Escarpment* in accordance with the *Niagara Escarpment Plan*.

Objectives

2.10.2 To implement the NEP through Regional planning documents and decisions in a manner that respects the Five Principles of this Plan, and applies the policies of the NEP to the Regional and local context.

2.10.3 To provide direction to the Town of Caledon to develop appropriate policies in its official plan for implementing the NEP.

2.10.4 To undertake all Regional responsibilities in a manner that respects the intent of the NEP.

Policies

It is the policy of *Regional Council* to:

2.2.8.1.1

2.10.5 ~~Recognize the requirements and policies of the NEP. Support the designations and policies of the Niagara Escarpment Plan.~~

2.2.8.1.2

2.10.6 ~~Read and interpret the policies of Section 2.10 of this Plan in conjunction with all other applicable policies of the Plan and apply the most restrictive policies, except where they conflict with the NEP. Require the Town of Caledon to have policies, in its official plan which conform with the policies of the Niagara Escarpment Plan within the Niagara Escarpment Plan Area.~~

2.10.7 ~~Direct the Town of Caledon to develop appropriate official plan policies and zoning by-law regulations to implement the requirements of the NEP. This includes specifically addressing those requirements that are appropriately addressed at the local municipal level. NEP policies include, but are not limited to land use designations, permitted uses, development criteria and lot creation.~~

2.10.8 ~~Recognize that the Niagara Escarpment Commission is responsible for administering the NEP and issuing development approvals within the Development Control Area of the NEP.~~

Land Use Designations

2.10.9 ~~In addition to the applicable policies of the Growth Plan and this Plan, designate Belfountain, Cataract, Cheltenham, Inglewood, Mono Mills and Terra Cotta as minor urban centres and ensure that any proposed expansion of these minor urban centres occurs in accordance with the NEP and the Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act.~~

2.10.10 ~~All development within the NEP Area is subject to the provisions of the Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act, NEP, this Plan and the Town of Caledon's official plan and, and where applicable, any zoning by-law.~~

2.10.11 ~~Direct the Town of Caledon to include policies in its official plan to minimize lot creation in accordance with the policies of the NEP and Sections 3.3.16 and 7.4.9 of this Plan and where new lots are permitted, maintain or enhance community character and protect natural heritage features.~~

Niagara Escarpment Parks and Open Space System (NEPOSS)

2.10.12 ~~Support the Town of Caledon, Niagara Escarpment Commission, conservation authorities and the Bruce Trail Conservancy in the establishment and promotion of the Bruce Trail and the lands of the NEPOSS.~~

2.2.9-2.11 Oak Ridges Moraine

The *Oak Ridges Moraine* is one of Ontario's most ~~significant~~ ~~significant~~ landforms. Together with the *Niagara Escarpment*, Lake Ontario, and river valleys, it forms the foundation of south-central Ontario's natural heritage and greenspace systems. Located north of ~~and~~ parallel to Lake Ontario, the *Oak Ridges Moraine* in Peel divides the ~~watersheds~~ ~~watersheds~~ draining south into Lake Ontario from those draining north into areas such as Lake Simcoe and Georgian Bay. The *Oak Ridges Moraine* shapes the present and future form and structure of the Greater Toronto region and its ecological and ~~hydrological features~~ ~~hydrological features~~ and functions are critical to the Region's continuing health.

Through the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Act, ~~2001~~ and the accompanying Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan (ORMCP), the Province has established direction for protecting the *Oak Ridges Moraine*. The ORMCP is a regulation to the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Act, ~~2001~~. The boundary and land use designations for the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan Area (ORMCPA) within Peel are shown on Schedule ~~D4~~ ~~X9~~ in this Plan.

The purpose of the ORMCP is to provide land use and resource management direction on how to protect the ecological and ~~hydrological features~~ ~~hydrological features~~ and functions of the *Oak Ridges Moraine*. The requirements of the ORMCP are intended to satisfy a range of objectives. These objectives include, but are not limited to, ensuring that the *Oak Ridges Moraine* is maintained as a continuous natural landform, restoring and improving ~~ecological integrity~~ ~~ecological integrity~~ and ~~connectivity~~ ~~connectivity~~ between natural features and functions ~~which can reduce the impacts of climate change~~, and providing opportunities for compatible recreation, including a continuous recreational trail across the *Oak Ridges Moraine*.

Protection of water resources is imperative to ensure the health of residents and maintaining ~~ecological integrity~~. The ORMCP requires comprehensive ~~watershed~~ planning, the establishment of ~~wellhead protection areas~~, water budgets and water conservation plans, and the consideration of the potential for ground water aquifers to be impacted by various land uses.

Municipal official plans and zoning bylaws must conform to the ORMCP. The major provisions that are relevant at the Regional level have been incorporated into this section of the Regional Official Plan. However, these policies must be read in conjunction with the detailed provisions of the ORMCP, all other applicable policies of this Plan, and the Town of Caledon Official Plan. The conformity exercise required by Section 9 of the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Act, ~~2001~~ allows municipalities to refine ORMCP policies to Regional and local circumstances. Further, it allows municipalities to be more restrictive than the ORMCP except with respect to ~~agricultural uses~~ ~~agricultural uses~~, ~~mineral aggregate operations~~ ~~mineral aggregate operations~~, and ~~wayside pits~~ ~~wayside pits~~.

A significant rural population lives in the Peel and Caledon portion of the *Oak Ridges Moraine*. Together with the Town of Caledon's Official Plan and Zoning By-law, it is the intention of this Plan to recognize and protect the continuing presence of ~~existing~~ ~~existing~~ residential uses as legal

conforming uses, while encouraging minimum impacts on the long-term ecological integrity of the *Oak Ridges Moraine*.

~~Where this Plan contains terms that are defined by the ORMCP, they are underlined. The ORMCP should be consulted for specific direction. Also, terms that are defined in this Plan are italicized.~~

~~2.2.9.1~~

Goal

2.11.1 To implement the ~~Provincial~~ Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan to protect the ecological and hydrological features ~~hydrological features~~ and functions of the *Oak Ridges Moraine* and the associated benefits to Peel residents.

~~2.2.9.2~~

General Objectives

~~2.2.9.2.1~~

2.11.2 To implement the ORMCP in a manner that respect the Five Principles of this Plan, through Regional planning documents and decisions and refines the policies of the ORMCP to Regional and local circumstances.

~~2.2.9.2.2~~

2.11.3 To provide direction to the Town of Caledon to develop appropriate policies in its official plan for implementing the ORMCP.

~~2.2.9.2.3~~

2.11.4 To undertake all Regional responsibilities in a manner that respects the intent of the ORMCP.

~~2.2.9.3~~

~~Policies Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan~~

General

~~It is the policy of Regional Council to:~~

~~2.2.9.3.1~~

2.11.5 Recognize the requirements and policies of the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan ~~as a provincially significant feature.~~

~~2.2.9.3.2~~

2.11.6 Read and interpret the policies of Section ~~2.2.9~~ 2.11 of this Plan in conjunction with all other applicable policies of the Plan and apply the most restrictive policies, except where prohibited by the ORMCP.

2.2.9.3.3

2.11.7 Direct the Town of Caledon to develop appropriate ~~official plan~~ **Official Plan** policies and a zoning ~~by-law~~ to implement and refine the requirements of the ORMCP. This includes specifically addressing those requirements that are more appropriately addressed at the ~~area-local~~ municipal level. Policies are to include, but are not limited to those addressing servicing requirements and restrictions, the continuation of ~~existing~~ **existing** uses, permitting ~~residential dwellings on existing lots of record~~ **buildings or structures on existing lots of record**, ~~addressing accessory uses~~ **accessory uses and structures**, the applicability of the Table in Part III of the ORMCP to ~~existing~~ **existing** uses, second dwellings, ~~lots of record~~, approved uses, ~~lot creation~~ **consents**, and permitted uses. Lot creation policies shall be in accordance with the policies of the ORMCP and Section 7.4.9 of this Plan.

2.2.9.3.3.1

2.11.8 Within the *Oak Ridges Moraine*, there are applications under the **Planning Act** and **Condominium Act**, which due to their date of commencement and decision, are subject to the Transition provisions of the **Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Act, 2001**.

2.2.9.3.3.2

2.11.9 All applications for ~~development~~ **development** or ~~site alteration~~ **site alteration**, which commenced on or after November 17, 2001, are required to conform to the ORMCP.

2.2.9.3.4

2.11.10 Direct the Town of Caledon, when it amends its ~~official~~ **plan** and zoning ~~by-law~~ to bring them into conformity with the ORMCP to:

- a) Recognize, within the ORMCPA, ~~existing~~ **existing** residential uses and new ~~single dwellings~~ **single dwellings on existing lots** ~~existing lots~~ of record where a ~~single dwelling~~ **single dwelling** would have been lawfully permitted by the Town of Caledon's existing zoning ~~by-law~~ on November 15, 2001.
- b) Consider, within the ORMCPA, recognizing ~~existing~~ **existing** uses that are not residential in its zoning ~~by-law~~ on a site specific basis, subject to consideration of existing and potential impacts on the ~~ecological integrity~~ **ecological integrity** of the *Oak Ridges Moraine*.
- c) Consider incorporating policies in its ~~official~~ **plan**, within the ORMCPA, that allow uses and structures accessory to existing uses and new ~~single dwellings~~ **single dwellings on existing lots** ~~existing lots~~ of record, subject to all applicable provisions of the Town's ~~official~~ **plan** and the ORMCP.

- d) ~~Consider incorporating~~ **Incorporate** policies in its official plan, within the ORMCPA, that permit **additional residential units in accordance with the Planning Act** allow apartments in houses and garden suites, subject to all applicable provisions of the Town's official plan, this Plan and the ORMCP.

~~2.2.9.3.5~~

- 2.11.11 Permit the Town of Caledon to be more restrictive in its official plan and zoning by-law, except as prohibited by the ORMCP.

~~2.2.9.3.6~~

- 2.11.12 Recognize the external boundary of the ORMCPA in Peel as shown on Schedule ~~D1~~ X9.

Land Use Designations

~~2.2.9.3.7~~

- 2.11.13 Identify the boundaries of the land use designations on Schedule ~~D1~~ X9 and to recognize that the boundaries may be further refined by the Town of Caledon when the Town's official plan and zoning by-law are amended in accordance with ~~Sections 9 and 10 of~~ the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Act, ~~2001~~.

- 2.11.14 The following policies indicate the general purpose and intent of each of the ORMCP land use designations, and provide general direction regarding permitted uses. These policies are to be supported by detailed policies in the Town of Caledon Official Plan:

- a) Natural Core Areas - Maintain and where possible improve or restore ~~ecological integrity~~ ecological integrity. These areas have a high concentration of ~~key natural heritage features~~ key natural heritage features, ~~hydrologically sensitive features~~ key hydrolic features, and/or ~~landform conservation areas~~ landform conservation areas and are critical to maintaining and improving the integrity of the Moraine as a whole. New permitted uses are generally related to conservation and resource management, low intensity recreation, ~~or~~ and agriculture subject to other provisions of the ORMCP. Within Prime Agricultural Areas, on-farm diversified uses and agriculture-related uses are permitted subject to other provisions of the ORMCP.
- b) Natural Linkage Areas - Maintain, and where possible, improve or restore ~~ecological integrity~~ ecological integrity and open space linkages between Natural Core Areas, river valleys, and stream corridors. New permitted uses include those that are permitted in Natural Core Area's as well as ~~mineral aggregate operations~~ mineral aggregate operations and ~~wayside pits~~ wayside pits, subject to other provisions in the ORMCP. Within Prime Agricultural Areas,

on-farm diversified uses and agriculture-related uses are permitted subject to other provisions of the ORMCP.

- c) Countryside Areas – Encourage agricultural and other uses that support the ORMCP by recognizing the Agricultural System and supporting agri-food network by protecting ~~prime agricultural areas~~ the Prime Agricultural Areas, promoting and protecting allowing agricultural and other rural land uses as well as normal farm practices ~~to continue~~, and ~~maintain~~ maintaining the character of Rural Settlements. ~~These are areas of existing rural land uses including agriculture, and maintain the character of Rural Settlements.~~ These are areas of ~~existing~~ existing rural land uses including agriculture, recreation, Rural Settlements, ~~mineral aggregate operations~~ mineral aggregate operations, wayside pits, parks, and open space. Rural Settlements are components of the Countryside designation. The Town of Caledon may permit new lots in Countryside Areas in accordance with the ORMCP and Sections 3.3.16 and 7.4.9 of this Plan and recognize the non-residential uses on ~~existing lots~~ existing lots of record in the Village of Palgrave where the use would have been lawfully permitted by the Town of Caledon's existing zoning by-law on November 15, 2001 and the use has addressed all the requirements of the ORMCP.

The Palgrave Estate Residential Community, the boundary of which is shown on Schedule D1, is an additional component of the Countryside Area and residential ~~development~~ development is permitted, subject to the Town of Caledon official plan, as amended from time to time, and specified provisions of the ORMCP.

- d) Settlement Areas are intended to focus and contain urban growth. All uses permitted by the applicable official plans are permitted, subject to the applicable sections of the ORMCP. In Peel, the only Settlement Area is the urban settlement of Caledon East Rural Service Centre.

2.11.15 Within the land use designations of the ORMCP, direct the Town of Caledon to identify Prime Agricultural Areas and Rural Lands designations in its official plan in accordance with Schedule X12 of this Plan in order to provide a continuous productive land base for agriculture in accordance with the policies and mapping of this Plan and Provincial requirements, as appropriate.

2.11.16 ~~Existing uses~~ Existing uses are allowed to continue and a ~~single dwelling~~ single dwelling can be built on an ~~existing lot~~ existing lot of record, where permitted by the Town of Caledon's zoning by-law prior to November 15, 2001. Uses and structures accessory to ~~existing~~ existing uses are allowed subject to all applicable provisions of the Town of Caledon Official Plan and the ORMCP.

Natural and Hydrological Features

2.2.9.3.8

2.11.17 Define ~~key natural heritage features~~ **key natural heritage features** and ~~hydrologically sensitive features~~ **key hydrologic features** in accordance with Policy ~~2.2.9.3.9~~ 2.11.18 and Policy ~~2.2.9.3.10~~ 2.11.19 of this Plan. Where ~~key natural heritage features~~ **key natural heritage features** and ~~hydrologically sensitive features~~ **key hydrologic features** coincide with components of the Greenlands System in Peel, the policies of Section ~~2.3~~ 2.14 of this Plan shall also apply.

2.2.9.3.9

2.11.18 As outlined in the ORMCP, define ~~key natural heritage features~~ **key natural heritage features** as:

- a) ~~Wetlands~~ **wetlands**;
- b) ~~Significant portions of the habitat of endangered, rare and threatened species~~ **habitat of endangered and threatened species**;
- c) ~~Fish habitat~~ **fish habitat**;
- d) ~~Areas of natural and scientific interest~~ **Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest** (life science);
- e) ~~Significant valleylands~~ **significant valleylands**;
- f) ~~Significant woodlands~~ **significant woodlands**;
- g) ~~Significant wildlife habitat~~ **significant wildlife habitat** (including habitat of special concern species); and
- h) ~~Sand barrens~~ **sand barrens**, ~~savannahs~~ **savannahs** and ~~tallgrass prairies~~ **tallgrass prairies**.

2.2.9.3.10

2.11.19 As outlined in the ORMCP, define ~~hydrologically sensitive features~~ **key hydrologic features** as:

- a) ~~Permanent~~ **permanent** and intermittent streams;
- b) ~~Wetlands~~ **wetlands**;
- c) ~~Kettle lakes~~ **kettle lakes**; and
- d) ~~Seepage~~ **seepage** areas and springs.

2.2.9.3.11

2.11.20 Direct the Town of Caledon to identify the location of known ~~key natural heritage features~~ **key natural heritage features** and known ~~hydrologically sensitive features~~ **key hydrologic features** in its official plan and zoning by-law where such identification is technically feasible.

2.2.9.3.12

2.11.21 Direct the Town of Caledon to include in its official plan, appropriate policies to protect unevaluated and unmapped key natural heritage features key natural heritage features and hydrologically sensitive features key hydrologic features.

Further, direct the Town of Caledon to require all applicants for new development development or site alteration site alteration to identify potential key natural heritage features key natural heritage features and hydrologically sensitive features key hydrologic features and ensure that such features are appropriately evaluated and protected in accordance with any requirements of this Plan, the Town of Caledon Official Plan, and the ORMCP.

2.2.9.3.13

2.11.22 Direct the Town of Caledon to prohibit development development and site alteration site alteration within a key natural heritage feature key natural heritage feature and/or a hydrologically sensitive feature key hydrologic feature and within the associated minimum vegetation protection zone vegetation protection zone, in accordance with the Table in Part III of the ORMCP, except as permitted by the ORMCP (e.g. existing existing uses and existing lots existing lots of record).

2.2.9.3.14

2.11.23 Direct the Town of Caledon to include policies in its official plan require requiring that an application for new development development or site alteration site alteration with respect to land within the minimum area of influence minimum area of influence of that relates to a key natural heritage feature key natural heritage feature or a hydrologically sensitive feature key hydrologic feature, but outside the key natural heritage or key hydrologic feature itself, shall be accompanied by a natural heritage evaluation and/or a hydrological evaluation, as detailed in the ORMCP. The evaluation shall be prepared to the satisfaction of the Town of Caledon, in consultation with the Region of Peel and the applicable conservation authority, as appropriate. The Town of Caledon may develop guidelines to assist in the interpretation of this policy including appropriate mechanisms for refining and scoping evaluation requirements. These guidelines are to be developed in consultation with the Region of Peel and the applicable conservation authorities.

2.11.24

Direct the Town of Caledon to include policies in its official plan exempting applications related to new buildings or structures for agricultural uses, agriculture-related uses or on-farm diversified uses from the requirement for a natural heritage evaluation and/or a hydrological evaluation provided that the buildings or structures are located a minimum of 30 metres from a key natural heritage feature or key hydrological feature.

2.11.25

Direct the Town of Caledon to include policies in its official plan to require that agricultural uses, agriculture-related uses or on-farm diversified uses within a

minimum area of influence related to a **key natural heritage feature** or **key hydrologic feature** be carried out in accordance with best management practices to protect or restore **key natural heritage features** and related **ecological functions** or **key hydrologic features** and related **ecological functions**.

~~2.2.9.3.15~~

2.11.26 Direct the Town of Caledon to include, in its official plan, appropriate policies that support connectivity. These policies should include that applications for ~~development~~ development or ~~site alteration~~ site alteration identify planning, design, and construction practices that ensure no buildings or other site alterations impede the movement of plants and animals along key natural heritage features, hydrologically sensitive features key hydrologic features, and adjacent land within Natural Core Areas and Natural Linkage Areas.

~~2.2.9.3.16~~ ~~Prohibit the carrying out of new agricultural uses and agriculture-related uses, which commence after November 15, 2001 within a key natural heritage feature, a hydrologically sensitive feature, and within the associated minimum vegetation protection zone.~~

~~2.2.9.3.17~~

2.11.27 Prohibit the ~~carrying out~~ establishment of new ~~mineral aggregate operations~~ mineral aggregate operations or ~~wayside pits~~ wayside pits, which commence after November 15, 2001 within a key natural heritage feature key natural heritage feature, a hydrologically sensitive feature key hydrologic feature, and within the associated minimum vegetation protection zone ~~vegetation protection zone~~, except as may be considered by Section 35 (4) of the ORMCP.

Landform Conservation Areas

2.11.28 ~~Figure 12 of this Plan identifies~~ Identify Landform Conservation Areas in Peel for the ORMCPA on Figure X2.

~~2.2.9.3.18~~

2.11.29 Direct the Town of Caledon to require ~~development~~ development or ~~site alteration~~ site alteration applications, except for mineral aggregate operations, in a ~~landform conservation area~~ landform conservation area (Category 1 and 2) to identify planning, design and construction practices that will keep disturbance to landform character to a minimum; in accordance with as required by Section 30 of the ORMCP. ~~In accordance with Section 30 (7) of the ORMCP, aggregate operations are exempt from Section 30 (5) and 30 (6) of the ORMCP.~~

2.11.30 Direct the Town of Caledon to encourage applications for development development and ~~site alteration~~ site alteration in the Settlement Area to adopt

planning, design, and construction practices that will keep disturbance to landform character to a minimum, ~~in accordance with as per Section 30 (13) of~~ the ORMCP.

~~2.2.9.3.19~~

2.11.31 Direct the Town of Caledon to require applicants for ~~development~~ development or ~~site alteration~~ site alteration with respect to land in a provincially significant ~~Area of Natural and Scientific Interest~~ Area of Natural and Scientific Interest (Earth Science), or within the associated ~~minimum area of influence~~ minimum area of influence, to complete to the Town's satisfaction an earth science evaluation in accordance with ~~Section 30 (12) of~~ the ORMCP.

Transportation, Utilities, and Infrastructure

~~2.2.9.3.20~~

2.11.32 Prohibit, subject to jurisdictional limitations, ~~transportation, utility, and infrastructure uses~~ infrastructure in all land use designations, Prime Agricultural Areas and ~~key natural heritage features~~ key natural heritage features and ~~hydrologically sensitive features~~ key hydrologic features and ~~their related~~ minimum vegetation protection zone unless the requirements of the ORMCP have been addressed to the satisfaction of the applicable approval authority, such as the Region of Peel and the Town of Caledon, in consultation with other relevant agencies, as appropriate.

2.11.33 Direct the Town of Caledon, in consultation with the Region and applicable Conservation Authorities, to develop a stormwater master plan in accordance with the requirements of the ORMCP for the Caledon East Settlement Area and to require stormwater management plans for all major development in the ORMCPA.

~~2.2.9.3.20.1~~

2.11.34 In planning for the Regional Transportation and Road network, the Region will consider, jointly with the Town of Caledon, restrictions on haulage routes for transportation of chemicals and volatile materials in ~~wellhead protection areas~~ wellhead protection areas and in areas of high ~~aquifer vulnerability~~ aquifer vulnerability.

~~2.2.9.3.20.2~~

2.11.35 Prohibit the construction or expansion of partial services unless the following appropriate circumstances apply:

- a) To address a serious health concern or environmental concern;
- b) The construction or expansion of partial services approved under the Environmental Assessment Act before November 17, 2001 provided that the

period of time during which the construction or expansion may begin has not expire.

- c) To service ~~existing~~ existing and new uses ~~and new uses~~ that are established in accordance with the Region of Peel Official Plan and Town of Caledon Official Plan within the approved partial service area identified on Figure 14 X4.

Water Resources and Related Studies

~~Protection of water resources is imperative to ensure the health of residents and maintaining ecosystem integrity ecological integrity. The ORMCP requires comprehensive watershed planning, the establishment of wellhead protection areas, water budgets and water conservation plans, and the consideration of the potential for groundwater aquifers to be impacted by various land uses.~~

Water Related Studies

~~Watershed plans are comprehensive management strategies that seek to understand the interconnections between terrestrial and aquatic components of the natural system. In addition to achieving a better understanding of the overall ecosystem function, watershed plans support change through and an ecosystem based approach to land use planning. Overall, these plans and their components assist in the management of land and water resources and recommend how they are to be protected and enhanced through land use planning decisions.~~

2.2.9.3.21

2.11.36 Prepare in partnership with the Town of Caledon and the applicable conservation authority, ~~watershed~~ watershed plans, including water budgets and water conservation plans, to meet the requirements of the ORMCP for every ~~watershed~~ watershed in Peel having streams originating on the Moraine.

2.2.9.3.22

2.11.37 Incorporate by official plan amendment, the applicable objectives and requirements of a completed ~~watershed~~ watershed plan into this Plan. Further, direct the Town of Caledon to also incorporate by official plan amendment, the applicable objectives and requirements of a completed ~~watershed~~ watershed plan into the Town of Caledon Official Plan.

2.2.9.3.23

2.11.38 Direct the Town of Caledon to prohibit all ~~development~~ development and ~~site alteration~~ site alteration in a ~~subwatershed~~ subwatershed, except in a Settlement Area, if it would cause the total percentage of the ~~subwatershed~~ subwatershed area having ~~impervious surfaces~~ impervious surfaces to exceed 10 percent, or any

lower percentage specified in an approved ~~watershed~~ **watershed** or ~~subwatershed~~ **subwatershed** study.

~~2.2.9.3.24~~

~~2.11.39~~ Direct the Town of Caledon to include in its official plan, appropriate policies that take into account the desirability of ensuring that at least 30 percent of a ~~subwatershed~~ **subwatershed** located within the ORMCPA has ~~self-sustaining vegetation~~ **self-sustaining vegetation**.

~~2.2.9.3.25~~

~~2.11.40~~ Direct the Town of Caledon to prohibit the approval of ~~major development~~ **major development** unless the relevant requirements ~~outlined in Sections 24, 30 (8), 43, 45, and 46 of established in~~ the ORMCP, including the capacity to adapt to climate change have been satisfied.

Wellhead Protection

~~Wellhead protection areas are zones around wells where land uses must be carefully planned to protect the long-term quality of the water supply. In these areas, it may be necessary to restrict or even prohibit certain land uses due to their potential to impact groundwater. These restrictions will be detailed in the Town of Caledon Official Plan and uses will be restricted through the Town of Caledon's Zoning By-law.~~

~~2.11.41~~ Figure 13 of this Plan identifies ~~Identify~~ **wellhead protection areas** ~~wellhead protection areas~~ in Peel for the ORMCPA on Figure X3.

~~2.2.9.3.26~~

~~2.11.42~~ Undertake studies and modelling to determine the location and the extent of ~~wellhead protection areas~~ **wellhead protection areas** for all existing and future municipal wells within the ORMCPA. If, in the future, new municipal well(s) are located within the ORMCPA, the location of the new municipal well(s) and the associated ~~wellhead protection areas~~ **wellhead protection areas** will be shown on a Figure to this Plan. Any changes or refinements to the ~~wellhead protection areas~~ **wellhead protection areas** identified in this Plan shall require an amendment to the Town of Caledon Official Plan that must be supported by ground water studies prepared to the satisfaction of the Region and the relevant approval authority.

~~2.2.9.3.27~~

~~2.11.43~~ Direct the Town of Caledon to prohibit or restrict, except in accordance with Section 6 (1) and Section 28 (3) of the ORMCP and subject to jurisdictional limitations, the storage (except by an individual for personal or family use) of petroleum fuels; petroleum solvents and chlorinated solvents; pesticides, herbicides and fungicides; construction equipment; inorganic fertilizers; road salt; contaminants listed in Schedule 3 (Severely Toxic Contaminants) to Regulation 347 of the Revised

Regulations of Ontario, 1990; and the generation and storage of ~~hazardous waste~~ **hazardous waste** or ~~liquid industrial waste~~ **liquid industrial waste** within ~~wellhead protection areas~~ **wellhead protection areas** in the ORMCPA, corresponding to the 0-2, 2-10, and 10-25 years of ~~time of travel~~ **time of travel** zones.

~~2.2.9.3.28~~

~~2.11.44~~ Direct the Town of Caledon to prohibit, ~~except in accordance with Section 6(1) and Section 28(3) of the ORMCP and~~ subject to jurisdictional limitations, the establishment of new storage of animal manure, ~~animal agriculture~~ **animal agriculture**, and the storage of agricultural equipment, which commences after November 15, 2001, in the 0-2 ~~time of travel~~ **time of travel** zone within every ~~wellhead protection area~~ **wellhead protection area** in the ORMCPA, ~~in accordance with except as permitted by~~ the ORMCP. ~~The prohibition of agricultural uses does not apply to agricultural land if the owner or operator complies with the standards established under the Nutrient Management Act, and any applicable requirement under the Clean Water Act.~~

~~2.2.9.3.29~~

~~2.11.45~~ Investigate the need and potential for undertaking risk management and contingency planning within the ORMCPA. This includes spills response, contaminant recovery and aquifer rehabilitation plans where land uses involving the storage of potential contaminants currently existing in identify ~~wellhead protection areas~~ **wellhead protection areas** within the ORMCPA. Develop appropriate implementation tools, jointly with the Town of Caledon, interested agencies and other community stakeholders, as appropriate.

Areas of High Aquifer Vulnerability

~~Aquifer vulnerability refers to groundwater aquifer susceptibility to contamination from both human and natural sources. Schedule D2 identifies~~

~~2.11.46~~ Identify aquifer vulnerability areas in Peel for the ORMCPA on Schedule X10.

~~2.2.9.3.30~~

~~2.11.47~~ Direct the Town of Caledon to prohibit, except in accordance with Section 6 (1) ~~and Section 29(1.1)~~ of the ORMCP and subject to jurisdictional limitations, in areas of high ~~aquifer vulnerability~~ **aquifer vulnerability** within the ORMCPA, the generation and storage of ~~hazardous waste~~ **hazardous waste** or liquid waste; waste disposal sites and facilities, organic conditioning sites, and snow storage and disposal facilities; underground and above ground storage tanks that are not equipped with an approved secondary containment device; and storage of a contaminant listed in Schedule 3 (Severely Toxic Contaminants) to Regulation 347 of the Revised Regulations of Ontario, 1990. ~~The prohibition of agricultural uses does not apply to~~

agricultural land if the owner or operator complies with the standards established under the Nutrient Management Act.

~~2.2.9.3.31~~

2.11.48 Direct the Town of Caledon to prohibit new ~~rapid infiltration basins~~ **rapid infiltration basins** and ~~rapid infiltration columns~~ **rapid infiltration columns** within the ORMCPA.

2.11.49 Direct the Town of Caledon to include policies in its official plan that prohibit waste disposal sites and organic soil conditioning sites in Natural Core Areas, Natural Linkage Areas, **key natural heritage features, key hydrologic features,** and related minimum vegetation protection zones, in accordance with the ORMCP.

Agricultural Resources

~~2.2.9.3.32~~

2.11.50 Direct that within the ORMCPA, in the case of conflict between the policies of Section ~~3.2~~ 3.3 of this Plan and Section 33 of the ORMCP, the policies of the ORMCP shall apply to the extent that they are less restrictive.

2.11.51 Direct the Town of Caledon to include policies in its official plan to require that proponents of non-agricultural uses within the Natural Core, Natural Linkage and Countryside designations demonstrate that the proposed use will not have an adverse impact on agricultural uses or demonstrate that impacts will be minimized and mitigated to the extent possible in accordance with the ORMCP. Applications for **mineral aggregate operations** and **infrastructure** will require an agricultural impact assessment.

Mineral Resources

~~2.2.9.3.33~~

2.11.52 Direct that within the ORMCPA, in the case of conflict between the policies of Section ~~3.3~~ 3.4 of this Plan and Section 33 of the ORMCP, the policies of the ORMCP shall apply to the extent that they are less restrictive.

~~2.2.9.3.34~~

2.11.53 Prohibit ~~mineral aggregate operations~~ **mineral aggregate operations** or ~~wayside pits~~ **wayside pits** unless the appropriate requirements ~~identifies~~ identified in Section 35 of the ORMCP, and the applicable policies of this Plan and the Town of Caledon Official Plan, subject to Policy ~~2.2.9.3.33~~ 2.11.52, have been addressed to the satisfaction of the Region of Peel and the Town of Caledon, in consultation with the applicable conservation authority.

2.11.54 Encourage and work collaboratively with the Province, Town of Caledon, agencies and the mineral aggregate industry to develop and implement comprehensive

rehabilitation plans for parts of the ORMCP area affected by **mineral aggregate operations**, as appropriate.

2.11.55 Require that applications for new **mineral aggregate operations** or **wayside pits** on lands within the **Prime Agricultural Area** implement the rehabilitation and restoration requirements of Section 35 of the ORMCP, including to the extent possible returning substantially all the land to a condition in which the soil capacity for agriculture is on average the same as it was before the **mineral aggregate operation** or **wayside pit** began operating.

Excess Soil

2.11.56 Direct the Town of Caledon to include policies in their official plan to require best practises for the management of excess soil generated and fill received during any **development** or **site alteration**, including **infrastructure** development, in accordance to the ORMCP.

2.2.10-2.12 Greenbelt Plan

The Greenbelt Plan provides policy direction within an area extending from Niagara Falls to Durham Region, referred to as the **Greater Golden Horseshoe**. ~~Through the **Greenbelt Act, 2005** and the accompanying **The Greenbelt Plan**, together with the **Niagara Escarpment Plan** and **Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan**, the **Province**~~ identifies where urbanization should not occur in order to provide protection to the agricultural land base and the ecological features, **areas** and functions occurring on this landscape. The Greenbelt Plan includes the Protected Countryside and lands within the Niagara Escarpment Plan Area, Oak Ridges Moraine Area and the **Parkway Belt West Plan** Area, and complements and supports other provincial level initiatives. It also seeks to improve ecological linkages between these areas and the surrounding major lake systems and watersheds.

The Greenbelt Plan sets out three geographic specific policies that apply within the Protected Countryside: the **Agricultural System**, the Natural System and **Settlement Areas**. Each of these areas has its own set of geographic specific policies as well as general policies that apply. Within Peel, the **Agricultural System** ~~includes the **Prime Agricultural Area**, **Rural Lands** and the **agri-food network of infrastructure, services and assets that support the agri-food sector**~~ **Agricultural System** comprises ~~**prime agricultural areas, which are shown on Schedule B, and rural areas, which are designated in the area municipal official plans.**~~ The Natural System identifies lands that support both natural heritage and hydrologic features and functions. Both systems maintain connections to the broader agricultural and natural systems of southern Ontario. The **Settlement Areas**, which are identified as Villages and Hamlets, vary in size, diversity and intensity of uses, and are found throughout the Protected Countryside. While providing permanent agricultural and environmental protection, the Greenbelt also contains important natural resources and supports a wide range of recreational and tourism uses, areas and opportunities.

The Urban River Valley designation provides protection for publicly owned lands that form important river valley linkages and corridors in an urban context between the Protected Countryside of the Greenbelt and Lake Ontario. These lands provide for a network of uses and facilities to support urban areas including recreational, tourism and infrastructure.

The boundary for the Greenbelt Plan Area within Peel is shown on Schedule X11 in this Plan. The Greenbelt extends across the northern half of Peel and, with the exception of a small portion of the Greenbelt Plan Area in Brampton and the urban river valley designations, the majority of the area falls within the Town of Caledon.

Lands within the Protected Countryside, as shown on Schedule ~~D3~~X11, are subject to the entirety of the Greenbelt Plan. Lands within the urban river valleys are subject to the Greenbelt Plan and local municipal official plans.

Within the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan Area (ORMCPA), the requirements of the ORMCP, made under the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Act, 2001, continue to apply, and the Protected Countryside policies do not apply with the exception of the policies related to parkland, open space and trails.

Within the Niagara Escarpment Plan Area, the requirements of the Niagara Escarpment Plan, established under the Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act, continue to apply and the Greenbelt Plan policies do not apply with the exception of the policies related to parkland, open space and trails.

~~The boundary and land use provisions for the Greenbelt Plan Area within Peel are shown on Schedule D3 in this Plan. The Greenbelt extends across the northwestern half of Peel and, with the exception of a small portion of the Greenbelt Plan Area in Brampton, the majority of the area falls within the Town of Caledon. The Greenbelt Plan also identifies river valley connections outside of the Greenbelt, which extend from the Greenbelt to Lake Ontario as external linkages of the Greenbelt's Natural System.~~

Municipal official plans and zoning bylaws must conform to the Greenbelt Plan. The policies must be read in conjunction with the detailed provisions of the Greenbelt Plan, all other applicable policies of this Plan, and the area local municipal official plans. These policies work collectively to manage and guide land use within the Greenbelt. Where more specific provincial plans or regulations apply within the Greenbelt, the more specific plan or regulation prevails. Section 9 of the Greenbelt Act, 2005 allows municipalities to refine Greenbelt Plan policies to Regional and local circumstances. Further, it allows municipalities to be more restrictive than the Greenbelt Plan except with respect to agricultural uses, mineral aggregate operations, and wayside pits and quarries. Where a municipality has undertaken a comprehensive aggregate resource management study and has implemented the results into its official plan, prior to December 16, 2004, such policies shall be deemed to conform to the Greenbelt Plan. A comprehensive aggregate resource management study has been completed by the Region and the Town of Caledon, and the recommended policy approaches have been incorporated into the Town of Caledon Official Plan.

Applications, matters or proceedings that commenced on or after December 16, 2004 related to areas designated as Protected Countryside must conform to the Greenbelt Plan except as may be otherwise prescribed by regulation or established through policies in the Greenbelt Plan.

~~Where this Plan contains terms that are defined by the Greenbelt Plan, they are *italicized and underlined*. The Greenbelt Plan should be consulted for specific direction. Also, terms that are defined in this Plan are italicized.~~

~~2.2.10.1~~

~~Goal~~

~~2.12.1~~ To implement the Greenbelt Plan by enhancing the urban, ~~*prime agricultural agricultural*~~ and ~~*rural areas rural areas*~~ and overall quality of life within the Protected Countryside through: agriculture and environmental protection; conservation and protection of *cultural heritage resources*; promotion of recreation and tourism opportunities; policies and programs that support the continued vitality of *settlement areas*; maintenance and provision of *infrastructure*; ~~and~~ the wise use and management of renewable and non-renewable natural resources; ~~and the consideration of climate change in decision making.~~

~~2.2.10.2~~

~~General Objectives~~

~~2.2.10.2.1~~

~~2.12.2~~ To implement the Greenbelt Plan through Regional planning documents and decisions in a manner that respects the Five Principles of this Plan, and refines the policies of the Greenbelt Plan to reflect the Regional and local context.

~~2.2.10.2.2~~

~~2.12.3~~ To provide, where applicable to the ~~*area-local*~~ municipalities, direction to develop policies in their ~~*official plan*~~ to implement the Greenbelt Plan.

~~2.2.10.2.3~~

~~2.12.4~~ To undertake Regional responsibilities in a manner that respects the intent of the Greenbelt Plan.

~~2.2.10.3~~

~~General Policies~~

~~It is the policy of Regional Council to:~~

~~2.2.10.3.1~~

~~2.12.5~~ Recognize the requirements and policies of the Greenbelt Plan.

~~2.2.10.3.2~~

2.12.6 Read and interpret the policies of Section ~~2.2.10~~ 2.12 of this Plan in conjunction with all other applicable policies of this Plan and the Greenbelt Plan and apply the most restrictive policies, except where prohibited by the Greenbelt Plan.

~~2.2.10.3.3~~

2.12.7 Direct the ~~area-local~~ municipalities to develop official plan policies and zoning regulations to implement and refine the requirements of the Greenbelt Plan. This includes requirements that are more appropriately addressed at the ~~area-local~~ municipal level. Policies are to include, but are not limited to those addressing ~~prime agricultural~~ the Prime Agricultural Area, agri-food network, and Rural Lands rural areas, natural heritage, water resources, parkland, open space and trails; recreation; settlement areas; non-agricultural uses; infrastructure; natural resources; the continuation of ~~existing uses~~ existing uses; and lot creation within the Protected Countryside as well as Urban River Valley connections.

~~2.2.10.3.4~~

2.12.8 Recognize that within the Greenbelt Plan Area all applications, matters or proceedings made under the Ontario Planning and Development Act, 1994, the Planning Act, and the Condominium Act, 1998, which were commenced on or after December 16, 2004 are required to conform to the provisions of the Greenbelt Plan.

~~2.2.10.3.5~~

2.12.9 Recognize that where an official plan was amended prior to December 16, 2004 to specifically designate land use(s), this approval may continue to be recognized through the conformity exercise addressed in Section 5.3 of the Greenbelt Plan and any further applications required under the Planning Act or Condominium Act, 1998, to implement the official plan approval are not required to conform with the Greenbelt Plan. Where a zoning by-law was amended prior to December 16, 2004 to specifically permit land use(s), this approval may continue to be recognized through the conformity exercise described in Section 5.3 of the Greenbelt Plan and any further applications required under the Planning Act or Condominium Act, 1998, to implement the use permitted by the zoning by-law are not required to conform with the Greenbelt Plan. Applications to further amend the site-specific official plan or zoning by-law permissions referred to above, for uses similar to or more in conformity with the provisions of the Greenbelt Plan are also permitted. All such applications should, where possible, seek to achieve or improve conformity with the Greenbelt Plan.

~~2.2.10.3.6~~

2.12.10 Permit the ~~area-local~~ municipalities to be more restrictive in their official plans and zoning by-laws, unless the policies would conflict with any policy or objective of the Greenbelt Plan.

~~2.2.10.3.7~~

2.12.11 Recognize the boundary of the Greenbelt Plan Area, as defined by Ontario Regulation 59/05, in Peel as shown on Schedule ~~D3-X11~~.

2.2.10.4 Geographic Specific Policies in the Protected Countryside

2.12.12 Agricultural System

The Agricultural System comprises ~~prime agricultural areas~~, which are shown on Schedule B and ~~rural areas~~, which are designated in the area municipal official plans. In addition to the policies of Section 3.2 of this Plan the following specific policies of the Greenbelt Plan apply to the protected Countryside: The Agricultural System comprises the Prime Agricultural Area, Rural Lands, and the supporting agri-food network. The Prime Agricultural Area and Rural Lands are designated on Schedule X12. In addition to the policies of Sections 3.3 and 5.7 of this Plan, the following specific policies of the Greenbelt Plan apply to the Protected Countryside.

2.12.12.1 Prime Agricultural Area Policies

The Prime Agricultural Area represent areas that have the greatest potential and opportunity for agriculture and are identified and protected for long term use for agriculture. It is the policy of Regional Council to:

~~2.2.10.4.1~~

2.12.12.1.1

Direct the Town of Caledon to include policies in its official plan to promote and protect all types, sizes and intensities of agricultural uses and normal farm practices, that will support and permit normal farm practices and permit a full range of agricultural uses, agricultural-related uses and on-farm diversified uses agricultural, agriculture-related and secondary uses within the *Prime Agricultural Area* of the Protected Countryside in accordance with provincial guidelines. Proposed agriculture-related uses and on-farm diversified uses shall be compatible with and will not hinder surrounding agricultural operations.

~~2.2.10.4.2~~ ~~Other uses may be permitted subject to the general policies of 2.2.10.5.8 to 2.2.10.5.27.~~

~~2.2.10.4.3~~

2.12.12.1.2

Prohibit the redesignation of the Prime Agricultural Area for non-agricultural uses except for:

- a) ~~minor~~ refinements to the *Prime Agricultural Area* and ~~rural areas~~ Rural Lands designations, ~~the rationalization~~

~~of which shall be based on the Land Evaluation and Area Review (LEAR) to be completed by the Region in accordance with policy 7.6.2.17 of this Plan and implemented subject to the criteria identified in the municipal implementation subject to the policies of Section 5.3 of the Greenbelt Plan; or~~

- b) *settlement area boundary* expansions subject to the *settlement area* policies of the Geographic Specific Policies in the Protected Countryside Section ~~2.2.10.4~~ of this Plan and Section 3.4 of the Greenbelt Plan.

2.12.12.1.3 ~~Direct the Town of Caledon to include policies in its official plan that permit non-agricultural uses subject to the general policies of 2.2.13.5.9 to 2.2.13.5.24 in this Plan and in accordance with the Greenbelt Plan. Non-agricultural uses are generally discouraged in the *Prime Agricultural Area* and may only be permitted subject to the satisfactory completion of an *agricultural impact assessment*.~~

~~2.2.10.4.4~~

2.12.12.1.4 Direct the Town of Caledon to include policies in its official plan ~~with respect to compliance with the *minimum distance separation formulae* for uses within the *prime agricultural areas* of the Protected Countryside~~ to require new land uses, including the creation of lots, and new or expanding livestock operations in the *Prime Agricultural Area* of the Protected Countryside to comply with the *minimum distance separation formulae* requirements, in accordance with provincial policy.

2.12.12.1.5

Direct the Town of Caledon to include policies in its official plan to achieve land use compatibility where *agricultural uses* and non-agricultural uses interface, by avoiding, or where avoidance is not possible, minimizing and mitigating adverse impacts. Where mitigation is required, measures should be incorporated into the non-agricultural use, as appropriate, in accordance with provincial guidelines.

2.12.12.1.6

Direct the Town of Caledon to include policies in its official plan to maintain and enhance the agricultural land base and economic connections to the *agri-food network*.

2.12.12.2 Rural Area Rural Lands Policies

Rural Lands Rural areas of the Protected Countryside support and provide important linkages between Prime Agricultural Areas and are key components of the overall Agricultural System. Rural Lands also support and provide the primary locations for a range of recreational, tourism, institutional and resource-based commercial and industrial uses. They also contain many historic highway commercial, non-farm residential and other uses that would be generally directed to settlement areas but which are recognized as existing uses existing uses by the Greenbelt Plan and are allowed to continue and expand subject to the existing use existing uses policies of the General Policies for the Protected Countryside Section 2.2.10.5 of this Plan. It is the policy of Regional Council to:

2.2.10.4.5

2.12.12.2.1

Direct the City of Brampton and the Town of Caledon to include, in their Official Plans, policies to recognize within the rural areas Rural Lands of the Protected Countryside existing uses existing uses and allow a consideration of other uses, consistent with the requirements of the Greenbelt Plan.

2.2.10.4.6

2.12.12.2.2

Direct the City of Brampton and the Town of Caledon to allow and support within the rural areas Rural Lands of the Protected Countryside an appropriate range of recreational, tourism, institutional and resource-based commercial and industrial uses, existing and new agricultural uses and normal farm practices and a full range of agricultural, agriculture-related and secondary uses. normal farm practices and a full range of existing and new agricultural uses, agriculture-related uses and on-farm diversified uses. Proposed agriculture-related uses and on-farm diversified uses should be compatible with and not hinder surrounding agricultural operations in accordance with provincial guidelines.

2.2.10.4.7

2.12.12.2.3

Direct the Town of Caledon to permit within the Protected Countryside settlement area expansions into rural areas Rural Lands, subject to the settlement area policies of the Geographic Specific Policies in the Protected Countryside Section of the Greenbelt Plan and settlement area policies 2.2.10.4.31 to 2.2.10.4.36 of this Plan.

2.12.12.2.4

Direct the City of Brampton and the Town of Caledon to permit non-agricultural uses in Rural Lands subject to Sections 2.12.16 to 2.12.16.24 of this Plan and in accordance with the Greenbelt Plan. With the exception of mineral aggregate operations, the

requirement of an *agricultural impact assessment* should be considered.

2.12.12.2.5 ***New multiple units or multiple lots for residential dwellings*** shall not be permitted in *Rural Lands*.

~~2.2.10.4.8~~

2.12.12.2.6 Direct the City of Brampton and the Town of Caledon to include policies in their official plans with respect to *minimum distance separation formulae* within the *rural areas* of the Protected Countryside. Direct the City of Brampton and the Town of Caledon to include policies in their official plans to require compliance with the *minimum distance separation formulae* within the *Rural Lands* of the Protected Countryside.

~~2.2.10.4.9~~ ~~*New multiple units or multiple lots for residential dwellings* shall not be permitted in *rural areas*.~~

2.12.12.2.7 Direct the City of Brampton and the Town of Caledon to include policies in their official plans to promote land use compatibility where *agricultural uses* and non-agricultural uses interface, by avoiding, or where avoidance is not possible, minimizing and mitigating adverse impacts. Where mitigation is required, measures should be incorporated into the non-agricultural use, as appropriate, in accordance with provincial guidelines.

~~2.2.10.4.10~~

~~2.12.12.2.8 Non-agricultural ~~Other~~ uses may be permitted within *rural areas* *Rural Lands* in accordance with the *General Policies for the Protected Countryside* Section ~~2.2.10.5~~ of this Plan.~~

2.12.12.2.9 Direct the City of Brampton and Town of Caledon to include policies in their official plans to maintain and enhance the *agricultural land base and economic connections to the *agri-food network**.

2.12.12.2.10 Direct the Town of Caledon to give consideration to maintaining and adapting existing ***public service facilities*** located on *Rural Lands* for community hubs.

2.12.12.3 Agri-food Network Policies

The *agri-food network* is a component of the *Agricultural System* that complements the agricultural land base to enable the agricultural sector to thrive. It is the policy of Regional Council to:

- 2.12.12.3.1 Consider opportunities to support and enhance the *Agricultural System* through integrated planning for growth management, including goods movement and transportation planning.
- 2.12.12.3.2 Work with the Town of Caledon as well as other agricultural organizations to support and enhance the *Agricultural System* through the development and implementation of agri-food strategies, *food systems* planning and other approaches.

2.12.13 Natural System

The Natural System of the Protected Countryside comprises the Natural Heritage System as defined and mapped in the Greenbelt Plan; a Water Resource System; key natural heritage features *key natural heritage features*; key hydrologic features *key hydrologic features*; key hydrologic areas; and External Connections including Urban River Valleys. The Natural System policies protect areas of natural heritage, hydrologic and/or landform features, which are often functionally inter-related and that collectively support biodiversity and overall ecological integrity *ecological integrity*. In addition to other applicable policies of this Plan, the following specific policies apply.

2.12.13.1 Natural Heritage System Policies

The Natural Heritage System of the Greenbelt Plan includes areas of the Protected Countryside with the highest concentration of the most sensitive or significant natural features and functions. This area and its features are to be managed as a connected and integrated natural heritage system that links to natural heritage features and areas outside of the Protected Countryside including the *Niagara Escarpment, Oak Ridges Moraine*, Lake Ontario and the Region of Peel's Greenlands System. It is the policy of Regional Council to:

- ~~2.2.10.4.11~~
- 2.12.13.1.1 Identify the Natural Heritage System on Schedule ~~D3~~ *X11* as an overlay designation of the Protected Countryside and direct the Town of Caledon and City of Brampton to identify in their official plan schedules the Natural Heritage System as an overlay designation of the Protected Countryside.
- ~~2.2.10.4.12~~
- 2.12.13.1.2 Direct the City of Brampton and the Town of Caledon to include policies in their official plans for new agricultural related *agricultural uses, agriculture-related uses, on-farm diversified*

~~uses secondary uses~~ and ~~normal farm practices~~ normal farm practices within the Natural Heritage System of the Protected Countryside in accordance with the Greenbelt Plan.

2.12.13.1.3 ~~Direct the Town of Caledon and the City of Brampton to include policies in their official plans to indicate that new buildings or structures for agricultural uses, agriculture-related uses and on-farm diversified uses are subject to policies 2.12.13.2.7 to 2.2.13.2.12 related to key natural heritage features and key hydrologic features and the existing use policies of 2.12.16.23.~~

~~2.2.10.4.13~~

2.12.13.1.4 Direct the Town of Caledon and the City of Brampton to include policies in their official plans for ~~development~~ development and ~~site alteration~~ site alteration in the Natural Heritage System, as permitted by the Greenbelt Plan, to ~~demonstrate~~ ensure that: ~~key natural heritage features, key hydrologic features and their functions and other natural features are evaluated and protected in accordance with the Greenbelt Plan. These policies should also include requirements for natural heritage and hydrological evaluations and address how connectivity between key natural heritage features and key hydrologic features is to be maintained, or where possible enhanced.~~

- a) there are no **negative impacts on key natural heritage features or key hydrologic features** or their functions;
- b) **connectivity** along the system and between **key natural heritage features** and **key hydrologic features** located within 240 metres of each other is maintained or where possible, enhanced for the movement of native plants and animals across the landscape;
- c) the removal of other natural features not identified as **key natural heritage features** and **key hydrologic features** should be avoided;
- d) Except for recreational and non-renewable resources,
 - i. the disturbed area, including any buildings and structures, of the **total developable area** will not exceed 25 per cent (40 per cent for golf courses); and
 - ii. the impervious surface of the **total developable area** will not exceed 10 per cent; and

- e) at least 30 percent of the *total developable area* will remain or be returned to *natural self-sustaining vegetation*, recognizing that [the General Policies for the Protected Countryside Section in this Plan](#) establishes specific standards for non-renewable resources.

~~2.2.10.4.14~~ Direct the Town of Caledon and the City of Brampton to include policies in their official plans to require applicants proposing non-agricultural uses within the Natural Heritage System, to demonstrate that:

- a) ~~at least 30 percent of the *total developable area* of the site will remain or be returned to *natural self-sustaining vegetation*, recognizing that Section 2.2.10.5 in this Plan establishes specific standards for non-renewable resources;~~
- b) ~~*connectivity* along the system and between *key natural heritage features* and *key hydrologic features* located within 240 metres of each other is maintained or enhanced; and~~
- c) ~~buildings or structures do not occupy more than 25 percent of the *total developable area* and are planned to optimize the compatibility of the project with the natural surroundings.~~

~~2.2.10.4.15~~ Direct the Town of Caledon and the City of Brampton to include policies in their official plans to indicate that new buildings or structures for agriculture-related and secondary uses are subject to policies 2.2.10.4.21 to 2.2.10.4.26 related to *key natural heritage features* and *key hydrologic features* and the existing use policies of 2.2.10.5.26.

~~2.2.10.4.16~~ Direct the Town of Caledon and the City of Brampton to include policies in their official plans to indicate that new *development development* or *site alteration site alteration* in the Natural Heritage System shall demonstrate that:

- a) ~~there will be no negative effects on *key natural heritage features* or *key hydrologic features* or their functions;~~
- b) ~~connectivity between *key natural heritage features* and *key hydrologic features* is maintained, or where possible,~~

~~enhanced for the movement of native plants and animals across the landscape;~~

- ~~c) the removal of other natural features not identified as key natural heritage features and key hydrologic features should be avoided; and~~
- ~~d) the disturbed area of any site does not exceed 25 percent, and the impervious surface does not exceed 10 percent, of the total developable area except for recreational uses and non-renewable resources as identified in the Greenbelt Plan. For golf courses, the disturbed area shall not exceed 40 percent of the site.~~

~~2.2.10.4.17~~

2.12.13.1.5

Parkland dedication and school sites required as a condition of approval for development within an urban *settlement area* shall not be permitted within the Natural Heritage System of the Greenbelt Plan.

2.12.13.1.6

Direct the City of Brampton and the Town of Caledon to include policies in their official plans to prohibit the expansion of *settlement areas* into the Natural Heritage System of the Greenbelt Plan.

2.12.13.2 Water Resource System Policies

The Water Resource System of the Greenbelt comprises both ground and *surface water features, areas* and functions including *key hydrologic features* and *key hydrologic areas*. The ORMCP, NEP and Protected Countryside components of the Greenbelt Plan include ~~areas of hydrologic significance that include~~ the headwater areas of watersheds draining to Lake Ontario, discharge zones at the toe of the *Niagara Escarpment* and base of the *Oak Ridges Moraine* and major river valleys that flow from the *Oak Ridges Moraine* and *Niagara Escarpment* into Lake Ontario. These areas of hydrologic significance function together with other hydrologic features and watersheds within and outside of the Greenbelt. It is the policy of *Regional Council* to:

~~2.2.10.4.18~~

2.12.13.2.1

Take a comprehensive, integrated and long-term approach to the protection, improvement and restoration of the quality and quantity of water through a systems approach.

~~2.2.10.4.19~~

- 2.12.13.2.2 Undertake ~~watershed planning~~ **watershed planning** to guide ~~planning and development decisions within the Protected Countryside~~ in accordance with Section ~~2.2.4~~ 2.6.19 of this Plan and requirements of the Greenbelt Plan.
- 2.12.13.2.3 Direct the City of Brampton and the Town of Caledon to include policies in their official plans to identify **water resource systems** and provide appropriate policies and designations for their protection.
- 2.12.13.2.4 Ensure the allocation of growth and planning for water, wastewater, and stormwater **infrastructure** is informed by **watershed planning** in accordance with Section 2.6.19 of this Plan and requirements of the Greenbelt Plan and Growth Plan.
- ~~2.2.10.4.20~~
2.12.13.2.5 Recognize provincial Great Lakes legislation, agreements and strategies as part of **watershed planning** and coastal or waterfront planning initiatives. Protect ~~vulnerable~~ surface and ground water areas, such as wellhead protection areas, from development that may adversely affect the quality and quantity of ground and surface water in accordance with provincial policy and the requirements of this Plan.

Key Hydrological Areas

- 2.12.13.2.6 Direct the City of Brampton and the Town of Caledon to include policies in their official plans to permit **major development** within a **key hydrologic area** in the Protected Countryside where it has been demonstrated that the **hydrologic functions** are protected and, where possible, improved or restored in accordance with the Greenbelt Plan. The policy applying to major development in **key hydrologic areas** does not apply to new or expanding buildings or structures for **agricultural uses**, **agriculture-related uses** or **on-farm diversified uses**, where the total impervious surface does not exceed 10 per cent of the lot.

Key Natural Heritage and Key Hydrologic Features

- ~~2.2.10.4.21~~
2.12.13.2.7 Define **key natural heritage features** **key natural heritage features** within the Natural Heritage System of the Greenbelt Plan as:

- a) ~~significant habitat of endangered species, threatened species and special concern species~~ **habitat of endangered species and threatened species**;
- b) ~~fish habitat~~ **fish habitat**;
- c) ~~wetlands~~ **wetlands**;
- d) ~~life science Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest (ANSIs)~~ **life science Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest (ANSIs)**;
- e) ~~significant valleylands~~ **significant valleylands**;
- f) ~~significant woodlands~~ **significant woodlands**;
- g) ~~significant wildlife habitat~~ **significant wildlife habitat**;
- h) ~~sand barrens~~ **sand barrens**, ~~savannahs~~ **savannahs** and ~~tallgrass prairies~~ **tallgrass prairies**; and
- i) ~~alvars~~ **alvars**.

2.2.10.4.22

2.12.13.2.8

~~Key natural heritage features~~ **Key natural heritage features** outside of the Natural Heritage System within the Protected Countryside of the Greenbelt Plan shall be defined in accordance with the Greenlands System policies of this Plan.

2.2.10.4.23

2.12.13.2.9

Define ~~key hydrologic features~~ **key hydrologic features** within the Protected Countryside of the Greenbelt Plan as:

- a) ~~permanent and intermittent streams~~ **permanent and intermittent streams**;
- b) ~~lakes (and their littoral zones)~~ **lakes (and their littoral zones)**;
- c) ~~seepage areas and springs~~ **seepage areas and springs**; and
- d) ~~wetlands~~ **wetlands**.

2.2.10.4.24

2.12.13.2.10

Direct the City of Brampton and the Town of Caledon to identify ~~key natural heritage features~~ **key natural heritage features** and ~~key hydrologic features~~ **key hydrologic features** in their official plans in accordance with approved criteria established by the Province where such identification is technically feasible. The policies and criteria for the identification of Core Areas of the Greenlands System also apply in conjunction with provincial criteria provided that they achieve or exceed provincial objectives. Within the Greenbelt Plan Area, provincial criteria only apply to the identification of ~~key natural heritage features~~ **key natural heritage features** within the Natural Heritage

System and to ~~key hydrologic features~~ **key hydrologic features** throughout the Protected Countryside, except within *settlement areas*. Within *settlement areas* in the Protected Countryside, ~~key natural heritage features~~ **key natural heritage features** and ~~key hydrologic features~~ **key hydrologic features** shall be identified in accordance with municipal criteria. In the absence of approved provincial criteria municipal criteria will apply.

~~2.2.10.4.25~~

2.12.13.2.11

Direct the City of Brampton and the Town of Caledon to include ~~policies in their official plans for development~~ **development** and ~~site alteration policies~~ for ~~key natural heritage features~~ **key natural heritage features** and ~~key hydrologic features~~ **key hydrologic features** in their official plans in accordance with the policies of this Plan, ~~and in particular Section 2.3.2.5~~, including policies for any associated ~~vegetation protection zone~~ **vegetation protection zone** and ~~the~~ requirements for ~~preparing a~~ natural heritage evaluation ~~or and~~ hydrological evaluation, as detailed in the Greenbelt Plan. ~~A natural heritage evaluation or hydrological evaluation is not required if the only key natural heritage feature is a habitat of endangered species and threatened species.~~

~~2.2.10.4.26~~

2.12.13.2.12

Direct the Town of Caledon and the City of Brampton to include policies in their official plans to indicate that new buildings and structures ~~for agricultural uses, agriculture-related uses and on-farm diversified uses~~ **do not require a natural heritage or hydrologic evaluation if a minimum for agricultural uses will be required to provide a 30 metre wide vegetation protection zone** ~~vegetation protection zone is provided from a key natural heritage feature~~ **key natural heritage feature** or ~~key hydrologic feature~~ **key hydrologic feature**. These uses are ~~but may be exempted~~ **exempt** from the requirement of establishing a condition of ~~natural self-sustaining vegetation~~ **natural self-sustaining vegetation** if the land is, and will continue to be, used for agricultural purposes. This policy applies to buildings and structures associated with new uses that require approval under the *Planning Act*. Existing uses are subject to the existing use policies of Section ~~2.3.2.5~~ 2.14.12. ~~Agricultural uses should~~ **Agricultural uses, agriculture-related uses and on-farm diversified uses are required to** pursue best management practices to protect and/or restore **key natural heritage**

~~features and key hydrologic features~~ **key hydrologic features** and functions.

~~External Connections~~

~~2.2.10.4.27 Promote planning and design that ensures the external connections identified on Schedule D3 are maintained and/or enhanced.~~

~~2.2.10.4.28 Direct the area municipalities to include in their official plans external connections policies in accordance with the greenbelt Plan.~~

~~2.2.10.4.29~~

~~Encourage stewardship, remediation and appropriate park and trail initiatives that strive to enhance the ecological features and functions found within valley systems.~~

2.12.14 Parkland, Open Space and Trails

~~2.2.10.4.30~~

2.12.14.1

Encourage the area-local municipalities to develop strategies to guide the adequate provision of publicly accessible recreation facilities, parkland, open space areas and trails that are in keeping with environmental plans and strategies and that consider the impacts to agriculture when planning these initiatives.

2.12.15 Settlement Areas

~~2.2.10.4.31~~

2.12.15.1

Prohibit *settlement areas* outside the Greenbelt from expanding into the Greenbelt.

2.12.15.2

Direct the Town of Caledon to include policies in their official plan to facilitate the development of community hubs and other **public service facilities.**

2.12.15.3

Collaborate with the Town of Caledon to support key components of the *Agricultural System* including infrastructure, services and assets and access to local, healthy food.

2.12.15.4

Integrate climate change considerations as part of planning and managing growth in *settlement areas* in accordance with the policies in Section 2.4 of this Plan and Section 4.2.10 of the Growth Plan.

2.12.15.5 Direct the Town of Caledon to include policies in their official plan to develop best practices and strategies for the reuse and the management of excess soil generated and fill received during **development** or *site alteration*, including infrastructure development, to ensure that:

- a) any excess soil is reused on-site or locally to the maximum extent possible and, where feasible, excess soil reuse planning is undertaken concurrently with development planning and design;
- b) appropriate sites for excess soil storage and processing are permitted close to areas where proposed development is concentrated or areas of potential soil reuse; and
- c) fill quality received and fill placement at a site will not cause an adverse effect with regard to the current or proposed use of the property or the natural environment and is compatible with adjacent land uses.

~~2.2.10.4.32~~

2.12.15.6

Direct the Town of Caledon to include, in its official plan, policies that require the extensions or expansions of services to *settlement areas* within the Protected Countryside to be subject to the *infrastructure* policies of the General Policies for the Protected Countryside Section 2.2.10.5 of this Plan and the policies of the Greenbelt Plan, including the requirements regarding environmental assessments and *agricultural impact assessments*.

~~2.2.10.4.33~~

2.12.15.7

Expansions of *settlement area* boundaries are only permitted as part of a *municipal comprehensive review* in accordance with the policies of the Growth Plan.

~~At the 10-year Greenbelt Plan review period, modest *settlement area* expansions for Villages within the Protected Countryside may be possible, provided the proposed growth:~~

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- ~~a) is on *municipal sewage and water services*;~~
 - ~~b) would not exceed the assimilative and water production capacities of the local environment as determined on a watershed or subwatershed basis;~~
 - ~~c) complies with any applicable *watershed plan*;~~
 - ~~d) does not extend into the Natural Heritage System; and~~
 - ~~e) appropriately implements the requirements of any other provincial and municipal policies, plans, strategies or regulations, including~~

~~requirements for assessment of need, locational and similar considerations.~~

~~2.2.10.4.34~~

~~2.12.15.8~~

Permit infill and ~~intensification~~ *intensification* within the approved boundaries of Hamlets in the Protected Countryside, subject to appropriate water and sewage services.

~~2.2.10.4.35~~ — Permit minor rounding out of Hamlet boundaries at the time of municipal conformity to the Greenbelt Plan in keeping with the character of the Hamlet, and subject to the ~~infrastructure~~ policies in 2.2.10.5 of this Plan.

~~2.2.10.4.36~~ — Consider, a ~~settlement area~~ expansion for the Village of Alton on the basis of the Town of Caledon's exercise to bring its official plan into conformity with the Greenbelt Plan. Such expansion shall not require an amendment to Schedule D3 of this Plan. The proposed expansion shall:

~~a)~~ — Prior to December 16, 2003, be supported by:

~~i.~~ — A council resolution authorizing the consideration of such an expansion; and

~~ii.~~ — The substantial completion of background studies or reports by municipal staff or planning consultants, or the expenditure of municipal funds on the consideration of such expansion.

~~b)~~ — Not extend into the Natural Heritage System; and

~~c)~~ — Maintain the rural and/or existing character of the settlement area.

2.2.10.5 General Policies for the Protected Countryside

2.12.16 Non-Agricultural Uses

The ~~rural areas~~ *Rural Lands* of the Protected Countryside are intended to continue to accommodate commercial, industrial and institutional uses serving the rural resource and agricultural sectors, and support a range of recreation and tourism uses such as trails, parks, golf courses, bed and breakfasts and other tourism based accommodation, serviced playing fields and campgrounds, ski hills and resorts. It is the policy of *Regional Council* to:

~~2.2.10.5.1~~

~~2.12.16.1~~

Direct the Town of Caledon to prohibit non-agricultural uses within ~~prime agricultural areas~~ the *Prime Agricultural Area* of the Protected Countryside, with the exception of those uses

permitted by the general policies of the Greenbelt Plan, and subject to the Natural Heritage System policies of this Plan.

~~2.2.10.5.2~~

2.12.16.2

Direct the Town of Caledon and the City of Brampton to require that proponents for proposals for non-agricultural uses in the ~~rural areas~~ Rural Lands of the Protected Countryside demonstrate that:

- a) the use is appropriate for location on Rural Lands ~~in a rural area~~;
- b) the type of water and sewage servicing proposed is appropriate for the type of use;
- c) there are no ~~negative impacts~~ negative impacts on ~~key natural heritage features~~ key natural heritage features and/or ~~key hydrologic features~~ key hydrologic features or their functions; and
- d) there are no ~~negative impacts~~ negative impacts on the biodiversity or ~~connectivity~~ connectivity of the Natural Heritage System.

2.12.16.3

Direct the City of Brampton and the Town of Caledon to require the consideration of an agricultural impact assessment completed to the satisfaction of the municipality, for proposed non-agricultural uses on Rural Lands in the Protected Countryside, except for mineral aggregate operations.

Recreation

~~2.2.10.5.3~~

2.12.16.4

Consider, in partnership with the other agencies, opportunities to provide passive outdoor recreational amenities that serve regional needs, including small-scale structures for recreational uses consistent with the requirements of the Greenbelt Plan.

~~2.2.10.5.4~~

2.12.16.5

Direct the Town of Caledon and the City of Brampton to include policies in their official plans that prohibit residential dwelling units in association with recreational uses unless the dwelling units are intended for an employee of the proposed use.

~~2.2.10.5.5~~

2.12.16.6

Direct the Town of Caledon and the City of Brampton to include policies in their official plans that require an application to

establish or expand a major recreational use ~~major recreational use~~ in the Natural Heritage System be accompanied by a Vegetation Enhancement Plan in accordance with the Greenbelt Plan.

~~2.2.10.5.6~~

~~2.12.16.7~~

Direct the Town of Caledon and the City of Brampton to include policies in their official plans that require an application to expand or establish a major recreational use ~~major recreational use~~ be accompanied by a conservation plan demonstrating how water use and nutrient and biocide will be kept to a minimum, including the establishment and monitoring of targets.

~~2.2.10.5.7~~

~~2.12.16.8~~

Direct the Town of Caledon and the City of Brampton to include policies in their official plans that small-scale structures for recreational uses may be permitted (such as boardwalks, footbridges, fences, docks and picnic facilities) within key natural heritage features ~~key natural heritage features~~ and key hydrologic features ~~key hydrologic features~~ subject to demonstrating how impacts will be minimized.

~~Infrastructure~~ General Infrastructure Policies

~~2.2.10.5.8~~

~~2.12.16.9~~

Permit all existing, expanded or new *infrastructure*, that is subject to and approved under the ~~Canadian Environmental Assessment Act~~ Federal Impact Assessment Act, the Environmental Assessment Act, the Planning Act, the Aggregate Resources Act, or the Telecommunications Act or by the National or Ontario Energy Boards, or which receives a similar environmental approval, within the Protected Countryside provided it meets one of the following two objectives:

- a) it supports agriculture, recreation and tourism, Villages and Hamlets ~~rural settlement areas~~, resource use or the rural economic activity that exists and is permitted within the Greenbelt; or
- b) it serves the significant growth and economic development expected in southern Ontario beyond the Greenbelt by providing for the appropriate *infrastructure* connections among urban ~~growth~~ centres and between these centres and Ontario's borders.

~~2.2.10.5.9~~

2.12.16.10 Require the location and construction of *infrastructure* and expansions, extensions, operations and maintenance of *infrastructure* in the Protected Countryside, to be subject to the following:

- a) planning, design and construction practices shall minimize, wherever possible, the amount of the Greenbelt, and particularly the Natural Heritage System and Water Resource System, traversed and/or occupied by such *infrastructure*;
- b) planning, design and construction practices shall minimize, wherever possible, the **negative impacts** ~~negative impacts on~~ and disturbance of the existing landscape, including, but not limited to, impacts caused by light intrusion, noise and road salt;
- c) where practicable, existing capacity and coordination with different *infrastructure* services ~~will be~~ **is** optimized so that the rural and existing character of the Protected Countryside and the overall **hierarchy of areas where growth will be accommodated in the Greater Golden Horseshoe** ~~urban structure for southern Ontario~~ established by the Greenbelt Plan and **the Growth Plan** ~~any provincial growth management initiatives~~ are supported and reinforced;
- d) new or expanding *infrastructure* shall avoid ~~key natural heritage features~~ **key natural heritage features**, ~~or key hydrologic features~~ **key hydrologic features**, ~~key hydrologic areas~~ **and prime agricultural areas** unless need has been demonstrated and it has been established that there is no reasonable alternative; ~~and~~
- e) where ~~infrastructure does~~ **crosses** the Natural Heritage System or ~~intrude~~ **intrudes** into or ~~result~~ **results** in the loss of a **key natural heritage feature**, **key hydrologic feature** or **key hydrologic areas**, ~~key natural heritage feature or key hydrologic feature~~, including related **landform features** ~~landform features~~, planning, design and construction practices shall minimize **negative impacts** ~~on negative impacts~~ and disturbance ~~of on~~ the features or their related functions, and where

reasonable, maintain or improve connectivity
connectivity.

- f) where infrastructure crosses the Prime Agricultural Area, an agricultural impact assessment or equivalent analysis as part of an environmental assessment shall be undertaken; and
- g) new waste disposal sites and facilities, and organic soil conditioning sites are prohibited in key natural heritage features, key hydrologic features and their associated vegetation protection zones.

2.2.10.5.10

2.12.16.11

Permit certain elements of infrastructure serving the agricultural sector, such as agricultural irrigation systems, to locate within a key natural heritage features key natural heritage feature or key hydrologic features key hydrologic feature and their associated vegetation protection zones vegetation protection zones in accordance with Section 4.2.1.3 of the Greenbelt Plan and Section 2.14.12 of this Plan. In such instances, these elements may be established within the feature itself or its associated vegetation protection zones vegetation protection zone, but all reasonable efforts shall be made to keep such infrastructure infrastructure out of key natural heritage features key natural heritage features or key hydrologic features key hydrologic features and their associated vegetation protection zones vegetation protection zones.

~~2.2.10.5.11 Carry out renewable natural resource activities within key natural heritage features or key hydrologic features in a manner that maintains or, where possible, improves these features and their functions. Renewable resources are those non agriculture-based natural resources that support uses and activities such as forestry, water taking, fisheries, conservation and wildlife management.~~

Sewage and Water Infrastructure Policies

2.12.16.12

Require the planning, design and construction of sewage and water infrastructure be carried out in accordance with the policies of Sections 2.12.16.9 to 2.12.16.11 of this Plan and Section 3.2.6 of the Growth Plan.

~~2.2.10.5.12 — Require that proposals for sewer and water infrastructure within or crossing the Protected Countryside demonstrate that:~~

- ~~a) — sewage and water servicing can be provided in a manner that does not negatively impact ecological features and functions, quality and quantity of ground and surface water, including stream baseflow, and is sufficient to accommodate the proposed use;~~
- ~~b) — applicable recommendations, standards or targets within watershed plans and water budgets are reflected; and~~
- ~~c) — any sewage and water servicing installation is planned, designed and constructed to minimize surface and groundwater disruption.~~

~~2.2.10.5.13 — Prohibit extensions to or expansions of existing Great Lake based services to settlements where such settlements do not currently have Great Lake based water and sewage services, unless such servicing is required to address failed individual on-site sewage or water services or to ensure the protection of public health where it has been determined by a medical officer of health (or health authority) that there is a public health concern associated with existing services within the settlement. The capacity of the services provided in these circumstances will be restricted to that required to service the affected existing settlement plus the capacity for potential development within the approved settlement boundary as it existed on December 16, 2004.~~

~~2.2.10.5.14 — Support the extension and expansion of Great Lake based water and/or sewage services, to service growth within an approved settlement boundary, if the settlements currently have, or had approvals for such services as of December 16, 2004. Where only Great Lake water exists or has been approved, corresponding municipal sewage service shall be required in order for any expansion of the current settlement boundary where such expansion would be permitted by the Greenbelt Plan.~~

~~2.2.10.5.15 — Require, where settlement area expansions are contemplated, the completion or approval of the environmental assessment in support of expanded sewage and water services prior to amending the boundaries of the settlement within the area~~

~~municipal official plan. The expansion must not extend into the Natural Heritage System.~~

~~2.2.10.5.16~~

~~2.12.16.13~~

Permit the extension of ~~municipal or private communal sewage or water services~~ municipal or private communal sewage or water services outside of a ~~settlement area~~ settlement boundary only in the case of health issues or to service ~~existing uses~~ existing uses and the expansion thereof adjacent to the ~~settlement area~~ settlement. Notwithstanding the above, where ~~municipal water services~~ municipal water services exist outside of ~~settlement areas~~, existing uses existing uses within the service area boundary as defined by the environmental assessment may be connected to such a service.

~~2.2.10.5.17~~ — Permit only in the following circumstances new or expanded partial servicing, if site conditions are suitable for the long term provision of such services:

~~a)~~ — where such servicing is necessary to address failed individual on-site sewage or water services serving existing ~~development~~; or

~~b)~~ — to allow for infilling and intensification within settlement areas served by partial services as of December 16, 2004.

~~2.2.10.5.18~~ — Consider the location of vulnerable areas in the siting of new municipal and other wells.

Stormwater Management and Resilient Infrastructure Policies

~~2.12.16.14~~

Require the planning, design and construction of stormwater management infrastructure be carried out in accordance with the policies of Sections 2.12.16.9 to 2.12.16.11 of this Plan and Section 3.2.7 of the Growth Plan.

~~2.12.16.15~~

Direct the Town of Caledon to include policies in their official plan to assess infrastructure vulnerability within Villages in accordance with policy 3.2.1.4 of the Growth Plan.

~~2.2.10.5.19~~

~~2.12.16.16~~

Direct the City of Brampton and the Town of Caledon to prohibit, in their official plans, stormwater management systems ponds in key natural heritage features, key hydrologic

~~features and key natural heritage features or key hydrologic features or~~ their vegetation protection zones ~~vegetation protection zones~~, in accordance with the Greenbelt Plan, except as permitted by Section 4.2.3.3 of the Greenbelt Plan for those portions of the Protected Countryside that define the major river valleys that connect the *Niagara Escarpment* and *Oak Ridges Moraine* to Lake Ontario.

~~2.2.10.5.20~~

2.12.16.17

Direct the City of Brampton and the Town of Caledon to require ~~a stormwater~~ ~~storm-water~~ management plans for applications for development ~~development~~ and site alteration ~~site alteration~~ in the Protected Countryside. These ~~stormwater~~ ~~storm-water~~ management plans shall meet the objectives of the Greenbelt Plan and demonstrates that:

- a) planning, design and construction practices will minimize vegetation removal, grading and soil compaction, sediment erosion and impervious surfaces;
- b) where appropriate, an integrated treatment approach shall be used to minimize ~~stormwater~~ ~~storm-water~~ ~~management~~ flows and mimic natural hydrology structures through ~~such measures as~~ lot level controls, low impact development and other conveyance techniques ~~such as grass swales~~; and
- c) applicable recommendations, standards or targets within subwatershed plans or equivalent watershed plans and water budgets are complied with; ~~and-~~
- d) applicable objectives, targets, and any other requirements within a stormwater master plan will be met in accordance with Section 3.2.7 of the Growth Plan.

Natural Resources

~~2.2.10.5.21~~

2.12.16.18

Direct the City of Brampton and Town of Caledon to include policies in their official plans to permit ~~Permit~~ in the Protected Countryside, uses and activities that are related to the use of renewable resources, in accordance with the Greenbelt Plan and all other applicable legislation, regulations and municipal planning documents, including the PPS Provincial Policy Statement.

2.2.10.5.222.12.16.19

Direct the City of Brampton and Town of Caledon to include policies in their official plans to permit ~~Permit mineral aggregate operations~~ **mineral aggregate operations** or ~~wayside pits~~ **wayside pits** within the Protected Countryside of the Greenbelt; in accordance with Section 4.3.2 of the Greenbelt Plan, and the applicable policies of this Plan and the City of Brampton and Town of Caledon official plans.

2.2.10.5.232.12.16.20

Direct the City of Brampton and Town of Caledon to include policies in their official plans to require ~~Require~~ that operators undertaking *rehabilitation* of ~~mineral aggregate operations~~ **mineral aggregate operations** sites in the Protected Countryside do so in accordance with Section ~~4.3.2.5~~ **4.3.2.6** of the Greenbelt Plan.

2.2.10.5.242.12.16.21

Require that final *rehabilitation* in the Natural Heritage System will meet the following provisions:

- a) where there is no ~~underwater~~ extraction below the water table, an amount of land equal to that under natural vegetated cover prior to extraction, and no less than 35% per cent of the land subject to ~~of~~ each license in the Natural Heritage System, is to be rehabilitated to forest cover, which shall be representative of the natural *ecosystem* in that particular setting or ecodistrict. If the site is also in a Prime Agricultural Area, the remainder of the land subject to the license is to be rehabilitated back to an **agricultural condition**;
- b) where there is ~~underwater~~ extraction below the water table, no less than 35 per cent % of the non-aquatic portion of the lands subject to ~~of~~ each license in the Natural Heritage System is to be rehabilitated to forest cover, which shall be representative of the natural *ecosystem* in that particular setting or ecodistrict. If the site is also in a Prime Agricultural Area, the remainder of the land subject to the license is to be rehabilitated in accordance with Section 2.5.4 of the Provincial Policy Statement; and

- c) *rehabilitation* will be implemented so that the ~~connectivity~~ connectivity of the ~~key natural heritage features~~ key natural heritage features and the ~~key hydrologic features~~ key hydrologic features on the site and on *adjacent lands* ~~shall~~ will be maintained or ~~enhanced~~ restored, and to the extent possible, improved.

~~2.2.10.5.25~~

2.12.16.22

Encourage operators, where appropriate, to consider and provide for public access to former aggregate sites upon final *rehabilitation*.

Existing Uses

~~2.2.10.5.26~~

2.12.16.23

Permit within the Protected Countryside:

- a) all ~~existing uses~~ existing uses ~~lawfully used for such purposes on December 15, 2004;~~
- b) single dwellings on existing lots of record, provided they were zoned for such as of the date the Greenbelt Plan came into force, December 16, 2004 or where an application for an amendment to a zoning by-law is required as a condition of a severance granted prior to December 14, 2003 but which application did not proceed The local municipalities are encouraged to retain existing lots of record for agricultural uses and discourage non-agricultural uses where appropriate;
- c) outside of the Natural Heritage System, second dwelling units within single dwellings that are permitted in accordance with Sections 4.5.1 and 4.5.2 of the Greenbelt Plan or within existing accessory structures on the same lot;
- e)d) ~~outside of settlement areas,~~ expansions to *existing buildings and structures*, accessory structures and uses, and/or conversions of legally *existing uses* which bring the use more into conformity with this Plan, ~~a area~~ municipal official plan local municipal official plan and the Greenbelt Plan, subject to a demonstration of the following:

- i) notwithstanding ~~Section 4.2.2.6~~ [2.14.12](#) of the Greenbelt Plan, new municipal services are not required; and
 - ii) the use does not expand into ~~key natural heritage features~~ key natural heritage features or and key hydrologic features ~~key hydrologic features~~ key hydrologic features or their associated vegetation protection zones, unless there is no other alternative and in accordance with ~~Section 2.3.2.5~~ [2.14.12](#) of this Plan.
- ~~d)e)~~ expansions or alterations to existing ~~agricultural buildings and structures,~~ for agricultural uses, agriculture-related uses or on-farm diversified uses and expansions to existing residential dwellings, ~~and accessory uses, buildings and structures to both,~~ within key natural heritage features, key hydrologic features, and their associated vegetation protection zones ~~key natural heritage features and key hydrologic features~~ in accordance with ~~policies 2.3.2.5 i and ii~~ policy 2.14.12 of this Plan; and
- ~~e)f)~~ expansion, maintenance and/or replacement of existing infrastructure subject to the infrastructure policies of [Section 4.2](#) of the Greenbelt Plan.

Lot Creation

~~2.2.10.5.27~~

[2.12.16.24](#)

Direct the Town of Caledon and the City of Brampton to include policies in their official plans to permit lot creation on lands within the Protected Countryside in accordance with [Section 4.6](#) of the Greenbelt Plan and [Section 3.3.16](#) of this Plan.

Urban River Valley

[2.12.17 Urban River Valley Policies](#)

The Urban River Valleys of the Greenbelt provide additional connections and help expand and integrate the Greenbelt into the broader landscape. These areas include lands that have natural hydrological features and lands designated in municipal official plans for recreational,

parks, open space, conservation, and environmental protection uses. It is the policy of Regional Council to:

- 2.12.17.1 Identify Urban River Valleys on Schedule X11 to this Plan and direct the local municipalities to identify and designate Urban River Valleys in their official plans in accordance with the Greenbelt Plan.
- 2.12.17.2 Direct the local municipalities to include policies in their official plans that have regard for the objectives of the Urban River Valley designation and policies of the Greenbelt Plan recognizing that only publicly owned lands are subject to the policies of the Urban River Valley designation.
- 2.12.17.3 Direct the local municipalities to include policies in their official plans to permit all existing, expanded or new infrastructure that is subject to and approved under the Environmental Assessment Act, or which receives a similar approval, only if it supports the needs of adjacent settlement areas or projected growth and economic development, and the goals and objectives of the Greenbelt Plan.
- 2.12.17.4 Promote planning and design that ensures the Urban River Valleys identified on Schedule X11 are maintained and/or enhanced.
- 2.12.17.5 Encourage stewardship, remediation and appropriate park and trail initiatives that strive to enhance the ecological features and functions found within valley systems.

2.13 Growth Plan Natural Heritage System

The Growth Plan provides a comprehensive framework to guide growth and development in the Greater Golden Horseshoe. The Growth Plan, together with the Greenbelt Plan, Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan and the Niagara Escarpment Plan builds on the direction in the Provincial Policy Statement to provide a planning framework that supports the achievement of complete communities, a thriving economy, social equity and a clean and healthy environment.

Building on the systems approaches in the Provincial Policy Statement and Greenbelt Plans, the Province has mapped a **Natural Heritage System for the Growth Plan** which applies to only small portions of land outside the Greenbelt Plan and outside settlement areas in Peel. The Growth Plan provides for the identification and protection of the System to support protection of the Region's natural heritage and biodiversity.

Objectives

2.13.1 To implement the **Natural Heritage System for the Growth Plan** to support a comprehensive, integrated, and long-term approach for the protection of the Region's natural heritage and biodiversity.

Policies

2.13.2 Identify the **Natural Heritage System for the Growth Plan** as an overlay on Schedule X11.

2.13.3 If deemed appropriate, only make refinements to the **Natural Heritage System for the Growth Plan** through a *municipal comprehensive review*.

2.13.4 Subject to the requirements of the Growth Plan, direct the local municipalities to include policies in their official plans to maintain, restore, or enhance the diversity and connectivity of the system and the long-term ecological or **hydrologic functions of key hydrologic features, key hydrologic areas** and **key natural heritage features**.

2.13.5 Direct the Town of Caledon to require that new *development* or *site alteration* within the **Natural Heritage System for the Growth Plan** demonstrate that:

- a) there are no **negative impacts** on **key natural heritage features** or **key hydrologic features** or their functions;
- b) *connectivity* along the system and between **key natural heritage features** and **key hydrologic features** located within 240 metres of each other will be maintained or, where possible, enhanced for the movement of native plants and animals across the landscape;
- c) the removal of features not identified as **key natural heritage features** and **key hydrologic features** is avoided, where possible;
- d) except for mineral aggregate resource uses, the disturbed area, including any buildings and structures, will not exceed 25 percent of the **total developable area**, and the impervious surface will not exceed 10 percent of the **total developable area**;
- e) with respect to golf courses, the disturbed area will not exceed 40 percent of the **total developable area**; and

- f) at least 30 percent of the **total developable area** will remain or be returned to **natural self-sustaining vegetation**, except where specified in accordance with the policies in **sub**Section 4.2.8 of the Growth Plan.

2.13.6 Direct the Town of Caledon to include policies in its official plan to permit the full range of existing and new **agricultural uses, agriculture-related uses, on-farm diversified uses, and normal farm practices** within **the Natural Heritage System for the Growth Plan** subject to the Growth Plan and the policies of this Plan. New buildings or structures for **agricultural uses, agriculture-related uses, on-farm diversified uses** are not subject to the policies applicable to the **Natural Heritage System for the Growth Plan**, except for policies that apply to **key natural heritage features, key hydrologic features** and **key hydrologic areas**.

2.13.7 Direct the local municipalities to include policies in their official plans for areas beyond the **Natural Heritage System for the Growth Plan**, including within **settlement areas** that:

- a) continue to protect any other **natural heritage features and areas** in a manner consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement and in accordance with any other applicable provincial plan; and
- b) continue to protect any other **natural heritage system** or identify new systems in a manner consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement and Section 2.14 of this Plan.

2.13.8 If a **settlement area** is expanded to include the **Natural Heritage System for the Growth Plan**, require the Town of Caledon to designate and continue to protect the portion of the **Natural Heritage System for the Growth Plan** that is within the expanded **settlement area** in a manner that ensures that the **connectivity between, and diversity and functions of, natural heritage features and areas** will be maintained, restored, or enhanced in a manner that is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement and the policies of this Plan.

2.13.9 Direct the Town of Caledon to not permit **development or site alteration** in **key natural heritage features** within the **Natural Heritage System for the Growth Plan**, as shown on Figure Y1, and within **key hydrologic features** or any associated **vegetation protection zone** outside **settlement areas**, except for:

- a) forest, fish, and wildlife management;

- b) conservation and flood or erosion control projects, but only if they have been demonstrated to be necessary in the public interest and after all alternatives have been considered;
- c) activities that create or maintain infrastructure authorized under an environmental assessment process;
- d) mineral aggregate operations and wayside pits and quarries subject to the requirements of the Growth Plan and the policies of this Plan;
- e) expansions or alterations to existing buildings and structures, accessory structures and uses, and conversions of legally existing uses which bring the use more into conformity with the Growth Plan in accordance with the Growth Plan and Section 2.14.12 of this Plan;
- f) expansions or alterations to existing buildings and structures for agricultural uses, agriculture-related uses, or on-farm diversified uses and expansions to existing residential dwellings subject to demonstration that there is no alternative, the expansion or alteration in the feature is minimized and, in the vegetation protection zone associated with the feature, is directed away from the feature to the maximum extent possible; and the impact of the expansion or alteration on the feature and its functions is minimized and mitigated to the maximum extent possible; and
- g) small scale structures for recreational uses, if measures are taken to minimize the number of such structures and their negative impacts.

2.13.10 Direct the Town of Caledon to require proposals for new development or site alteration outside settlement areas within 120 metres of a key natural heritage feature within the Natural Heritage System for the Growth Plan or a key hydrologic feature to provide a natural heritage evaluation or hydrologic evaluation that identifies a vegetation protection zone in accordance with the Requirements of the Growth Plan, except:

- a) a natural heritage evaluation and hydrologic evaluation is not required if the development and site alteration is on a site where the only key natural heritage feature is the habitat of endangered species and threatened species; or
- b) the new building or structure is for an agricultural use, agriculture-related use, or an on-farm diversified use and a minimum 30 metre

vegetation protection zone is provided from the *key natural heritage feature* or *key hydrologic feature* in accordance with the Growth Plan.

2.13.11 Require that natural heritage and hydrologic evaluations identify any additional restrictions to be applied before, during or after development to protect the *hydrologic functions* and *ecological functions* of the feature.

2.13.12 Direct the Town of Caledon to only permit large scale development by plan of subdivision, vacant plan of condominium or site plan in *key hydrologic areas* outside of *settlement areas* if it is demonstrated that the *hydrologic functions*, including the quality and quantity of water, of these areas will be protected and, where possible, enhanced or restored in accordance with any requirements of this Plan and the Growth Plan.

2.3 2.14 Greenlands System in Peel

~~Environmental research indicates that *protecting* natural areas over extended periods requires the natural landscape to be linked, where ecologically appropriate, into a network of natural core areas and corridors. This approach allows pioneer species to disperse along these paths to recolonize areas impacted by natural and human disturbances. It also allows for genetic mixing that contributes to the biodiversity and adaptability of existing populations and *ecosystems*. The linking together of natural areas may also provide habitat for species with larger range requirements, which are inhibited, by the restricted habitats offered by the current highly fragmented natural *landscape*.~~

~~Further, a functional or *ecosystem* approach to environmental planning recognizes that natural areas exist within a larger more complex system that transcends municipal boundaries. This system is largely defined by terrain conditions and by processes of ground and surface water movement. The components of this system are recognized as providing a variety of important and interdependent ecological functions. The Greenlands System also has economic benefits for *Peel* such as tourism and business development, employment opportunities and contributing to *healthy communities*.~~

~~The Greenlands System in *Peel*, which consists of Core Areas, Natural Areas and Corridors, and Potential Natural Areas and Corridors, is intended to *support* and express *the Region's* vision for the protection of the natural environment. The recognition, protection and stewardship of this system will *support* and strengthen the *integrity* and long term sustainability of the *ecosystems* in *Peel* and neighbouring municipalities. *The Region*, the area municipalities, the conservation authorities, the Niagara Escarpment Commission and other partners share the responsibility for implementing this vision through the policy framework set out in this Plan. This will ensure the achievement of complementary regional and area municipal objectives and policies in a consistent framework.~~

~~The Core Areas contain ecological features, forms and/or functions that provide favourable conditions for uninterrupted natural systems and maximum biodiversity. *The Region* and its partners value these areas for their importance in maintaining the *integrity* of the Greenlands System. These~~

~~areas are protected by this Plan and are functionally supported, connected and/or buffered by the Natural Areas and Corridors and Potential Natural Areas and Corridors to form the Greenlands System in Peel.~~

~~The Core Areas of the Greenlands System are shown generally on Schedule A. Where there is a discrepancy between Schedule A and the identification of Core Areas in the text of the Plan, the text shall govern, unless otherwise specifically stated. Policies regarding the detailed interpretation of the location and extent of the Core Areas will be contained in the *area municipal official plans*. Such local interpretations shall be in conformity with the text of this Plan.~~

~~Area municipalities may identify additional parts of the Greenlands System as local core areas in their official plans and may provide policies governing the protection of such areas, having regard for local considerations and the intent of this Plan. *Area municipal official plans* may also add specific areas to or delete them from the Core Areas of this Plan, where the addition or deletion is in conformity with the definition of Core Areas. For example, if as a result of new information, it is determined by a Conservation Authority that an area previously identified as an *Environmentally Sensitive or Significant Area (ESA)* no longer meets the criteria for such an area, or that an area not previously so identified should now be so identified, the area municipal plan may reflect such a determination and be in conformity with this Plan. Such a refinement need not be incorporated by amendment into this Plan or shown on Schedule A but must be incorporated by amendment into the *area municipal official plan*.~~

~~The Natural Areas and Corridors also contain important ecological features, forms and/or functions, and can play a crucial role in supporting the *integrity* of the Core Areas. The protection and/or stewardship of these areas will be achieved through the *area municipal official plans* and related planning documents. Changes, modifications or losses to the features, functions and/or landforms associated with the Natural Areas and Corridors could have an immediate or cumulative impact on *ecosystem integrity*.~~

~~The Potential Natural Areas and Corridors may also contain important ecological features, forms and/or functions and may support the *integrity* of Greenlands System in Peel. The evaluation and, where appropriate, protection of these elements will be achieved through the *area municipal official plans* and related planning documents. The Potential Natural Areas and Corridors may require further study and evaluation in order to determine appropriate stewardship, *restoration* and/or protection measures.~~

~~The Regional Official Plan implements the Provincial Policy Statement's (PPS) natural features policies through the Greenlands System's Core Areas, Natural Areas and Corridors (NAC) and Potential Natural Areas and Corridors (PNAC) policy framework. Core Areas represent provincially and regionally significant features and areas and are considered a sub-set of what would be *significant* under the PPS. NAC and PNAC natural features and areas may also be evaluated and identified to be *significant* in *area municipal official plans* and through the local study process required during planning approvals in accordance with Regional, area municipal and provincial policy. Where the province has provided criteria for the identification of natural features, the provincial criteria shall~~

~~apply, unless municipal criteria achieve or exceed the same objective in which case the municipal criteria will apply.~~

~~The interaction of the Greenlands System with surrounding areas and neighbouring municipalities will be analyzed and refined over time as area municipal official plans, subwatershed plans and other field studies are completed. The Region and its partners will work towards achieving important natural connections between the Greenlands System in Peel and similar areas in neighbouring municipalities.~~

~~The elements of the Greenlands System in Peel include Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest (ANSIs), Environmentally Sensitive or Significant Areas (ESAs), Escarpment Natural Areas, Escarpment Protection Areas, fish and wildlife habitat, habitats of threatened and endangered species, wetlands, woodlands, valley and stream corridors, shorelines, natural lakes, natural corridors, groundwater recharge and discharge areas, open space portions of the Parkway Belt West Plan, and other natural features and functional areas. These elements are to be interpreted, identified and protected in accordance with the policies of this Plan. Brief descriptions of the elements outlining their importance to the Greenlands System are provided below. Formal definitions are provided in the Glossary.~~

~~**Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest**~~

~~Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest (ANSIs) are areas of land and water containing natural landscapes or features that have been identified as having life science or earth science values related to protection, scientific study or education. ANSIs are evaluated and identified as either provincially or regionally significant by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. Two types of ANSIs are identified: life science and earth science. Life science ANSIs are significant representative areas of Ontario's biodiversity and natural landscapes. Earth science ANSIs contain significant representative examples of bedrock, fossil and landform features which are important to the scientific understanding of ongoing geologic processes.~~

~~**Environmentally Sensitive or Significant Areas**~~

~~Environmentally Sensitive or Significant Areas (ESAs) are places where ecosystem functions or features warrant special protection. These may include, but are not limited to, rare or unique plant or animal populations or habitats, plant or animal communities, or concentrations of ecological functions. Environmentally Sensitive or Significant Areas are identified by the conservation authorities according to their established criteria.~~

~~**Escarpment Natural Areas**~~

~~Escarpment Natural Areas include Escarpment slopes and related landforms in a relatively natural state; the most significant stream valleys and wetlands associated with the Escarpment, provincially significant life science ANSIs; and forested lands 300 metres back from the Escarpment brow. These~~



areas are designated in the Niagara Escarpment Plan as Escarpment Natural Areas because they contain the most significant natural and scenic areas of the Escarpment.

Escarpment Protection Areas

Escarpment Protection Areas are important because of their visual prominence and their environmental significance. Included in this designation are Escarpment features that have been significantly modified by land use activities such as agriculture or residential development, land needed to buffer prominent Escarpment Natural Areas, and natural areas of regional significance.

Fish Habitat and Wildlife Habitat

Fish habitat and wildlife habitat are areas of the natural environment where plants, animals, fish and other organisms derive life support functions such as cover, protection, reproductive support, food and water. These habitats may be important on a year-round or seasonal basis. In addition to providing ecological functions that support species survival and biodiversity, *fish and wildlife habitat* contributes to the Region's economy and quality of life through wildlife-based tourism, wildlife viewing, nature appreciation, fishing and hunting. *Fish and wildlife habitat* that are afforded protection include, but are not limited to, *wetlands, woodlands, Environmentally Sensitive or Significant Areas, Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest, portions of the Niagara Escarpment and the Oak Ridges Moraine, and valley and stream corridors.*

Habitats of Threatened and Endangered Species

Habitats of *threatened and endangered species*, and other species of concern are habitats of those species which have been listed by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry as occurring in sufficiently low population numbers, restricted geographic areas, or are sufficiently threatened by human activities, that their continued occurrence in Ontario is a matter of general conservation concern. The actual species falling into this category of conservation concern vary from region to region in the province, as well as over time, depending on ongoing research, recovery or mitigation efforts. Endangered and threatened species are listed in the Regulations under the provincial Endangered Species Act. Current lists of extirpated, endangered, threatened and special concern species are maintained by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.

Natural Corridors

Natural corridors are lands that are in a natural state or that have the potential to be restored to a natural state that connect, link or border natural features and areas and also provide ecological functions such as habitat, migration routes, hydrological flow, connections or buffering from adjacent impacts. Certain *woodlands, waterbodies, watercourses, valleylands, riparian zones, shorelines,* and portions of the *Niagara Escarpment* natural heritage system, and intervening lands function as *natural corridors* in the Greenlands System. *Natural corridors* on lands that are not in a natural state, but have the potential to be restored to a natural state to improve the integrity and function of the

~~Greenlands System, are identified through the preparation of natural heritage studies in accordance with area municipal official plan policy.~~

Shorelines

~~The *shorelines* include bluffs and lands in immediate contact with, or in seasonally inundated areas adjacent to, lakes, rivers and streams. The *littoral zone* is the area along the shore of a lake from the water's edge into the water to a depth where there is a 2 percent loss of light at the bottom. Both the *shoreline* and *littoral zone* are important habitats at the boundary between terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems. Due to height and location, *shorelines* may in some instances also be associated with slope and/or erosion hazards. (Also see the definition of *Regulatory Shoreline* in the Glossary).~~

Valley and Stream Corridors

~~*Valley and stream corridors* are the natural resources associated with river systems and are characterized by their landform, features and functions, and include associated ravines. Valley corridors and their associated ravines are distinguished from stream corridors by the presence of a distinct landform. Due to the inherent hazards of valley lands they have remained mainly undeveloped and vegetated. *Valley and stream corridors* are natural linkages in the *landscape* having important ecological functions, providing habitat for fish and wildlife and acting as corridors for movement.~~

Wetlands

~~*Wetlands* perform many functions, including the provision of groundwater recharge and discharge, attenuating *flood flows*, trapping sediment, preventing coastal, shoreline and bank erosion and providing *wildlife habitat* for a diversity of species. The four major types of *wetlands* are swamps, marshes, bogs and fens.~~

Woodlands

~~*Woodlands* are ecosystems comprised of treed areas, and the immediate biotic and abiotic environmental conditions on which they depend. *Woodlands* provide a range of *ecosystem* functions including: attenuating *flood flows*; trapping air and water borne sediment; preventing erosion and stabilizing steep slopes; providing shade for cold water fisheries; enhancing *groundwater recharge areas*; providing habitat; and supporting species diversity. *Woodlands* are important because of their scarcity in *Peel* and the rest of the Greater Toronto Area. In addition to their ecological functions, *woodlands* are valued for their economic, social, and aesthetic benefits.~~

~~The following objective and policies address the identification, protection and maintenance of the Greenlands System and *restoration* and *rehabilitation* that may enhance the Greenlands System and the natural environment in *Peel*.~~

The Greenlands System in Peel is a fundamental component of the Region's natural environment that depends on the natural landscape to be linked, where ecologically appropriate, into a network of natural heritage features, areas and corridors. The Greenlands System is based on a natural heritage system approach that provides for the protection, restoration and enhancement of **natural heritage features and areas** and the *linkages* among them. *Linkages* are intended to provide *connectivity and support natural processes which are necessary to maintain biological and geological diversity, natural functions, viable populations of indigenous species and ecosystems*. An integrated and connected system provides for the movement of plants and animals and the *ecological functions* between and among **natural heritage features and areas** that are necessary for the system to be sustained. The system provides valuable ecosystem services, clean water and air. It contributes to human health and economic, social and recreational benefits that are essential to the quality of life of the Region.

The Greenlands System's features and areas can be adversely impacted by development and the impacts of a changing climate. The policies of this section and other sections of the Plan provide the policy framework required to *protect*, restore and enhance the system as a fundamental part of the Region's approach to managing growth and development.

The policy framework builds on the systems approach in provincial policies and plans including the natural heritage system approaches contained in the Provincial Policy Statement, Growth Plan, Greenbelt Plan, Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, Niagara Escarpment Plan and Lake Simcoe Protection Plan. The significant *landscapes* and natural heritage system designations of the provincial plans are fundamental building blocks of the Greenlands System framework along with policies that provide for the protection of **key natural heritage features, key hydrologic areas and key hydrologic features**.

The Greenlands System and Water Resource System are interrelated and policies in both sections of the Plan dealing with these systems *protect*, improve or restore **sensitive surface water features and sensitive ground water features** and maintain *linkages* and hydrologic functions among features and areas.

The relationship between the Greenlands System and Agricultural System is also recognized as these systems overlap and are mutually supportive. The Greenlands System policy framework balances policy support to allow *agricultural uses* to continue within the system while protecting significant natural heritage and hydrologic features and areas.

The Regional Official Plan implements the Provincial Policy Statement's **natural heritage system** policies by providing policy direction for the protection of natural heritage and water resource features through the Greenlands System's Core Areas, Natural Areas and Corridors (NAC) and Potential Natural Areas and Corridors (PNAC) policy framework. The policy framework provides for the Core, NAC and PNAC components of the Greenlands System to be combined, restored and enhanced to provide an integrated **natural heritage system** for the Region.

Core Areas include provincially and regionally significant features and areas that are deemed to be important to the Region and warrant a high standard of protection. NAC and PNAC natural features

and areas may also be evaluated and identified to be significant in local municipal official plans and through the local planning approval process that implements **natural heritage system** planning requirements in accordance with Regional, local municipal and provincial policy. Where the Province has provided criteria for the identification of natural features, the provincial criteria shall apply, unless municipal criteria achieve or exceed the same objective in which case the municipal criteria will apply.

Natural heritage features and areas identified within the Core, NAC and PNAC policy framework include *Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest, Environmentally Sensitive or Significant Areas (ESAs), Escarpment Natural Areas, Escarpment Protection Areas, fish and wildlife habitat, habitats of threatened and endangered species, wetlands, woodlands, valley and stream corridors, shorelines, natural lakes, ground water recharge and discharge areas, open space portions of the Parkway Belt West Plan, and other natural features and functional areas. The policy framework also provides for the establishment of *enhancement areas and linkages* where these are required as a condition of development approval or when provided voluntarily through landowner *stewardship* and through programs implemented by public and non-profit organizations.*

Figures Y1 and Y2 depict the provincial plan natural heritage system overlays and designations applicable to Peel and the **natural heritage features and areas** that are included as elements of the Greenlands System Core, NAC and PNAC framework. Figures Y1 and Y2 depicting the Greenlands System in Peel do not form part of the Regional Official Plan but are provided as a reference to conceptually illustrate the System's components.

Figure Y3 is a conceptual depiction of a regional scale **natural heritage system** based on conservation authority studies. It is intended to be further interpreted and identified by the local municipalities through their implementation of the Greenlands System policy framework in accordance with provincial policy. The **natural heritage system** as mapped by the conservation authorities identifies lands in existing natural cover and lands with the potential to be restored or enhanced and provides a science-based foundation for the implementation of **natural heritage system** planning in Peel by the local municipalities. The objectives and targets for restoration and enhancement recommended in the natural heritage system studies should be addressed when implementing the Greenlands System policy direction of this Plan. Although the **natural heritage system** mapping shown on Figure Y3 includes natural features and areas that are subject to protection in accordance with provincial policies, natural features and areas that are not included within the **natural heritage system** may also be considered significant and protected in accordance with provincial policy and the policies of this Plan.

2.3.1 Objectives

2.14.1 ~~To identify, protect and support the restoration and rehabilitation of the Greenlands System in Peel.~~ To identify, **protect**, restore and enhance the long-term **ecological function** and biodiversity of the Greenlands System in Peel.

2.14.2 To maintain, restore or, where possible, improve the linkages between and among natural heritage features and areas, hydrologic functions, ground water features and surface water features including shorelines.

2.14.3 To support agriculture as a complementary and compatible use within the Greenlands System.

2.14.4 To maintain and enhance ecosystem services and the long-term ecological integrity of the Greenlands System and its resilience and ability to adapt to a changing climate.

2.3.2—Policies

It is the policy of *Regional Council* to:

2.3.2.1

2.14.5 Define the Greenlands System in Peel, as shown conceptually on Figures Y1 and Y2 as being made up of the following components:

- a) Core Areas, which are shown generally on Schedule A Y1, ~~and~~ which are protected, restored and enhanced in this Plan and in the ~~area-local~~ municipal official plans;
- b) Natural Areas and Corridors, which will be interpreted, protected, restored, and enhanced and shown, *as appropriate*, in the ~~area-local~~ municipal official plans; and
- c) Potential Natural Areas and Corridors, which will be interpreted, protected, restored, and enhanced and shown, *as appropriate*, in the ~~area-local~~ municipal official plans. Potential Natural Areas and Corridors will be analyzed to determine their functional role in supporting and enhancing the ecological integrity of the Greenlands System in Peel;
- d) The Natural Heritage System overlay of the Growth Plan and the key natural heritage features and key hydrologic features, which will be protected in accordance with the Plan;
- e) The Natural Heritage System overlay of the Greenbelt Plan and the key natural heritage features and key hydrologic features, which will be protected in accordance with the Plan;
- f) Urban River Valleys of the Greenbelt Plan, which will be protected and, where appropriate, restored, in accordance with the policies of this Plan;

- g) The Natural Core Areas and Natural Linkage Areas land use designations of the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan and the **key natural heritage features** and **key hydrologic features**, which will be protected in accordance with the Plan; and
- h) The Escarpment Natural Area and Escarpment Protection Area land use designations of the Niagara Escarpment Plan and the **key natural heritage features** and **key hydrologic features**, which will be protected in accordance with the Plan.

Reference should be made to the ~~area-local~~ municipal official plans and related documents for a detailed interpretation of the location and extent of the Greenlands System Core Areas, Natural Areas and Corridors and Potential Natural Areas and Corridors, and the **key natural heritage features** and **key hydrologic features** protected in the provincial plans.

2.14.6 Maintain, restore and improve the diversity and connectivity of **natural heritage features and areas** within the Greenlands System's components and the long-term **ecological function** and biodiversity of the Greenlands System, recognizing **linkages** between and among **natural heritage features and areas, surface water features** and **ground water features**.

2.14.7 Permit the continuation of **agricultural uses** in accordance with **normal farm practices** within the Greenlands System subject to the **policies of this Plan, Provincial legislation, policies and applicable provincial plans.**

2.3.2.2

Core Areas

2.14.8 Define the Core Areas of the Greenlands System in Peel:

- a) *significant wetlands;*
- ~~a) b)~~ *significant **coastal wetlands**;*
- ~~b) c)~~ *woodlands meeting one or more of the criteria for Core Area woodland in Table 1;*
- ~~c) d)~~ *Environmentally Sensitive or Significant Areas;*
- ~~d) e)~~ *Provincial Life Science Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest;*
- ~~e) f)~~ *~~significant habitats of threatened and endangered species;~~*

~~g) f)~~ Escarpment Natural Areas of the Niagara Escarpment Plan; and

~~h) g)~~ **Core valley and stream corridors** meeting one or more of the criteria **for Core Area valley and stream corridors** in Table 2 **and as shown on Schedule Y1**. The limit of Core **Area valley and stream corridors** shall be determined *jointly* with the ~~area-local~~ municipalities in consultation with relevant agencies and in accordance with the definition in the Glossary of this Plan and the criteria in Table 2 to recognize the unique urban and rural character of the **Region**. **Core valley and stream corridors** include the main branches, *major tributaries* and other *tributaries* associated with the Credit River, the Etobicoke Creek, the Mimico Creek, the West Humber River and the Humber River and with the other identified watercourses draining directly to Lake Ontario, except for those portions **within Delineated Built-up Areas** in the ~~Rural Service Centres~~ **urban settlements of Bolton, Mayfield West, and Caledon East** and the ~~rural settlements~~ **Rural Settlement Areas** in the Rural System as designated in an ~~area-local~~ **municipal official plan**. These **valley and stream corridors** are continuous linkages connecting to other ~~elements of the~~ **Greenlands System Core Areas**.

~~2.3.2.3~~

2.14.9

For the purposes of defining the Core Areas of the Greenlands System for mineral aggregate resource extraction uses within the Rural System, define Core **Area woodlands** as all *woodlands* that are a minimum of 30 hectares in size and exclude as Core **Area valley and stream corridors** all *valley and stream corridors* that have a drainage area of less than 125 hectares.

~~2.3.2.4~~

2.14.10

Direct the ~~area local~~ municipalities, in consultation with the conservation authorities, ~~the Province~~ **appropriate Provincial and Federal agencies** and the Niagara Escarpment Commission, to include objectives and policies in their official plans for the interpretation, protection, **enhancement**, proper management and *stewardship* of the Core Areas of the Greenlands System in **Peel** which conform to the intent of this Plan, consistent with provincial policy, the **Growth Plan**, Niagara Escarpment Plan, ~~the~~ Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, ~~and the~~ Greenbelt Plan **and Lake Simcoe Protection Plan**, where applicable.

~~2.3.2.5~~ ~~The area municipalities may define local core areas and policies in their Official Plans which will, at a minimum, incorporate the Core Areas of the Greenlands System in Peel.~~

~~2.3.2.6~~



2.14.11 Prohibit *development* and *site alteration* within the Core Areas of the Greenlands System in Peel, except for:

- a) forest, fish and wildlife management;
- b) conservation and *flood* or erosion control projects, but only if they have been demonstrated to be necessary in the public interest and after all reasonable alternatives have been considered;
- c) *essential infrastructure* exempted, pre-approved or authorized under an environmental assessment process;
- d) *passive recreation*;
- e) *minor development* and *minor site alteration*;
- f) *existing uses, buildings or structures*;
- g) expansions to *existing buildings or structures*;
- h) accessory uses, buildings or structures;
- i) a new single residential dwelling on an *existing lot of record*, provided that the dwelling would have been permitted by the applicable planning legislation or zoning by-law on the date the Regional Official Plan Amendment 21B came into effect. A new dwelling built after the Regional Official Plan Amendment 21B came into effect in accordance with this policy shall be deemed to be an *existing building or structure* for the purposes of the exceptions permitted in clauses g) and h) above.

2.14.12 Permit the exceptions set out in Section 2.14.11 provided that:

- a) the exceptions are permitted in accordance with the policies in an approved local municipal official plan or the Niagara Escarpment Plan, where applicable;
- b) the policies of the local municipal official plan permitting the exceptions require demonstration that:
 - i) there is no reasonable alternative location outside of the Core Area and the use, development or site alteration is directed away from the Core Area to the greatest extent possible;
 - ii) if avoidance of the Core Area is not possible, the impact to the Core Area feature is minimized;

- iii) any impact to the Core Area or its functions is mitigated through restoration or enhancement to the greatest extent possible; and
 - iv) where ecosystem compensation is determined to be appropriate and feasible, including for essential infrastructure, it may be considered as a mitigation option in accordance with local municipal or conservation authority ecosystem compensation guidelines.
- c) within significant wetlands and significant coastal wetlands the above exceptions may only be considered in accordance with provincial and federal legislation, regulations and policies (e.g. Conservation Authorities Act); and
 - d) when developing policies to allow the exceptions, the local municipalities may consider appropriate implementation tools including existing approval requirements and tools of other agencies.

~~The above exceptions may be permitted in accordance with the policies in an approved area municipal official plan or the Niagara Escarpment Plan where applicable, in consultation with the Region, the conservation authorities, the Niagara Escarpment Commission and other relevant agencies, provided that the policies which permit such uses and activities are in conformity with the objectives and policies of this Plan.~~

~~The area municipalities are directed to adopt appropriate policies to allow the exceptions subject to it being demonstrated that there is no reasonable alternative location outside of the Core Area and the use, development or site alteration is directed away from the Core Area feature to the greatest extent possible; and the impact to the Core Area feature is minimized and any impact to the feature or its functions that cannot be avoided is mitigated through restoration or enhancement to the greatest extent possible.~~

~~When developing policies to allow the exceptions, the area municipalities shall give consideration to appropriate implementation tools and mechanisms including the existing tools and mechanisms of other agencies.~~

~~In addition to the above policies, permitted exceptions within significant wetlands, significant coastal wetlands and significant habitat of threatened and endangered species within the Core Areas of the Greenlands System, may only be considered in accordance with provincial and federal legislation and policies (e.g. Endangered Species Act).~~

2.3.2.7

2.14.13 Ensure that the Core Areas of the Greenlands System in Peel, as described in Policy 2.3.2.2 Section 2.14.8 and 2.3.2.3 2.14.9 and as further detailed in the area-local

municipal official plans and related planning documents, are not damaged or destroyed. In the event that portions of the Core Areas are damaged or destroyed **by human or natural causes**, there shall be no adjustment to the boundary or redesignation of these areas in the ~~area local municipal official plans, and~~ **If the Core Area is intentionally damaged or destroyed, the Region or local municipality** will require replacement or **rehabilitation restoration** of the ecological features, functions and/or landforms **as a condition of development approval**. **Regional Council** will support the **area local** municipalities in applying this policy to other environmental features that are *protected* in an approved **area local municipal** official plan.

~~2.3.2.8 Allow the continuation of existing agricultural uses in accordance with normal farm practices within the Greenlands System.~~

~~2.3.2.9~~

Natural Areas and Corridors

2.14.14 Define the Natural Areas and Corridors of the Greenlands System in Peel as:

- a) evaluated non-provincially *significant wetlands* **and coastal wetlands**;
- b) ~~NAC~~ *woodlands* meeting one or more of the criteria **for NAC woodland** in Table 1;
- c) *significant wildlife habitat* meeting one or more of the criteria in **Figure 5 the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry's Significant Wildlife Habitat Technical Guide and associated Criteria Schedules for Ecoregions 6E and 7E**;
- d) *fish habitat*;
- e) **habitat of aquatic species at risk**;
- f) **habitat of endangered and threatened species defined in accordance with the Endangered Species Act**;
- e)g) regionally *significant life science Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest* ;
- f)h) provincially *significant earth science Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest*.
- g)i) Escarpment Protection Areas of the Niagara Escarpment Plan;
- h)i) the Lake Ontario *shoreline and littoral zone* and other *natural lakes* and their *shorelines*;

~~h~~k) any other *valley and stream corridors* that have not been defined as part of the Core Areas;

~~h~~l) *sensitive headwater source* and ~~discharge areas~~ *sensitive ground water discharge areas*; and

~~h~~m) any other natural features and functional areas interpreted as part of the Greenlands System Natural Areas and Corridors by the ~~individual area local~~ municipalities, in consultation with the conservation authorities and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, including, *as appropriate*, elements of the Potential Natural Areas and Corridors.

Potential Natural Areas and Corridors

~~2.3.2.10~~

2.14.15 Define Potential Natural Areas and Corridors of the Greenlands System in Peel, subject to the provisions of policy, ~~2.3.2.9~~ 2.14.14 ~~(k)~~ (m) as:

- a) unevaluated *wetlands* and coastal wetlands;
- b) *cultural woodlands* and *cultural savannahs* within the Urban System ~~and Rural Service Centres~~ meeting one or more of the criteria for PNAC woodland in Table 1. The evaluation of *cultural woodlands* and *cultural savannahs* is also subject to policy ~~2.3.2.19~~ 2.14.25;
- c) any other *woodlands* greater than 0.5 hectares (1.24 acres);
- d) regionally significant earth science *Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest*;
- e) ~~sensitive~~ sensitive *ground water recharge areas*;
- f) portions of *Historic shorelines*;
- g) open space portions of the *Parkway Belt West Plan Area*;
- h) ~~potential ESA's identified as such by the conservation authorities~~ enhancement areas, buffers and linkages; and
- i) any other natural features and functional areas interpreted as part of the Greenlands System Potential Natural Areas and Corridors, by the individual ~~area local~~ municipalities in consultation with the conservation authorities.

~~2.3.2.11~~

2.14.16 Direct the area local municipalities, in consultation with the conservation authorities, appropriate Provincial and Federal agencies and the Niagara Escarpment Commission, to include objectives and policies in their official plans for the interpretation, protection, ~~restoration, enhancement, restoration, enhancement~~, proper management and *stewardship* of the Natural Areas and Corridors and Potential Natural Areas and Corridors which conform to the intent of this Plan, consistent with provincial policy, the Growth Plan, the Niagara Escarpment Plan, the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, the Greenbelt Plan, and local considerations, where applicable.

~~2.3.2.12 Support the area municipalities in consultation with the conservation authorities, the Niagara Escarpment Commission, where applicable, and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to define the boundaries of the Greenlands System in Peel in terms of functions, landforms, attributes, linkages, critical elements, and rehabilitation and natural habitat restoration opportunities, including the preparation of technical documents.~~

Wetlands~~2.3.2.13~~

2.14.17 Recognize the environmental value of all *wetlands* as part of the Greenlands System in *Peel* and *support* their identification and protection through the land use planning process, *as appropriate*.

~~2.3.2.14~~

2.14.18 Direct the area local municipalities in conjunction with the conservation authorities and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to study and evaluate unevaluated *wetlands* and *protect* them, *as appropriate*.

2.14.19 Direct the local municipalities to include policies in their official plans that require pre-development wetland water balance to be maintained in areas proposed for development by limiting the area of impermeable surface or by using best management practices, where feasible.

Valley and Stream Corridors~~2.3.2.15~~

2.14.20 Recognize the environmental value of all *valley and stream corridors* as part of the Greenlands System in *Peel* and *support* their identification and protection through the land use planning process, *as appropriate*. ~~Appropriate policies for valley and stream corridors through Rural Service Centres and rural settlement areas and/or Special Policy areas for Flood Plains will be contained in the area municipal official~~

~~plans. These policies shall ensure that the integrity of the valley and stream corridors are maintained, including valley walls, landforms, habitats and steep slopes.~~

2.14.21 Direct the local municipalities to include policies in their official plans for valley and stream corridors located within the Delineated Built-up Areas in the urban settlements of Bolton, Mayfield West and Caledon East, and the Rural Settlement Areas in the Rural System as designated in a local municipal official plan and/or special policy areas for flood plains as approved by the Province. These policies shall ensure that the ecological integrity of the valley and stream corridors and their ecological and linkage functions are maintained, including valley walls, landforms, habitats and steep slopes.

~~2.3.2.16~~

2.14.22 Direct the ~~area~~ local municipalities, in consultation with the conservation authorities, to continue to refine the boundaries of valley and stream corridors; establish setbacks and buffers for watercourses, and valley and stream corridors; and define headwater areas through subwatershed or other broad scale environmental studies. Alterations to valley and stream corridors identified as Natural Areas and Corridors may be considered subject to recommendations in a subwatershed or broad scale environmental study and on the basis of detailed site specific environmental, engineering or planning studies ~~and field work~~ where such alterations contribute to the overall enhancement of the Greenlands System.

~~2.3.2.17~~

2.14.23 In addition to development and site alteration permitted in accordance with Section ~~2.3.2.6~~ 2.14.11, permit the following within Core Area valley and stream corridors unless ~~an area municipal official plan~~ a local municipal official plan is more restrictive than the Regional Official Plan:

- a) limited expansions to existing compatible active recreation within the Urban System as shown on Schedule ~~Ø21;~~
- b) development permitted within approved two zone and special policy area flood plains as approved by the Province; and
- c) compatible small scale urban agricultural, agricultural-related and secondary on-farm diversified uses, buildings and structures within the Urban System as shown on Schedule Ø21.

These exceptions shall not be permitted within significant wetlands and significant coastal wetlands, and significant habitat of endangered and threatened species, and shall not be permitted within other significant natural features unless it has been demonstrated that there will be no

negative impacts on the natural features or their *ecological functions* and that ~~restoration~~ restoration and enhancement of the Greenlands System and *natural hazards* are addressed in accordance with sections 2.4 and 2.5 the policies of this Plan. Expansions to existing compatible active *recreation* uses shall be designed and implemented to provide net environmental benefits to the Greenlands System.

Woodlands

~~2.3.2.18~~

2.14.24 Direct the area-local municipalities to define *woodlands* to include *plantations* in accordance with the definition in this Plan and to evaluate them in accordance with the criteria in Table 1 and policies in Section ~~2.3.2.2.14~~ 2.14.16 of this Plan. *Plantations* shall be identified as a Core Area *woodland* if they are a *naturalized plantation* and they meet one or more criteria for Core Area *woodland* in Table 1. For the purpose of measuring *woodland* patch size when *woodlands* contain Core Area *woodland* and non-Core Area *plantation* communities, patch size shall be measured to include all contiguous *woodland* communities.

~~2.3.2.19~~

2.14.25 Direct the area-local municipalities to interpret *woodlands* to include *cultural woodlands* and *cultural savannahs*. The interpretation, significance and level of protection of *cultural woodlands* and *cultural savannahs* shall be determined in accordance with policy ~~2.3.2.11~~ 2.14.16 and the criteria in Table 1. Within the Urban System ~~and Rural Service Centres~~, as shown on Schedule ~~DZ1~~, the significance and protection of these woodlands will require an additional evaluation through natural heritage studies required by the area local municipalities in consultation with relevant agencies to evaluate and confirm the quality and function of the woodlands. The important *ecological functions* associated with *cultural woodlands* and *cultural savannahs* within the Urban System ~~and Rural Service Centres~~ that contribute to the ecological function and integrity ~~and function~~ of the Greenlands System are recommended to be identified, protected and/or mitigated through restoration or enhancement to the greatest extent possible in accordance with the policies of this Plan.

~~2.3.2.20~~

2.14.26 Direct the area-local municipalities to include or develop criteria and thresholds for *woodlands* identified as Natural Areas and Corridors and Potential Natural Areas and Corridors in accordance with Section ~~2.3.2.11~~ 2.14.16 and the criteria in Table 1 and to consider criteria and thresholds based on environmental, physiographic, social and economic factors.

~~2.3.2.21~~

2.14.27 Exclude as Core Area *woodlands* and *significant woodlands, plantations* that are:

- a) managed for production of fruits, nuts, Christmas trees or nursery stock;
- b) managed for tree products with an average rotation of less than 20 years (e.g. hybrid willow or poplar); or
- c) established and continuously managed for the sole purpose of complete removal at rotation, as demonstrated with documentation acceptable to the Region or ~~area~~ local municipality, without a *woodland restoration* objective.

2.14.28 ~~Notwithstanding Policy 2.14.27, additional~~ ~~Additional~~ exclusions may be considered for treed communities which are dominated by invasive non-native tree species such as buckthorn (*Rhamnus* species), Norway maple (*Acer platanoides*), or others deemed to be highly invasive, that threaten the *ecological functions* or biodiversity of native communities. Such exceptions should be supported by site-specific studies that consider 1) the degree of threat posed; 2) any potential positive and/or negative impact on the *ecological functions* or biodiversity of nearby or adjacent native communities; and 3) the projected natural succession of the community. Communities where native tree species comprise approximately 10 percent or less of the tree crown cover and approximately 100 or fewer stems of native tree species of any size per hectare would be candidates for exclusion.

2.14.29 Where Core Area woodlands and significant woodlands have undergone changes in their characteristics or ecological functions due to stresses such as blowdown, harvesting, invasive species, disease or climate change they will continue to be considered to be Core Area woodlands and significant woodlands contributing to the long-term ecological function and biodiversity of the Greenlands System in Peel.

~~2.3.2.22~~

2.14.30 Consider allowing new or expanded mineral aggregate extraction sites in Core ~~Area~~ woodlands if the *woodland* is *early successional habitat* or *young plantation* and provided that progressive and final *rehabilitation* will result in no loss of *woodland* area and *ecological function*. If mitigation of the loss of *woodland* area or *ecological function* is not possible on-site due to excavation below water table, off-site mitigation that contributes to the ~~function and ecological integrity~~ *ecological function and ecological integrity* of the Greenlands System is to be considered as early in the operation as practical. The new or expanded mineral aggregate extraction site that is allowed within *early successional habitat* or *young plantation* shall not affect the status of the retained portion of the *woodland* to remain as Core ~~Area Woodland~~ woodland or *significant woodland*. New or expanded mineral aggregate extraction sites within the Greenbelt Plan, ~~or~~ Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan or the Natural Heritage System for the Growth Plan areas are

subject to additional policy requirements in Sections [2.2.9 2.11](#) and [2.2.10 2.12](#) of this Plan.

Fish Habitat

[2.14.31](#) Direct the local municipalities to include policies in their official plans to prohibit *development and site alteration in fish habitat* except in accordance with provincial and federal requirements.

Habitat of Endangered and Threatened Species

[2.14.32](#) Direct the local municipalities to include policies in their official plans to prohibit *development and site alteration in habitat of endangered and threatened species and in the habitat of aquatic species at risk* except in accordance with provincial and federal requirements.

Landforms

~~[2.3.2.23](#)~~

[2.14.33](#) Encourage the [area local](#) municipalities to *protect significant* landforms, landscapes, vistas and ridgelines, *as appropriate*.

~~[2.3.2.24](#)~~

[2.14.34](#) Promote planning, design and construction practices, which conserve [landform landforms](#), particularly within the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan Area and the Niagara Escarpment Plan Area, and to *protect* ecological features, forms and/or functions from the disruption or destruction of landform.

Greenlands System Protection, Restoration and Enhancement

[2.14.35](#) Apply a systems approach to implementing the Greenlands System by:

- a) Directing the local municipalities to identify, *protect*, restore and enhance ***natural heritage systems*** in their official plans in accordance with provincial policy and the Greenlands System policy framework of this Plan. When developing official plan policies, the local municipalities may go beyond the minimum requirements of the Greenlands System policy framework and may be more restrictive than the Regional Official Plan or provincial policy, unless doing so would conflict with any policy of the Provincial Policy Statement or applicable provincial plan;
- b) Directing the local municipalities, in consultation with the [Region](#), conservation authorities and other agencies to further

- interpret and identify the Greenlands System and its components and the *linkages* among and between the components of the Greenlands System and the [Water Resource System](#) in accordance with watershed and subwatershed plans, ***natural heritage system*** studies, natural heritage evaluations, environmental impact studies or other equivalent studies;
- c) Directing the local municipalities to include policies in their official plans not permitting *development or site alteration* within or on *adjacent lands* to ***natural heritage features and areas*** identified as [Greenlands System Natural Areas and Corridors and Potential Natural Areas and Corridors](#) or on *adjacent lands* to the ***natural heritage features and areas*** identified as [Core Areas of the Greenlands System](#), unless the *ecological function* of the *adjacent lands* has been evaluated and it has been demonstrated that there will be no *negative impacts* on the natural features or on their *ecological functions*; and
- d) Directing the local municipalities to require proponents of *development or site alteration* within or on *adjacent lands* to ***natural heritage features and areas*** identified as [Greenlands System Core Areas, Natural Areas and Corridors and Potential Natural Areas and Corridors](#) to prepare an environmental impact study the purpose of which is to:
- i) inventory components and refine the boundaries of the [Greenlands System features and areas](#);
 - ii) establish limits of *development* and *site alteration* in relation to the [Greenlands System's ***natural heritage features and areas***](#) requiring protection;
 - iii) assess the potential environmental impacts of the *development* and *site alteration*;
 - iv) make recommendations to avoid, minimize, and mitigate impacts including identifying *enhancement areas* and requirements for *buffers* and vegetation enhancement adjacent to features; and
 - v) identify requirements to restore or establish *linkages* between and among ***natural heritage features and areas***, ***surface water features*** and ***ground water features***, where ecologically appropriate.

The requirement for environmental impact studies may be reduced or waived by the local municipality depending on the scale and potential impact of the *development or site alteration* if detailed development

criteria have been applied to a site through a subwatershed study, a comprehensive environmental impact study, or if an appropriate scoping exercise has been completed by the local municipality in consultation with the relevant agencies.

2.14.36 Support the appropriate use of *ecosystem* compensation guidelines by the local municipalities and other agencies in accordance with the policies of this Plan subject to federal and provincial policy requirements and provided that *development or site alteration* will not result in *negative impacts* to the natural features or *ecological functions* of the Greenlands System. Where *ecosystem* compensation is determined to be an acceptable mitigation option, it should be applied to achieve a no net loss and if possible, a net gain, in natural heritage feature area or function.

2.14.37 Promote and support collaboratively with the local municipalities, conservation authorities, and other agencies the development and implementation of habitat restoration and enhancement programs.

2.14.38 Work jointly with agencies and landowners to *rehabilitate* abandoned mineral aggregate extraction areas and progressively *rehabilitate* operating pits and quarries and peat extraction areas to the highest level of *ecological integrity* practicable within the context of the local municipal official plans and in accordance with relevant legislation.

Environmental Impact Studies

~~2.3.2.25 Direct the area municipalities to require environmental impact studies for *development and site alteration* within and on *adjacent lands* to the Greenlands System and to include policies in their official plans for the protection of the Greenlands System in accordance with the policies of this Plan and provincial policy. When developing official plan policies, the area municipalities may go beyond the minimum standards, or may be more restrictive than the Regional Official Plan or provincial policy, unless doing so would conflict with any policy of the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) 2005 or applicable provincial plan.~~

~~This requirement for environmental impact studies may be reduced if detailed development criteria have been applied to a site through a *subwatershed* study, a comprehensive environmental impact study, or if an appropriate scoping exercise has been completed by the area municipality in consultation with the relevant agencies.~~

2.14.39 Urban Forest

The *urban forest* is a natural asset that overlaps with and extends beyond the natural wooded areas in the Greenlands System in Peel's urban and rural *settlement areas*. The *urban forest*

encompasses all of the trees in urban and rural *settlement areas* including not only trees in woodlands and natural areas but also trees in more manicured settings such as parks, yards and boulevards. Well managed forests and green spaces help communities adapt to a changing climate, support public health outcomes, as well as make a substantial contribution to a sustainable and resilient community by reducing stormwater run-off, improving air quality, providing shade, mitigating urban heat island effects and contributing to the quality of outdoor recreational spaces. The wide range of co-benefits and services that trees and wooded areas provide requires that municipalities recognize and integrate them as a component of a complete, healthy and sustainable community.

While trees and wooded areas outside of Peel's urban and rural *settlement areas* are also recognized as providing a wide range of benefits and services to the community, for the purposes of this Plan, the *urban forest* as defined in this Plan includes only the trees within Peel's urban and rural *settlement areas*. Wooded natural areas within and outside of *settlement areas* are also addressed by the Greenlands System policies.

Objective

2.14.39.1 To protect, maintain and enhance the health and extent of the *urban forest* in the Region.

Policies

2.14.39.2 Work jointly with the local municipalities and agencies to develop *urban forest* strategies and encourage and support programs and initiatives that protect, maintain and enhance tree canopy in urban and rural *settlement areas*.

2.14.39.3 Recognize the *urban forest* as *green infrastructure* and a natural asset and provide direction to incorporate trees and wooded natural areas in municipal asset management planning.

2.14.39.4 Encourage the local municipalities to develop, maintain and implement *urban forest* management including establishing targets and the operational plans, programs and resources needed to support meeting established targets.

2.14.39.5 Direct the local municipalities to develop, review and update policies in their official plans, secondary plans, *infrastructure* plans and asset management plans to protect, maintain and enhance the extent of tree canopy cover.

2.14.39.6 Direct the local municipalities to adopt official plan policies and associated guidelines that require proponents of *development* and *site alteration* to

submit tree assessment and preservation plans to minimize impacts to trees on private lands and where impacts cannot be avoided to require tree replacement and compensation in conjunction with any authorization permitting the removal of trees.

2.14.39.7 Work collaboratively with the local municipalities and conservation authorities to support the development and implementation of sustainable community design and building practices, including those related to the restoration and enhancement of the *urban forest*, in accordance with Section 7.6 of this Plan.

2.14.39.8 Encourage the local municipalities to enact and implement tree and woodland preservation by-laws to support the proper management and regulation of trees and woodlands and the objective of protecting, maintaining and enhancing the *urban forest* tree canopy.

2.14.39.9 Promote and support tree planting and landscaping initiatives on all lands within the Region, including in Regional road rights-of-way and with an emphasis in urban and rural *settlement areas* in locations that maximize the social, environmental and economic benefits of trees.

2.14.39.10 Support the maintenance of a comprehensive inventory of trees on Regional lands and the operational structure and resources to maintain and enhance these treed assets.

2.14.39.11 Adopt policies, bylaws and guidelines that require protection of trees on Regional lands, and that, where tree removal cannot be avoided, require tree replacement and compensation.

2.14.39.12 Work collaboratively with the local municipalities and conservation authorities to increase awareness of the health and other co-benefits of trees and wooded natural areas throughout Peel through public education and stewardship programs.

2.14.39.13 Work collaboratively with the local municipalities and conservation authorities to monitor the amount and quality of the *urban forest* tree canopy in the Region.

2.14.40 Invasive Species Management

A major issue facing natural heritage management within the Region is the threat of non-native species invading *woodlands, wetlands* and other natural areas. If left unmanaged, invasive species pose a risk to the *ecological integrity* of the Region's natural areas through

the displacement of native species and the subsequent alteration to the genetic diversity and structure of local native species populations.

Objective

2.14.40.1 To minimize the impacts of *invasive species* through the proper management and control of non-native *invasive species* in the Region.

Policies

2.14.40.2 Acknowledge and support the role of the local municipalities, conservation authorities, provincial agencies and conservation organizations in carrying out invasive species management.

2.14.40.3 Support and encourage the local municipalities in consultation with the conservation authorities to develop policies and programs that require or promote measures to eliminate and/or manage non-native invasive species and discourage the use of non-native invasive species plantings in new developments adjacent to the Greenlands System.

2.14.40.4 Encourage the use of native species plantings at Regional and municipal facilities and along transportation and utility corridors, or, where that is not feasible and appropriate, utilize non-invasive, non-native species.

Table 1 - Criteria and Thresholds for the Identification of Core Area, Natural Areas and Corridors (NAC) and Potential Natural Areas and Corridors (PNAC) *Woodlands*

ROP Category	Size	Age	Linkage	Proximity	Surface Water Quality	Significant Species and Communities ^{(1) (2)(3)}
Core <u>Area</u> Maintains Integrity of the System	Rural System: Any <i>woodland</i> \geq 16 ha Urban System: Any <i>woodland</i> \geq 4 ha	Any <i>woodland</i> \geq 4 ha containing at least 0.5 ha of <i>woodland</i> in native trees older than 100 years and having late successional characteristics (excludes <i>plantations</i>)	N/A	N/A	N/A	Any <i>woodland</i> \geq 4 ha that supports any of the following: i. any G1, G2, G3, S1, S2 or S3 plant or animal species, or community as designated by NHIC; or ii any species designated by COSEWIC or COSSARO as <i>Threatened, Endangered</i> or of Special Concern; or iii. The following forest communities: FOC 1-2, FOM 2-1, FOM 2-2, FOM 6-1, FOD 1-1, FOD 1-2, FOD 1-4, FOD 2-2, FOD 2-3 or FOD 6-2
NAC	Rural System:	Any <i>woodland</i>	Any	Any	Any <i>woodland</i>	Any <i>woodland</i> \geq 0.5 ha

Supports Integrity of the System	Any <i>woodland</i> \geq 4 ha up to 16 ha Urban System: Any <i>woodland</i> \geq 2 ha up to 4 ha	\geq 0.5 ha and less than 4 ha and containing at least 0.5 ha of <i>woodland</i> in native trees older than 100 years and having late successional characteristics (excludes <i>plantations</i>)	<i>woodland</i> \geq 0.5 ha supporting a <i>significant</i> linkage function, as determined through a natural heritage study approved by the Region or area <i>local</i> municipality	<i>woodland</i> \geq 0.5 ha within 100 m of another <i>significant feature</i> supporting a <i>significant</i> ecological relationship between the features	\geq 0.5 ha within 30 m of a <i>watercourse, surface water features</i> or any <i>wetland that is or can be identified as a wetland in accordance with the Ontario Wetland Evaluation System (OWES)</i> .	up to 4 ha that supports any of the following: i. any G1, G2, G3, S1, S2 or S3 plant or animal species, or community as designated by NHIC; or ii any species designated by COSEWIC or COSSARO as <i>Threatened, Endangered</i> or of Special Concern; or iii. The following forest communities: FOC 1-2, FOM 2-1, FOM 2-2, FOM 6-1, FOD 1-1, FOD 1-2, FOD 1-4, FOD 2-2, FOD 2-3 or FOD 6-2
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Table 1 - Criteria and Thresholds for the Identification of Core *Area*, Natural Areas and Corridors (NAC) and Potential Natural Areas and Corridors (PNAC) *Woodlands*

ROP Category	Size	Age	Linkage	Proximity	Surface Water Quality	Significant Species and Communities ⁽¹⁾ ⁽²⁾ / ₍₃₎
PNAC May Support Integrity of the System	<i>Cultural woodlands</i> and <i>cultural savannahs</i> => 4 ha in the Rural System and => 2 ha in the Urban System and Rural Service Centres	Core and NAC criteria apply	Core and NAC criteria apply	Core and NAC criteria apply	Core and NAC criteria apply	Core and NAC criteria apply
	all other <i>woodlands</i> > 0.5 ha	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Notes: (1) The rankings G1, G2, G3, S1, S2 and S3 refer to the conservation status of species assigned by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry’s (MNR) Natural Heritage Information Centre (NHIC). G or Global ranks (GRANKS) are assigned by a consensus of the network of Conservation Data Centres, including the NHIC, scientific experts and The Nature Conservancy to designate a rarity rank based on the range-wide status of a species. S or Sub-national ranks (SRANKS) are assigned by the NHIC for species and vegetation communities in Ontario. The rankings specific to Table 1 are as follows:

- G1 – extremely rare
- G2 – very rare
- G3 – rare to uncommon
- S1 – critically imperiled
- S2 – imperiled
- S3 – vulnerable

(2) The following acronyms are described by the Ecological Land Classification for Southern Ontario: First Approximation and its Application (MNR, 1998)

- FOD 1-1 – Dry-Fresh Red Oak Deciduous Forest
- FOD 1-2 – Dry-Fresh White Oak Deciduous Forest
- FOD 1-4 – Dry Fresh Mixed Oak Deciduous Forest
- FOD 2-2 – Dry Fresh Oak-Hickory Deciduous Forest

- FOD 2-3 – Dry–Fresh Hickory Deciduous Forest
- FOD 6-2 – Fresh Sugar Maple-Black Maple Deciduous Forest
- FOM 2-1 – Dry-Fresh White Pine-Oak Mixed Forest
- FOM 2-2 – Dry-Fresh White Pine-Sugar maple Mixed Forest
- FOM 6-1 – Moist-Fresh Hemlock-Sugar Maple Mixed Forest
- FOC 1-2 – Dry-Fresh White Pine-Red Pine Coniferous Forest

- (3) COSEWIC – Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada
- COSSARO – Committee on the Status of Species at Risk in Ontario

Table 2 - Criteria and Thresholds for the Identification of Core Area Valley and Stream Corridors

Core Valley and Stream Corridor Component	Mapping Criteria
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Main branches, <i>major tributaries</i>, other <i>tributaries</i> and identified <i>watercourses</i> draining directly to Lake Ontario ▪ <i>Valley and stream corridors</i> are the natural resources associated with the river systems characterized by their landform, features and functions, and include associated ravines. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Main branches, <i>major tributaries</i> and <i>watercourses</i> having direct drainage to Lake Ontario are to be mapped from their outlet to the furthest upstream extent of their defined valley landform (i.e., mapped to limit of crest of slope) ▪ Other <i>tributaries</i> are to be included and mapped to the limit of their defined valley portion if they meet the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • contains habitat of aquatic <i>endangered or threatened species</i>; or • <i>watercourse</i> crosses municipal boundaries and provides linkage to other Core Areas of the Greenlands System. ▪ Excludes ill-defined <i>headwater</i> drainage features including created <i>headwater valley/stream corridors</i>, discontinuous defined valley features and other non-valley landforms
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ill-defined sections of major valleys 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ill-defined sections are to be illustrated using regulatory <i>flood plain</i> and meander belt hazards whichever is greater unless site specific assessment has determined valley width in accordance with the text of this Plan

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Shown schematically and subject to site specific evaluation to confirm width of Core <i>valley and stream corridor</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Associated Ravines 	<p>Associated ravines within the Urban System are to be included if meeting one of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ important <i>ecological functions</i> related to the valley landform; ▪ habitat for <i>endangered/threatened species</i>; ▪ linkage to other natural features of the Greenlands System; ▪ <i>flood and erosion hazards</i>; or ▪ <i>restoration</i> potential. <p>Associated ravines within the Rural System are not considered Regional Core <i>valley and stream corridors</i>;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ significance is determined in accordance with the Town of Caledon Official Plan policies.

2.6-2.15 Greenlands Management and Stewardship

Active management, *securement* and *stewardship* of the Regional Greenlands System are necessary to ensure the sustainability and *ecological integrity* of its natural heritage features and areas. *Greenlands securement* involves the protection of natural heritage features and functions through a range of tools, including planning policy, *stewardship*, monitoring and *land acquisition*. *Stewardship* is a key component of the Region's natural heritage policy framework which promotes voluntary action and cooperative planning by organizations, communities and residents to protect, restore and enhance the Region's environment and resources.

2.6.1—Objective

2.15.1 To protect, restore and enhance the natural environment in Peel through Greenlands management, *securement* and *stewardship* opportunities in cooperation and partnership with ~~area~~-local municipalities, conservation authorities, provincial agencies and conservation organizations.

2.6.2—Policies

~~It is the policy of Regional Council to:~~

2.6.2.1

2.15.2 Support *Greenlands securement* initiatives in Peel through planning policy, *stewardship*, monitoring and *land acquisition*.

~~2.6.2.2~~

2.15.3 Acknowledge and support the role of the area-local municipalities, conservation authorities, provincial agencies and conservation organizations in carrying out *stewardship* programs for natural heritage.

~~2.6.2.3~~

2.15.4 Implement *Greenlands securement* strategies, programs and actions including *stewardship* that directly support Regional policy goals and objectives.

~~2.6.2.4~~

2.15.5 Work with the area-local municipalities, conservation authorities and other agencies to leverage funding from various sources for *Greenlands securement*.

~~2.6.2.5~~

2.15.6 Support the *securement* of natural areas through planning policy, *stewardship* and monitoring before *land acquisition* is considered.

~~2.6.2.6~~

2.15.7 Encourage environmental education to support land *stewardship* and to promote the value of natural heritage conservation to residents.

~~2.6.2.7~~

2.15.8 Support the area-local municipalities and conservation authorities to encourage landowners and applicants for *development* and *site alteration* to support the Region's *Greenlands securement* efforts by enhancing lands adjacent to the Greenlands System in Peel.

~~2.6.2.8~~

2.15.9 Research and consider other incentives for the *securement* of natural heritage features and areas including tax rebates, incentive payments and cost-shared *stewardship* programs.

2.4 2.16 Natural and Human-made Hazards

Along the Lake Ontario Shoreline, and within ravine, valley, river and stream corridors, *flood plains* and *hazard lands* pose threats to human life and risk of damage to property. Naturally occurring physical and ecological conditions and processes may result in hazards when people and structures are affected by them. Naturally occurring hazards may be accelerated by climate change and human activity and impact the ecological integrity of the *ecosystem*.

The *natural hazards* or potential hazards dealt with in this section of the Plan include those areas along the Lake Ontario Shoreline and ravines, valleys, rivers, streams and *riverine flood plains* that are susceptible to flooding, erosion and/or unstable slopes, and also include lands with hazardous forest types for wildland fire that are susceptible to wildland fire.

Human-made hazards that may potentially be encountered in the Region of Peel include hazards associated with oil and gas wells, mineral aggregate operations and petroleum resource operations. Hazards occur when sites have not been properly rehabilitated.

2.4.1 General Objectives

2.4.1.1

2.16.1 To ensure that *development* and *site-alterations* are not permitted in areas where site conditions or their location, including on lands containing human-made hazards, may pose a danger to public safety, public health or result in property damage.

2.4.1.2

2.16.2 To encourage a coordinated approach to the use of the land and the management of water in areas subject to **flooding** in order to minimize social disruption.

2.4.1.3

2.16.3 To ensure that methods used to *protect* existing development at risk from *natural hazards*, do not negatively impact the ecological integrity of the ~~ecosystem~~ Greenlands System.

2.16.4 To ensure that the impacts of a changing climate are considered in the management of risks associated with natural hazards.

2.4.2 General Policies

~~It is the policy of the Regional Council to:~~

2.4.2.1

2.16.5 Direct the ~~area~~ local municipalities, in consultation with the conservation authorities, to include policies consistent with the policies of this Plan, and mapping in their official plans in order to:

- a) identify *flood plains*, *hazardous lands*, *hazardous sites*, known human-made hazards and lands that are regulated under the Conservation Authorities Act in accordance with relevant technical standards and guidelines;
- b) identify hazardous forest types for wildland fire in accordance with provincial guidelines

- ~~b) c)~~ identify permitted uses and minimum setback standards; ~~and~~
- ~~e) d)~~ regulate land uses within and adjacent to *flood plains*, *hazardous lands*, *hazardous sites*, human-made hazards and lands that are regulated under the Conservation Authorities Act; ~~and~~
- e) prohibit *development* and *site alteration* in areas that would be rendered inaccessible to people and vehicles during times of *flooding hazards*, *erosion hazards* and/or *dynamic beach hazards*, unless it has been demonstrated that the site has safe access appropriate for the nature of the *development* and the natural hazard.

2.16.6 In collaboration with the local municipalities and conservation authorities, undertake *infrastructure* and *watershed planning* studies and initiatives that consider the potential impacts of climate change and extreme weather that may increase the risk associated with *natural hazards* and provide recommendations to mitigate risk.

2.16.7 In collaboration with the local municipalities and conservation authorities, investigate methods and approaches to identify the vulnerability of existing and new *development to overland flooding* and identify, promote and support strategies, programs and initiatives that reduce risk.

2.16.8 Require the implementation of *low impact development* and *green infrastructure* stormwater management practices in accordance with provincial requirements and guidelines.

2.4.3-2.16.9 Lake Ontario Regulatory Shoreline

2.4.3.1 Objective

2.16.9.1 To prevent or minimize the risk to human life and property associated with *shoreline* areas of Lake Ontario.

2.4.3.2 Policies

It is the policy of *Regional Council* to:

2.4.3.2.1

2.16.9.2 Support the policies and programs of the conservation authorities related to *shoreline* management.

~~2.4.3.2.2~~

2.16.9.3 Support the City of Mississauga, in conjunction with the conservation authorities, in directing *development and site alterations* to areas outside the Lake Ontario *Regulatory Shoreline*.

~~2.4.3.2.3~~

2.16.9.4 Support the City of Mississauga, in conjunction with the conservation authorities, in prohibiting *development and site alterations* within the *regulatory flood standard* and/or erosion hazard limit of the *regulatory shorelines* unless all of the following can be demonstrated:

- a) the **flooding** and *erosion hazards* can safely be addressed;
- b) new or existing hazards are not created or aggravated;
- c) no adverse environmental effects will result;
- d) vehicles and people have a way of safely entering and exiting the area during times of ~~*flooding and erosion emergencies*~~ *flooding hazards, erosion hazards and/or dynamic beach hazards*; and
- e) *development and site alterations* are carried out in accordance with *established standards and procedures*.

2.4.42.16.10 Ravine, Valley, Stream Corridors and Erosion Hazards

2.4.4.1 Objective

2.16.10.1 To prevent or minimize the risk to human life and property associated with erosion and/or slope instability.

2.4.4.2 Policies

It is the policy of Regional Council to:

~~2.4.4.2.1~~

2.16.10.2 Support, as appropriate, the policies and programs of the conservation authorities related to ravine, valley and stream corridor management and protection.

~~2.4.4.2.2~~

2.16.10.3 Direct the **area local** municipalities, in consultation with the conservation authorities, to include in their official plans policies that *support* non-structural risk management measures and generally prohibit *development* and *site alterations* within the erosion hazard limit.

2.4.4.2.3

2.16.10.4 Direct the **area local** municipalities, in consultation with the conservation authorities, to prohibit *development* and *site alterations* within the erosion hazard limit, unless all of the following have been met:

- a) the erosion and/or slope instability hazards can safely be addressed;
- b) new or existing hazards are not created or aggravated;
- c) no adverse environmental effects will result;
- d) vehicles and people have a way of safely entering and exiting the area during times of **erosion emergencies flooding hazards and erosion hazards**; and
- e) *development* and *site alterations* are carried out in accordance with *established standards and procedures*.

2.4.4.2.4

2.16.10.5 Discourage the creation of additional tableland within *valley and stream corridors*.

2.4.4.2.5

2.16.10.6 Generally prohibit the creation of new lots within *valley and stream corridors* and *erosion hazard* areas.

2.4.52.16.11 Riverine Flood Plains

2.4.5.1 Objective

2.16.11.1 To prevent or minimize the risk to human life and property associated with *development* and *site alterations* which create new or aggravate existing **flood plain** management problems along flood susceptible *riverine* environments.

2.4.5.2 Policies

It is the policy of ~~Regional Council~~ to:

~~2.4.5.2.1~~—

~~2.16.11.2~~ Support the ~~area local~~ municipalities, in consultation with the conservation authorities, in directing *development* and *site alterations* to areas outside the regulatory *flood plain*.

2.4.5.2.2

2.16.11.3 Direct the ~~area local~~ municipalities, in consultation with conservation authorities, to continue to address *riverine flood* susceptibility through the application of the *one zone* approach to *flood plain* planning and limited exceptions to the *one zone*, where appropriate, through the *two zone* and *special policy area* concepts, as outlined in provincial policy.

~~2.4.5.2.3~~ Encourage the conservation authorities to coordinate their regulations and *Flood Plain* and *fill line* identification regulations to ensure consistent application throughout *the region*.

2.4.5.2.4

2.16.11.4 Encourage the ~~area local~~ municipalities in collaboration with the conservation authorities to comprehensively review areas of existing *development* that are flood vulnerable and to evaluate and implement flood remediation measures to decrease the level of risk *as appropriate*.

2.4.5.2.5

2.16.11.5 Direct the ~~area local~~ municipalities to include in their official plans, objectives and policies for the management of stormwater quality and quantity that would avoid, minimize ~~and/or~~ mitigate stormwater *runoff* volume, contaminant loads and impacts to receiving water courses.

2.4.5.2.6

2.16.11.6 Recognize that maintaining an up to date policy framework and *flood plain* information for *special policy areas (SPAs)* is a valuable mechanism for managing *flood plains* to allow for continued viability of existing uses and address the significant social and economic hardships to a community that would result from strict adherence to provincial policies concerning *development*.

2.4.5.2.7

2.16.11.7 Direct the **area local** municipalities to obtain approvals from the Ministers of Natural Resources **and Forestry** and Municipal Affairs and Housing prior to the following:

- a) designation of a new *special policy area*;
- b) any change or modification to the site-specific policies of an existing *special policy area*; or
- c) any change or modification to the **land use designation or** boundaries of an existing *special policy area*.

The designation of a new *special policy area* and any proposed revisions to the boundaries or policies of an existing *special policy area* shall be developed in accordance with all applicable provincial procedures and guidelines.

2.16.12 Wildland Fire Hazards

Objective

2.16.12.1 **To prevent or minimize the risk to human life and property associated with development and site alteration on or adjacent to lands with hazardous forest types for wildland fire.**

Policies

2.16.12.2 **Direct the local municipalities, in consultation with conservation authorities, to include policies in their official plans to generally direct development to areas outside of lands that are unsafe for development due to the presence of hazardous forest types for wildland fire unless the risk is mitigated in accordance with wildland fire assessment and mitigation standards, and provincial objectives and policies. Figure X5 shows the potential location of hazardous forest types for wildland fire in Peel.**

2.16.12.3 **Support the local municipalities in preparing mapping of hazardous forest types for wildland fire and establishing policies in their official plans to ensure that the risk of wildland fire will be addressed through local development review processes, as appropriate and in accordance with wildland fire assessment and mitigation standards.**

~~2.4.6~~**2.16.13 Other Natural and Human-made Hazards****2.4.6.1****Objective**

2.16.13.1 To ensure that new *development* and *site-alterations* *alteration* address other *natural hazards* and human-made hazards *as appropriate*.

2.4.6.2**Policy Policies**

It is the policy of Regional Council to:

2.4.6.2.1

2.16.13.2 Direct the ~~area~~ local municipalities to include policies in their official plans which address other naturally occurring hazards, such as those created by topographic constraints.

2.4.6.2.2

2.16.13.3 Direct the ~~area~~ local municipalities to include policies in their official plans regarding *development* on, abutting, or adjacent to lands affected by human-made hazards such as oil, gas and salt hazards, or former mineral aggregate operations or petroleum resource operations, in accordance with the objectives and policies in this Plan and provincial policy. This includes directing the ~~area~~ local municipalities to ensure that rehabilitation or other measures to address and mitigate known hazards are implemented and appropriate setbacks are applied to any proposed *development* in accordance with the regulations of the Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Act, through municipal planning documents.

2.16.13.4

Direct the local municipalities to include policies in their official plans to ensure that, prior to any proposed use, sites with contaminants in land or water are assessed and remediated as necessary such that there will be no adverse effects prior to any activity on the site associated with the proposed use.

2.5—Restoration of the Natural Environment

~~In many parts of Peel, settlements and land uses have diminished and in some areas, degraded the natural environment. As a result, the resilience of the ecosystem to cope with further change may be reduced. The quality and integrity of these ecosystems, as well as their healthy condition, may be re-established through the restoration of a diminished site. The degrading of the natural environment~~

~~has also resulted in the fragmentation of historic *natural corridors* and linkages. Opportunities may exist to re-establish such links along existing linear features.~~

~~2.5.1 Objective~~

~~To seek opportunities to enhance the Greenlands System in *Peel* by restoring and enhancing degraded components of the *ecosystem* and by extending the network of natural areas where ecologically beneficial.~~

~~2.5.2 Policies~~

~~It is the policy of *Regional Council* to:~~

~~2.5.2.1 Promote a wide range of environmental *enhancement* and *restoration* opportunities.~~

~~2.5.2.2 Encourage the City of Mississauga, conservation authorities, and other appropriate agencies to consider opportunities for natural habitat restoration along the shoreline and within the littoral zone of Lake Ontario.~~

~~2.5.2.3 Encourage and promote *jointly* with conservation authorities, the area municipalities and other agencies, habitat *restoration* and *enhancement* programs through the planning approvals process.~~

~~2.5.2.4 Encourage and promote *jointly* with the Niagara Escarpment Commission, the Town of Caledon and the conservation authority, the maintenance and *enhancement* of the natural environment, the open landscape and the natural scenery within the area of the Niagara Escarpment Plan in accordance with the objectives of the Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act and the Niagara Escarpment Plan.~~

~~2.5.2.5 Encourage the area municipalities to restore and enhance the natural heritage features and functions within the Parkway Belt West Plan Area.~~

~~2.5.2.6 Support and encourage all efforts, including those of the area municipalities and conservation authorities, in restoring and enhancing components of the Greenlands System.~~

~~2.5.2.7 Work *jointly* with agencies and landowners to rehabilitate abandoned extraction areas and progressively rehabilitate operating pits and quarries and peat extraction areas to the highest level of ecological~~

~~integrity practicable within the context of the area municipal official plans.~~

~~2.5.2.8 — Work jointly with the agencies and landowners to implement reforestation programs across the Region with the highest priority on those areas that will enhance the Greenlands System in Peel.~~

~~2.5.2.9 — Work jointly with the agencies and area municipalities to develop urban forest strategies and to encourage and support programs and initiatives that maintain and enhance the urban forest canopy.~~

2.5.3 — Invasive Species Management — [moved to Section 2.3]

~~A major issue facing natural heritage management within the region is the threat of non-native species invading woodlands, wetlands and other natural areas. If left unmanaged, invasive species pose a risk to the ecological integrity of the Region's natural areas through the displacement of native species and the subsequent alteration to the genetic diversity and structure of local native species populations.~~

2.5.3.1 Objective

~~To minimize the impacts of invasive species through the proper management and control of non-native invasive species to promote native species plantings in the region.~~

2.5.3.2 Policies

~~It is the policy of Regional Council to:~~

~~2.5.3.2.1 — Acknowledge and support the role of the area municipalities, conservation authorities, provincial agencies and conservation organizations in carrying out invasive species management.~~

~~2.5.3.2.2 — Support and encourage the area municipalities in consultation with the conservation authorities to develop policies and programs that require or promote measures to eliminate and/or manage non-native invasive species and discourage the use of non-native invasive species plantings in new developments adjacent to the Greenlands System.~~

~~2.5.3.2.3 — Encourage the use of native species plantings at Regional and municipal facilities and along transportation and utility corridors, and wherever feasible and appropriate include native~~

~~species plantings along Regional roads and on properties owned by the Region.~~

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Chapter 3: Resources

3.1 Introduction Purpose

3.1.1 Purpose

This chapter addresses those components of the natural environment which are actively utilized in Peel, such as agricultural lands, mineral aggregate resources and water resources. Also addressed are *recreation* and *cultural heritage resources* used and enjoyed by Peel residents and visitors.

There must be a balance between the use and protection of resources, and the preservation of Peel's natural and cultural environment, while allowing for growth. Natural features and human communities coincide with valuable resources and require protection from incompatible uses to maintain their *ecological integrity*. Non-renewable resources will continue to be consumed for urban and economic growth purposes, and require sound management to allow for their use and protect their availability. Renewable resources must be utilized in a *sustainable* manner to ensure their viability for future generations.

Energy efficiency and improved air quality through land use and development patterns and *safe and* efficient transportation, are important for the health of Peel's communities, the long term economic prosperity of the Region *and the* protection of the environment *and mitigating the impacts of climate change*. When implemented, the energy policies in this chapter will enable Peel Region, its residents, businesses and transportation systems to reduce their current dependence on fossil-based energy sources by changing to *alternative or renewable energy systems*.

The Plan provides opportunities for energy generation facilities to accommodate current and projected needs where feasible, and recognizes the interdependencies that exist in the built and natural environments. These opportunities must be considered in the context of sustainable development of energy resources now and in the future.

3.1.3.2 Goal

To protect, manage and utilize the renewable and non-renewable resources of Peel in an efficient manner that conserves and *protects* environmental features, *areas* and functions, and the character of rural Peel including its agricultural, social, cultural heritage, *community* and economic aspects.

3.2.3.3 Agricultural System Resources

~~Agriculture represents one of the more important sectors of Ontario's economy and continues to play a significant role in Peel. The Prime Agricultural Area in Peel Region generally has a Canada Land Inventory (CLI) Soil Capability for Agriculture rating of Class 1, 2, or 3, meaning they have few constraints for agricultural production. Currently the majority of lands in the southern part of the Town of Caledon and on the east and west side of the City of Brampton have soils which are rated as CLI Class 1. In addition to the CLI classifications, certain lands support the local production and sale of market vegetables or fruits and/or have specialized farm investments, such as greenhouses. The Prime Agricultural Area excludes existing settlement areas as identified in the area municipal official plans.~~

~~The agricultural industry is diversifying to include, in addition to primary production, a value added chain, as well as health and nutrition, sustainability, environmental management and conservation themes. Support for farming operations in Peel will contribute to building a stronger agricultural industry, bringing benefits to those communities that depend on the industry, as well as the larger society. In this regard, the policies aim to promote within the Region's new sustainability framework, an increased and diversified production of healthier local produce to improve health, mitigate climate change and strengthen the Regional economy. The Region supports the continuation of a thriving and viable agricultural industry in Peel including diversification, agricultural innovation and new practices in all aspects of the industry.~~

3.2.1 Objectives

- ~~3.2.1.1 To protect the Prime Agricultural Area for long-term use for agriculture as a natural resource of major importance to the economic viability of the Region, and to support Peel's farmers and agricultural organizations as valuable contributors to the community and the economy of Peel.~~
- ~~3.2.1.2 To protect agricultural uses in the Prime Agricultural Area from incompatible activities and land uses which would limit agricultural productivity or efficiency or result in the loss and fragmentation of the agricultural land base.~~
- ~~3.2.1.3 To support a diversified healthy and productive agricultural industry as an important component of Peel's economic base and heritage.~~
- ~~3.2.1.4 To work in cooperation with the Town of Caledon to increase and support diversification in local farming as a source of local food supply.~~

~~3.2.2 Policies~~

~~It is the policy of *Regional Council* to:~~

- ~~3.2.2.1 — Protect the *Prime Agricultural Area* for agriculture as shown on Schedule B.~~
 - ~~3.2.2.2 — Promote and protect agricultural operations and normal farm practices in the *Prime Agricultural Area*.~~
 - ~~3.2.2.3 — Require compliance with the minimum distance separation formulae in the *Prime Agricultural Area*.~~
 - ~~3.2.2.4 — Encourage, where appropriate, the phasing of *development* in accordance with the area municipal plans so that agricultural activities and related uses continue for as long as practical in the area that lies within the 2031 Regional Urban Boundary but outside the Greenbelt in the City of Brampton, and within the approved boundaries of the Rural Service Centres in the Town of Caledon.~~
 - ~~3.2.2.5 — Support programs of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, and other organizations, which encourage farmers to develop and follow conservation measures and *sustainable farming practices* (such as *Environmental Farm Plans*), that will protect the long-term productivity of agricultural lands and minimize impacts on the environment.~~
 - ~~3.2.2.6 — Support the identification and protection of localized prime agricultural areas in the *area municipal official plans*.~~
 - ~~3.2.2.7 — Direct the Town of Caledon, in its official plan, to designate and protect the *Prime Agricultural Area* as shown on Schedule B.~~
 - ~~3.2.2.8 — Direct the Town of Caledon in its official plan to allow in the *Prime Agricultural Area*, *primary agricultural uses*, and where deemed appropriate by the municipality, *secondary uses* and *agriculture-related uses*; provided all new uses are limited in scale, are compatible with, and shall not hinder surrounding agricultural activity, and meet the requirements of the *minimum distance separation formulae*, and the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan. Further, direct the Town of Caledon in its official plan to include criteria for *secondary uses* and *agriculture-related uses* as recommended by the Province, or based on a municipal approach which achieves the same objectives.~~
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- ~~3.2.2.9 — Support the Region's long-term economic prosperity by promoting the sustainability of the agri-food sector and by protecting agricultural resources and minimizing land use conflicts.~~
- ~~3.2.2.10 — Promote agricultural opportunities, new crops and products within near urban areas to supply local markets, support health and protect the environment.~~
- ~~3.2.2.11 — Direct the Town of Caledon, in the *Prime Agricultural Area*, only to permit a non-residential use, subject to an *area municipal official plan* amendment and provided that:~~
- ~~a) — there are no reasonable alternative locations which avoid the *Prime Agricultural Area*;~~
 - ~~b) — there are no reasonable alternative locations in the *Prime Agricultural Area* with lower priority agricultural lands;~~
 - ~~c) — there is a demonstrated need for the use, which has been justified in the context of applicable growth management policies; and~~
 - ~~d) — impacts from any new non-residential use on surrounding agricultural operations and lands are minimal or will be satisfactorily mitigated.~~

~~This Policy may not be used to address a proposal that has the effect of adjusting the 2031 Regional Urban Boundary, or the 2031 boundary for the Caledon East Rural Service Centre, or the 2021 boundaries for the Mayfield West and Bolton Rural Service Centres. Such applications must continue to be addressed in the context of Section 7.9 of this Plan.~~

- ~~3.2.2.12 — Direct the Town of Caledon, in its official plan, to recognize in the *Prime Agricultural Area* existing non-residential uses, the residential use of existing and approved vacant severed lots, and the residential use of lots that may be approved in accordance with this Plan and applicable Provincial policies.~~
- ~~3.2.2.13 — Direct the Town of Caledon to protect farms in the Rural System from incompatible uses.~~
- ~~3.2.2.14 — Encourage greater diversity of permitted uses, including value-added industries (e.g. wineries, cideries, agricultural research institutes, feed mills and fertilizer depots) to aid the farm industry, and to maintain the cultural heritage and way of life of the farming community. Within *prime agricultural areas* all permitted uses must either be *agriculture-*~~

~~related uses or secondary uses that are in accordance with Policy 3.2.2.8 of this Official Plan.~~

- ~~3.2.2.15 Investigate with the area municipalities, stakeholders and in consultation with the Province, the objective of providing financial incentives to farmers for the provision, protection and enhancement of ecological goods and services.~~
- ~~3.2.2.16 Investigate with the area municipalities and the Province, the need, feasibility and implications of a land taxation system that provides financial incentives to farmers to continue farming.~~
- ~~3.2.2.17 Investigate with the area municipalities and the Province, various supplementary and financial options and incentives to make it attractive to farmers to keep their lands in agricultural production and allow greater flexibility to have a variety of on-farm secondary or agriculture-related uses.~~
- ~~3.2.2.18 Investigate with the area municipalities, the challenges and emerging needs of near-urban agriculture including: complaints from non-farm residents about farm practices; problems regarding movement of farm equipment on congested roads; the adequacy of infrastructure; farm parcel sizes; the shortage of rental land or lack of affordable land to purchase; and trespassing.~~
- ~~3.2.2.19 Encourage area municipalities to consider the development of viable advanced technologies as necessary where appropriate, to promote year-round agricultural production of ethnic and market garden fresh fruits and vegetables for the local fresh market trades.~~
- ~~3.2.2.20 Prohibit the Town of Caledon, in its official plan, from permitting lot creation and lot adjustments in the *Prime Agricultural Area*, unless it is consistent with the Provincial policies.~~
- ~~3.2.2.21 Support urban agricultural uses and practices that are appropriate and compatible with adjacent urban land uses.~~

Agriculture is an important sector of Ontario's economy and continues to play a significant role in Peel. The prosperity and sustainability of the agricultural sector are important to the economy of Peel and to maintaining the character of the rural community. Farmers, through their stewardship and management of the land, play a vital role in protecting natural heritage and water resources. The Region recognizes the role of agriculture in addressing the impacts of a changing climate and supports land management practices that can improve carbon storage in soil.

This Plan embodies an *agricultural system* approach to planning for agriculture in Peel, recognizing that the *Agricultural System* in Peel is part of a broader *Agricultural System* extending across the Greater Golden Horseshoe and beyond. The *Agricultural System* consists of:

- a continuous and productive agricultural land base comprised in Peel of *Prime Agricultural Area* and of *Rural Lands* linking *Prime Agricultural Area*, within Peel and beyond Peel's boundaries, and
- a complementary *agri-food network* of infrastructure, services and other elements important to the viability of the agri-food sector.

The *Prime Agricultural Area* in Peel Region generally has a Canada Land Inventory (CLI) Soil Capability for Agriculture rating of Class 1, 2, or 3, meaning that these lands have few constraints for agricultural production. The majority of the lands in the southern part of the Town of Caledon have soils that are rated as CLI Class 1.

This Plan establishes a policy framework to enable agriculture to remain viable and prosper. The Region supports the continuation of a thriving and sustainable agricultural industry in Peel, creating an environment that enables farmers to respond to changing conditions through diversification, agricultural innovation and the adoption of new practices in all aspects of the industry.

The agricultural industry is diversifying to include, in addition to primary production:

- agriculture-related industrial and commercial uses, including on-farm activities adding value to farm products; and
- on-farm diversified uses supporting agricultural operations by providing additional non-farm income.

The *Agricultural System* is linked to the *food system*, which includes all of the activities involved in ensuring a community is well nourished: growing, harvesting, processing, packaging, transporting, marketing and consuming food and disposing of *food waste*. This Plan supports the *food system* through policies to support the *Agricultural System*, improve access to healthy and locally grown food, promote *urban agriculture*, reduce *food waste*, mitigate climate change and strengthen the Regional economy. The policies respecting *food and organic waste* are contained in Section 6.6 of the Plan.

The policies in this section of the Plan focus on the *Agricultural System* and the *food system* but there also are complementary and supportive policies in other sections of the Plan, particularly in Section 5.7 dealing with the *Rural Lands*. While the *Rural Lands* that are outside the *Prime Agricultural Area* accommodate a range of non-farm uses, those lands also permit agriculture and related uses and play a significant role as linkages among *Prime Agricultural Areas*.

Objectives

- 3.3.1 To protect the *Prime Agricultural Area* for long-term use for agriculture and maintain a continuous agricultural land base, minimizing fragmentation.
- 3.3.2 To protect *agricultural uses* in the *Prime Agricultural Area* from incompatible activities and land uses that would limit agricultural productivity or efficiency.
- 3.3.3 To provide flexibility to enable agricultural innovation and the adoption of new farming practices and to accommodate the development of *agriculture-related uses* and *on-farm diversified uses* in the *Prime Agricultural Area*.
- 3.3.4 To support and enhance the *Agricultural System* by addressing the impacts of development on the System through the planning process and by planning for local food and near-urban agriculture.

Policies

- 3.3.5 Maintain and enhance the continuity of the agricultural land base and the functional and economic connections to the *agri-food network*.
- 3.3.6 Designate and protect the *Prime Agricultural Area* as shown on Schedule X12 for long-term use for agriculture.
- 3.3.7 Permit *agricultural uses*, *agriculture-related uses* and *on-farm diversified uses* in the *Prime Agricultural Area*.
- 3.3.8 Promote and protect all types, sizes and intensities of *agricultural uses* and *normal farm practices* in the *Prime Agricultural Area* in accordance with provincial standards.
- 3.3.9 Require that, within the *Prime Agricultural Area*, new land uses, including the creation of lots, and new or expanding livestock operations, comply with the *minimum distance separation formulae*.
- 3.3.10 Permit the removal of land from the *Prime Agricultural Area* only for a *settlement area* boundary expansion in accordance with Section 5.5.7.

- 3.3.11 Require that an *agricultural impact assessment*, where required by the policies of this Plan, or a local municipal official plan, be prepared in accordance with Provincial and municipal guidelines.
- 3.3.12 Require, where *appropriate*, the phasing of *development* within urban areas in accordance with the local municipal official plans so that agricultural activities and related uses continue for as long as practical in the area that lies within the Regional Urban Boundary.
- 3.3.13 Require that *agriculture-related uses* and *on-farm diversified uses* in the *Prime Agricultural Area*:
- a) make the most efficient use of land to minimize the amount of land taken out of agricultural production;
 - b) be compatible with, and not hinder, surrounding *agricultural uses* and comply with the *minimum distance separation formulae*; and
 - c) meet the applicable requirements of the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, the Niagara Escarpment Plan and the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan.

The Town of Caledon shall incorporate in its official plan criteria to be met by these uses. These criteria may be based on guidelines developed by the Province or on municipal approaches that achieve the same objectives.

- 3.3.14 Permit non-agricultural uses in the *Prime Agricultural Area* without the requirement for an amendment to the Regional Official Plan and subject to a local official plan amendment only for:
- a) extraction of *minerals, petroleum resources* and *mineral aggregate resources*, in accordance with Section 3.4; or
 - b) limited non-residential uses, provided that all of the following are demonstrated:
 - i) the proposed use complies with the *minimum distance separation formulae*;
 - ii) there is an identified need within the planning horizon of this Plan for additional land to be designated to accommodate the proposed use; and
 - iii) alternative locations have been evaluated, and

- there are no reasonable alternative locations that avoid *Prime Agricultural Areas*; and
- there are no reasonable alternative locations in *Prime Agricultural Areas* with lower priority agricultural lands.

3.3.15

Require that, where a new or expanding non-agricultural use is proposed in the *Prime Agricultural Area*:

- a) an *agricultural impact assessment* be prepared in accordance with Provincial and municipal guidelines; and
- b) adverse impacts on agricultural operations shall be avoided or, if avoidance is not possible, shall be minimized and mitigated. Where mitigation is required, the mitigation measures should be incorporated as part of the non-agricultural uses, *as appropriate*, within the area being developed.

3.3.16

Direct the Town of Caledon to only permit lot creation and lot adjustments in the *Prime Agricultural Area* for the following uses, and subject to Section 7.4.9 of this Plan:

- a) *agricultural uses*, provided that the lots are of a size appropriate for the type of *agricultural uses* common in the area and are sufficiently large to maintain flexibility for future changes in the type or size of agricultural operations;
- b) *agriculture-related uses*, provided that any new lot will be limited to a minimum size needed to accommodate the use and appropriate *sewage and water services*;
- c) a *residence surplus to a farming operation* as a result of farm consolidation, provided that:
 - i) the new lot will be limited to a minimum size needed to accommodate the use and appropriate *sewage and water services*; and
 - ii) the local municipality ensures that new residential dwellings are prohibited on any remnant parcel of farmland created by the severance. The approach used to ensure that no new residential dwellings are permitted on the remnant parcel may be recommended by the Province, or based on municipal approaches which achieve the same objective; and

- d) infrastructure, where the facility or corridor cannot be accommodated through the use of easements or rights-of-way; and
- e) consents to enable the securement of lands for natural heritage conservation purposes by a public authority or a non-government conservation organization.

- 3.3.17 The creation of new residential lots in the *Prime Agricultural Area* shall not be permitted, except in accordance with policy 3.3.16 c). Lot adjustments in the *Prime Agricultural Area* may be permitted for ***legal or technical reasons***.
- 3.3.18 In the *Prime Agricultural Area*, recognize non-residential uses that are existing uses and permit a single-detached dwelling on an existing lot of record. The retention of existing lots of record in the *Agricultural System* for agricultural uses is encouraged, and the use of these lots for non-agricultural uses is discouraged.
- 3.3.19 In *Prime Agricultural Area*, applications for new mineral aggregate operations will be supported by an *agricultural impact assessment* and, where possible, will seek to maintain or improve connectivity of the *Agricultural System*.
- 3.3.20 Refinements to the agricultural land base comprising *Prime Agricultural Area* and *Rural Lands* designated on Schedule X12 may only occur through a *municipal comprehensive review*.

3.3.21 Supporting Agriculture and the Food System

Objectives

- 3.3.21.1 To support and enhance the diversity, health and productivity of the *Agricultural System* as an important component of Peel's economic base and heritage.
- 3.3.21.2 To work in cooperation with farmers and agricultural organizations, the Town of Caledon, other public agencies and stakeholders to promote and enhance the *Agricultural System*.
- 3.3.21.3 To facilitate and foster access to affordable, healthy and locally grown food for all sectors of the Region's communities.
- 3.3.21.4 To support and encourage *urban agriculture*.

Policies

- 3.3.21.5** Support initiatives to maintain and enhance the economic viability and environmental sustainability of the Agricultural System.
- 3.3.21.6** In collaboration with agricultural sector organizations, the local municipalities and other public agencies support the development of Regional agri-food strategies and other approaches to support and enhance the Agricultural System.
- 3.3.21.7** Encourage and support agricultural sector organizations, the local municipalities and other public agencies to engage and consult with the Peel Agricultural Advisory Working Group respecting major initiatives affecting the Agricultural System.
- 3.3.21.8** Promote new crops and products and methods of agricultural production to supply local markets, support health and protect the environment.
- 3.3.21.9** Support programs of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, and other organizations which encourage and assist farmers in developing and following conservation measures and sustainable farming practices that will protect and enhance the long-term productivity of agricultural lands and the health of the natural environment.
- 3.3.21.10** Support and enhance the Agricultural System through planning for urban and rural growth and development and for infrastructure.

Urban Agriculture and Access to Affordable Locally Grown and Healthy Food

- 3.3.21.11** Support urban agriculture by encouraging the use of vacant and underutilized lands, utility corridors and public lands for the establishment of community gardens where appropriate.
- 3.3.21.12** Encourage the local municipalities to include policies in their official plans to:
- a) permit urban agriculture within the Regional Urban Boundary and within Rural Settlement Areas where appropriate, including on rooftops;
 - b) permit farmers' markets, mobile fresh food markets, and community food centres to increase access to affordable, healthy food and locally grown food where appropriate,

particularly in neighbourhoods where access to fresh foods is limited;

- c) require that local planning initiatives such as secondary plans, district plans, neighbourhood plans and transportation and mobility plans, are designed and developed in a manner that facilitates access to affordable, healthy food and locally grown food within neighbourhoods and in adjacent neighbourhoods.

3.3.21.13 Collaborate with the local municipalities and other stakeholders to develop and implement initiatives:

- a) to improve access to affordable, healthy food and locally grown food; and
- b) to support and foster the development of urban agriculture.

3.3.3.4 Mineral Aggregate Resources

Peel's mineral aggregate resource base consists of unconsolidated sands and gravels as well as accessible sequences of shale, sandstone and dolostone. Most of Peel Region's mineral aggregate production is in the high quality sands and gravels of the Caledon and Credit Valley outwash deposits located in the Town of Caledon. Aggregate extraction and processing in Peel is currently concentrated in the vicinity of Caledon Village.

Mineral aggregate resources have economic benefits for Peel such as reducing the transportation costs of supplying materials for urban *development* in the Region, and attracting value-adding processing facilities that use aggregates and shale as raw materials. Mineral aggregate resources are an important component of the economic development and employment opportunities in the Region and therefore appropriate resource areas should be protected for possible use. Mineral aggregate operations have the potential to significantly and cumulatively impact on Peel's communities, natural environment, cultural heritage and other economic activities. Proper siting, design, management, operation and *rehabilitation* of mineral aggregate operations are essential to minimize these impacts. Consequently, a balance needs to be achieved among all of these considerations in this Plan and in the ~~area municipal official plan~~ local municipal official plan.

The planning responsibility for mineral aggregate resources is shared among the Province, the Region and the area/local municipalities. The provincial interest includes protecting the resource for long term use and ensuring as much of the resource as is realistically possible will be made available to supply resource needs, as close to markets as possible.

The Region's responsibilities are to identify appropriate mineral aggregate resource areas for protection, consistent with other objectives and policies in the Regional Plan; to establish policies, at the Regional level, to protect these resource areas for possible use; to direct the [area-local](#) municipalities to develop comprehensive mineral aggregate policies in their official plans, including policies to allow the resource to be made available for use; and to ensure that Regional interests are incorporated in area municipal planning decisions.

The role of the [area-local](#) municipalities is to establish comprehensive mineral aggregate resource policies in their official plans, having regard to provincial policies and local considerations, in conformity with this Plan and the Niagara Escarpment Plan, where applicable, to: refine the identification of resource areas for protection at the local level; establish policies that allow mineral aggregate resources to be made available for use, *as appropriate*; and guide the designation, use and *rehabilitation* of specific lands, either inside or outside of the areas identified for protection.

The High Potential Mineral Aggregate Resource Areas (HPMARA) are generally identified on Schedule C. The HPMARA shown on Schedule C is not a land use designation. The HPMARA includes the primary and secondary sand and gravel resource areas and bedrock resources located in [the Region](#) that are not constrained by: the Core Areas of the Greenlands System in [Peel](#) as identified in Section [2.3-2.14](#) and on Schedule A; the Escarpment Protection Areas as designated in the Niagara Escarpment Plan; registered plans of subdivision; and the approved [settlement areas](#) as designated in [area-local municipal official plan](#). The HPMARA shall be reflected in [area-local municipal official plan](#), subject to local refinements.

Where lands have been licensed for mineral aggregate extraction, the resource has been depleted to the extent that there is no resource left on the property that can be feasibly recovered, the license has been either surrendered or cancelled and *rehabilitation* of the lands to another land use has been approved through an approved [area-local municipal official plan](#), the lands shall no longer be considered part of the HPMARA.

It is recognized that there are lands within the HPMARA, as shown on Schedule C, which may not be appropriate for protection or extraction because of local environmental, cultural, social and other planning considerations. It is also recognized that there are lands outside the HPMARA that may be appropriate for protection or extraction, having regard for these same local considerations. In neither circumstance, will an amendment to this Plan be required to refine the areas to be protected or to permit extraction. In both cases, the [area-local municipal official plan](#) will be required to identify the local refinements to the areas to be protected. In both cases, a permissive designation and/or policy in the [area-local municipal official plan](#) will be necessary before extraction will be permitted. In all cases, local refinements to the areas to be protected shall respect the intent of this Plan.

3.3.1—Objectives

3.3.1.1

3.4.1

To identify high potential mineral aggregate resource areas, to protect them for possible use and to establish policies that allow as much of the

resource as is realistically possible to be made available for use to supply resource needs, in a manner consistent with this Plan, the Niagara Escarpment Plan, where applicable, and the [area-local municipal official plan](#).

[3.3.1.2](#)

[3.4.2](#)

To recognize [the Region's](#) mineral aggregate resource industry as an important component of [the Region's](#) economic base.

[3.3.1.3](#)

[3.4.3](#)

To achieve a balance between the demand for, and economic benefits of resource extraction activity and the protection of [Peel's](#) communities, natural environment, cultural heritage and other resources.

[3.3.1.4](#)

[3.4.4](#)

To *support* initiatives for the *rehabilitation* of abandoned pits and quarries and to require the progressive *rehabilitation* of operating pits and quarries.

3.3.2 Policies

[It is the policy of Regional Council to:](#)

[3.3.2.1](#)

[3.4.5](#)

Protect the High Potential Mineral Aggregate Resource Areas (HPMARA), as generally identified on Schedule C for possible use. These areas shall be reflected in [area-local municipal official plan](#), and may be refined in those plans, having regard for local environmental, cultural, social and other planning considerations. An amendment to Schedule C to reflect local refinements shall not be required, as long as the local refinements respect the intent of this Plan.

[3.3.2.2](#)

[3.4.6](#)

Permit mineral aggregate extraction sites, inside or outside of the area identified High Potential Mineral Aggregate Resource Areas (HPMARA), only where extraction is permitted in an [area-local municipal official plan](#) and only in conformity with this Plan, the Niagara Escarpment Plan, the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, the Greenbelt Plan and the Provincial Policy Statement where applicable. An amendment to Schedule C will not be required for the establishment or expansion of a mineral aggregate extraction site.

[3.3.2.3](#)

3.4.7

Prohibit new or expanded mineral aggregate extraction sites and *wayside pits and quarries* or any ancillary or accessory uses thereto, in the following areas:

- a) the Core Areas of the Greenlands System;
- b) the Escarpment Protection Area of the Niagara Escarpment Plan;
- c) the Natural Core Areas as designated within the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan Area;
- d) **Key natural heritage features** and **hydrologically sensitive features** and the associated minimum vegetation protection zone, as defined by the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, within the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan Area, except as permitted by the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan; and
- e) *Significant woodlands* within the Greenbelt Natural Heritage System unless the woodland is occupied by *early successional habitat* or *young plantation*. The prohibition within *significant woodlands* within the Greenbelt Natural Heritage System applies only to new mineral aggregate extraction sites and *wayside pits and quarries* and their ancillary or accessory uses.
- f) Approved *settlement areas* as designated in area-local municipal official plans in the Rural System, and registered plans of subdivision, unless permitted by the area-local municipality pursuant to Policy ~~3.3.2.2~~ 3.4.6.

3.3.2.4

3.4.8

Permit *development*, and direct the area-local municipalities to permit *development*, within their respective administrative and geographic jurisdictions, in or adjacent to the HPMARA as refined pursuant to Policy ~~3.3.2.1~~ 3.4.5, that would preclude or hinder the potential establishment of new or expanded mineral aggregate extraction sites or access to the resource only if:

- a) resource use would not be feasible; or
- b) the proposed land uses or *development* serves a greater long term public interest; and
- c) issues of public health, public safety and environmental impact are addressed.

3.3.2.5

3.4.9

Exempt from ~~Policies Section 2.3.2.6~~ 2.14.12, ~~2.3.2.7~~ 2.14.12 and ~~3.3.2.3~~ 3.4.7 any areas designated for mineral aggregate extraction in an ~~area~~ municipal official plan local municipal official plan at the time of the approval of this Plan.

3.3.2.6

3.4.10

Require that all extraction and processing and ancillary or accessory use thereto, be located, designed and operated so as to minimize environmental, community and social impacts.

3.3.2.7

3.4.11

Conduct such studies and address, as it considers appropriate, *jointly* with the area-local municipalities, the cumulative effects of the establishment and expansion of mineral aggregate extraction sites on Peel's communities, natural environment and cultural features.

3.3.2.8

3.4.12

Promote progressive *rehabilitation* of licensed mineral aggregate extraction sites in a manner that conforms with the applicable policies in this Plan, the area-local municipal official plan, the Niagara Escarpment Plan, the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, Greenbelt Plan, Provincial Policy Statement, and the Aggregate Resources Act.

3.3.2.9

3.4.13

Investigate and promote, *jointly* with the area-local municipalities, conservation authorities, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Niagara Escarpment Commission, the aggregate industry and others, opportunities for *rehabilitation* of abandoned extraction areas.

3.3.2.10

3.4.14

Direct the area-local municipalities to include in their official plans comprehensive mineral aggregate resource policies, including:

- a) policies regarding the refinement of the areas identified for protection in this Plan and policies for the protection of the refined areas for possible use;
- b) policies regarding the establishment, prohibition, location, operation, expansion and *rehabilitation* of pits and quarries and associated activities;

- c) policies with criteria to establish a clear and reasonable mechanism to permit official plan amendments to designate new or expanded mineral resource extraction sites to make the resource available for use;
- d) policies requiring applicants for designations for the establishment or expansion of aggregate extraction sites to undertake appropriate studies, including where applicable, the studies necessary to address the requirements contained in this Plan having regard to provincial standards and guidelines;
- e) policies for the purpose of applying Policy [3.3.2.4](#) [3.4.8](#) at the local level, in accordance with the policies of this Plan and the Niagara Escarpment Plan, the Greenbelt Plan and the Provincial Policy Statement, where applicable;
- f) policies to recognize existing licensed mineral aggregate extraction sites and existing extractive designations and protect them from new *development* that would require approval under the Planning Act, if that *development* would preclude or hinder their expansion or continued use or would be incompatible for reasons of public health, public safety or environmental impact;
- g) policies to address aggregate uses in the *Prime Agricultural Area* in accordance with provincial policy;
- h) policies requiring applicants proposing the redesignation of rehabilitated mineral aggregate extraction sites in or abutting designated *Prime Agricultural Areas* to demonstrate that the proposed development will be compatible with the adjacent agricultural area or be designed to minimize and mitigate impacts to adjacent agricultural operations to the greatest extent feasible;
- ~~h) i)~~ i) policies to permit *wayside pits and quarries* portable asphalt plants and portable concrete plants used on *public authority* contracts, without the need for an official plan amendment, rezoning, or development permit under the Planning Act in all areas, except those areas identified in Policy [3.3.2.3](#) [3.4.7](#); those areas of existing *development* or particular environmental sensitivity which have been determined in the ~~area-local~~ municipal official plan to be incompatible with extraction and associated activities or those areas within the Niagara Escarpment Plan the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, the



Greenbelt Plan and the Provincial Policy Statement unless permitted by these Plans;

- h) policies to prohibit the establishment or expansion of commercial peat or organic soil extraction operations.

3.3.2.11

3.4.15

Encourage the ~~area~~ local municipalities to develop by-laws under the Municipal Act to regulate the operation of existing peat extraction pits to ensure the adverse impacts on the natural environment are kept to a minimum.

3.4 — Water Resources

~~Water resources in Peel are comprised of complex interrelated systems such as aquifers, groundwater recharge and discharge areas, rivers, streams, ponds, wetlands and lakes. These systems interact through the hydrological cycle which is a combination of precipitation, runoff, percolation, evaporation and discharge. Groundwater and surface water are important regional resources. Not only do these resources supply drinking water, they also play a vital role in maintaining ecosystem integrity.~~

~~The sustained social, economic and environmental well-being of the region is dependent on the proper protection, management and conservation of Peel's water resources and related natural systems. Water resources are also important for recreation, agriculture and industrial purposes.~~

~~In the Town of Caledon, groundwater aquifers are important as the primary source of private and municipal water supplies. The water supply requirements of the Cities of Brampton and Mississauga are almost entirely met by the South Peel Servicing Scheme with water from Lake Ontario.~~

~~Due to the complex nature of water resources, several sections of the Plan address them, namely Chapters 2, 3 and 7. These chapters collectively achieve the Region's goals and objectives for water resources.~~

~~3.4.1 Objectives~~

~~3.4.1.1 To protect, maintain and enhance the quantity and quality of water resources for the supply of potable water and maintenance of ecosystem integrity in Peel.~~

~~3.4.1.2 To eliminate or minimize negative potential land use impacts on headwater recharge and discharge areas, groundwater aquifers, producing wells, stream base flow, surface water, downstream aquatic systems and related natural systems.~~

~~3.4.1.3 To increase the collective knowledge of water resources in and adjacent to Peel through the study, analysis and monitoring of these resources.~~

~~3.4.1.4 To promote public awareness and education initiatives with respect to the protection and conservation of water resources.~~

~~3.4.2 Policies~~

~~It is the policy of Regional Council to:~~

~~3.4.2.1 Protect, maintain and enhance the quality and quantity of water resources, including surface and groundwater systems, hydrologic functions, and related natural systems, features and areas, including their linkages and related functions, jointly with the area municipalities, conservation authorities and other related agencies.~~

~~3.4.2.2 Initiate, promote and support efforts to further identify, study, analyze and monitor water resources, jointly with the area municipalities, conservation authorities and other related agencies to ensure water quantity and quality meet provincial and regional standards.~~

~~3.4.2.3 Initiate, promote and support, as appropriate, coordinated inter-municipal and inter-agency water resources management efforts, particularly with respect to cross boundary resource issues.~~

~~3.4.2.4 Direct the area municipalities to establish policies and programs to protect, maintain and enhance water resources.~~

~~3.4.2.5 Direct the area municipalities in their official plans to identify and regulate land uses, development and site alterations within and near sensitive groundwater recharge and discharge areas, sensitive surface water features, significant meltwater channels, groundwater dependent areas and the Regional Municipal Wellhead Protection Areas, to protect, maintain and enhance water resources and their hydrologic functions. Wellhead protection areas in the Region of Peel are identified on Figure 13.~~

~~3.4.2.6 Direct the area municipalities to require appropriate hydrological and hydrogeological studies be undertaken, to the satisfaction of the Region, the area municipalities and the conservation authorities, for all planning initiatives that may have an immediate or cumulative impact on water resources and related natural systems. When possible these studies should be integrated with subwatershed plans.~~

- ~~3.4.2.7~~ — ~~Ensure appropriate separation distances from contaminating sources when situating Regional Municipal Wells.~~
- ~~3.4.2.8~~ — ~~Support initiatives of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, other Provincial ministries, farming organizations, area municipalities, conservation authorities and other agencies, which encourage sound agricultural land management and soil conservation practices, and other measures that minimize or eliminate the amount of pesticides, nutrients, silt and other contaminants which have the potential to enter ground and surface water systems of the region.~~
- ~~3.4.2.9~~ — ~~Work jointly with the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, area municipalities, conservation authorities and other relevant agencies to establish coordinated procedures with respect to water taking permits to ensure that water resources in Peel are protected, maintained and where possible enhanced, and that the concerns of the Region and area municipalities are addressed.~~

3.5 3.5 Recreation

Natural features, open spaces and parklands contribute to the overall structure of the Region and can provide opportunities for active and passive recreation, contributing to overall quality of life. Portions of natural features such as the Lake Ontario waterfront, river valleys, conservation areas, Niagara Escarpment Parks and Open Space System, provincial parks, the Greenbelt, portions of the Oak Ridges Moraine and the Bruce Trail can provide regional scale recreational opportunities for people from beyond the boundaries of Peel or a specific area-local municipality.

Ecologically appropriate areas of the natural environment which would serve the passive recreation and open space needs of the residents of Peel are of primary interest to the Region.

3.5.1 Objectives

~~3.5.1.1~~

3.5.1

To support passive recreational opportunities through Regional cooperation and partnerships with agencies having the prime responsibility for recreation facilities; namely, the area-local municipalities, conservation authorities, provincial park agencies including the Niagara Escarpment Commission and the Bruce Trail Association.

~~3.5.1.2~~

3.5.2

To promote a harmonious relationship between humans and the natural environment.

~~3.5.1.3~~3.5.3

To *support* the [area-local](#) municipalities in their efforts to promote tourism opportunities.

3.5.2**Policies**

It is the policy of Regional Council to:

~~3.5.2.1~~3.5.4

Acknowledge and *support, as appropriate*, the role of the [area-local](#) municipalities, conservation authorities, provincial agencies and the Niagara Escarpment Commission, as the primary agencies responsible for coordinating the provision of recreational facilities and *services* (including parkland, open space trails and water-based activities) within Peel.

~~3.5.2.2~~3.5.5

Consider, in partnership with the other agencies, opportunities to provide passive outdoor recreational amenities that serve regional needs, including small-scale structures for recreational uses consistent with the requirements of the Greenbelt Plan and consistent with the development criteria and related policies of the NEP, including Part 3, The Niagara Escarpment Parks and Open Space System, where applicable.

~~3.5.2.3~~3.5.6

Support the Niagara Escarpment Parks and Open Space System within Peel, and recognize the Bruce Trail as an essential component of the *recreation* system of the *Niagara Escarpment*, which is recognized internationally as a World Biosphere Reserve.

~~3.5.2.4~~3.5.7

Support the conservation authorities which own and maintain conservation areas on a region-wide basis.

~~3.5.2.5~~3.5.8

Support initiatives of the Waterfront Regeneration Trust including the Lake Ontario Waterfront Trail connecting Burlington Bay to the Trent River.

~~3.5.2.6~~

3.5.9 Support initiatives to establish trail systems on the *Oak Ridges Moraine* and in the Greenbelt as well as the Culham Trail, Cataract/Elora Trail, the Caledon Rail Trail, Credit Valley Trail, equestrian trails and other trails in the Region.

3.6 3.6 Cultural Heritage

Peel has a rich history of natural and *cultural heritage resources*. Various Indigenous communities have a long history on these lands with a deep understanding that nature, culture and knowledge are connected to the land and its resources, which continue to sustain people, culture and the economy for future generations.

Extensive urbanization over the last several decades has resulted in the loss of archaeological and other cultural heritage resources. Considering this, the Region will aim to ensure that *cultural heritage resources* are conserved and promoted where possible to support the social, economic, and cultural well-being of all communities, including Indigenous communities. These valuable resources are fragile, non-renewable and limited, and as such, are imperative to conserve through preservation, rehabilitation, restoration or a combination of these actions. Of significance are *cultural heritage resources* and *archaeological resources* in treaty lands, and the conservation of these resources help ensure Indigenous history, and culture are protected.

While *cultural heritage resources* in the planning context and in the policies of this section are recognized for creating tangible physical heritage value (such as buildings, monuments and objects), it should be noted that Indigenous communities may also recognize living heritage or intangible heritage, understood and described according to their own perspectives and traditions, through language, stories and oral histories, songs, dance, ceremonies, knowledge and practices, and cultural transmission.

The Region of Peel encourages and supports heritage ~~preservation~~, conservation of the *cultural heritage resources* of all peoples whose stories inform the history of Peel and recognizes the significant role of heritage in establishing a shared sense of place, contributing to environmental sustainability and developing the overall quality of life for residents and visitors to Peel. The Region supports the identification, ~~preservation~~ conservation and interpretation of *cultural heritage resources*, including but not limited to the built heritage, cultural heritage features, structures, *archaeological resources*, and *cultural heritage landscapes* in Peel (including properties owned by the Region or properties identified in Regional *infrastructure projects*), according to the criteria and guidelines established by the Province. ~~One of the main purposes of this section of the Plan is to implement provincial policies related to cultural heritage.~~

The Region of Peel owns and operates the ~~Peel Heritage Complex, comprised of the Region of Peel Archives, Museum and Art Gallery~~ Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives (PAMA). The purpose of ~~PAMA the Heritage Complex~~ is to collect, ~~preserve~~ conserve, house, catalogue, research, display, interpret and promote objects of archaeological significance, cultural and artistic heritage, and

encourage arts education. The Region will also encourage the development and operation of heritage facilities under area local municipal jurisdiction and *support* cooperative programming, when appropriate.

~~The natural heritage of Peel is maintained through the establishment, protection and enhancement of the Greenlands System in Peel where natural forms, functions and features predominate (Section 2.3, Chapter 2: The Natural Environment).~~

~~3.6.1~~ Objectives

~~3.6.1.1~~

~~3.6.1~~

~~To identify, preserve and promote cultural heritage resources, including the material, cultural, archaeological and built heritage of the region, for present and future generations. To identify, conserve and promote Peel's non-renewable cultural heritage resources, including but not limited to built heritage resources, cultural heritage landscapes and archaeological resources for the well-being of present and future generations.~~

~~3.6.1.2~~

~~3.6.2~~

~~To promote awareness and appreciation, and encourage public and private stewardship of Peel's heritage built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes, and promote well-designed built form to support a sense of place, help define community character, and contribute to Peel's environmental sustainability goals.~~

~~3.6.1.3~~

~~3.6.3~~

~~To strengthen the relationship between encourage cooperation among the area local municipalities, Indigenous communities and the Region when a matter having inter-municipal cultural heritage significance is involved.~~

~~3.6.1.4~~

~~3.6.4~~

~~To support the heritage policies and programs of the area local municipalities.~~

~~Implementation policies related to cultural heritage are contained in Section 7.6 of this Plan.~~

~~3.6.2~~ Policies

~~It is the policy of Regional Council to:~~

- 3.6.5 Work with local municipalities, stakeholders and Indigenous communities in developing and implementing official plan policies and strategies for the identification, wise use and management of *cultural heritage resources*.
- ~~3.6.2.1~~
- 3.6.6 ~~Direct the area municipalities to include in their official plans policies for the definition, identification, conservation and protection of *cultural heritage resources* in Peel, in cooperation with the Region, the conservation authorities, other agencies and aboriginal groups, and to provide direction for their conservation and preservation, as required. Direct the local municipalities to include in their official plans policies for the identification, conservation and protection of *significant cultural heritage resources*, including *significant built heritage resources* and *significant cultural heritage landscapes* as required in cooperation with the Region, the conservation authorities, other agencies and Indigenous communities, as appropriate.~~
- ~~3.6.2.2~~ *Support the designation of Heritage Conservation Districts in area municipal official plans.*
- ~~3.6.2.3~~
- 3.6.7 ~~Ensure that there is adequate assessment, preservation, interpretation and/or rescue excavation of *cultural heritage resources* in Peel, as prescribed by the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport's archaeological assessment and mitigation guidelines, in cooperation with the area municipalities. Ensure that there is adequate assessment, preservation or mitigation, where necessary or appropriate, of *archaeological resources* in Peel, as prescribed by the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism, and Culture Industries' archaeological assessment standards and guidelines, in cooperation with the local municipalities.~~
- ~~3.6.2.4~~
- 3.6.8 Require and *support* cultural heritage resource impact assessments, where appropriate, for *infrastructure* projects, including Region of Peel projects and ensure that recommended conservation outcomes resulting from the impact assessment are considered.
- 3.6.9 Encourage local municipalities to consult with the Indigenous communities when commemorating *cultural heritage resource* and *archaeological resources*.
- ~~3.6.2.5~~
- 3.6.10 ~~Require~~ Direct the area that local municipalities municipal to require, in their official plans, include that the proponents of *development* proposals affecting ~~heritage resources~~ *cultural heritage resources*

provide ~~for~~ sufficient documentation to meet Provincial requirements, ~~and~~ address *the Region's* objectives with respect to *cultural heritage resources*.

~~3.6.2.8~~

3.6.11

Direct the ~~area~~ local municipalities to only permit *development* and *site alteration* on *adjacent lands* to *protected heritage property* where the proposed property has been evaluated and it has been demonstrated that the *heritage attributes* of the *protected heritage property* will be *conserved*.

~~3.6.2.7~~

3.6.12

Direct the ~~area~~ local municipalities to only permit *development* and *site alteration* on lands containing *archaeological resources* or *areas of archaeological potential* if the *significant archaeological resources* have been *conserved* by removal and documentation, or by preservation on site, consistent with provincial requirements. Where *significant archaeological resources* must be preserved on site, only *development* and *site alteration* which maintain the heritage integrity of the site may be permitted.

~~3.6.2.6~~

3.6.13

~~Encourage and support the area municipalities in preparing, as part of any area municipal official plan, an inventory of cultural heritage resources and provision of guidelines for identification, evaluation and impact mitigation activities. Encourage and support the local municipalities to prepare and maintain a Cultural Heritage Master Plan and an archaeological management plan that provides, but is not limited to, inventory of cultural heritage resources, and guidelines for the identification, evaluation, conservation and direct/indirect impact mitigation activities to consider in decision making on cultural heritage resources and archaeological resources.~~

3.7 3.7 Energy Resources

In recognizing the unsustainable and adverse environmental, economic and social effects of conventional energy production and energy consumption, municipalities have been examining various options and strategies to support complete communities, build a strong Regional economy and conserve a healthy environment. The Region of Peel is a partner with the ~~area~~ local municipalities in efficiently managing our energy resources and creating smart energy solutions to sustain a healthy, prosperous and secure quality of life for the people of Peel Region. Three principles will guide the strategic and policy choices towards achieving these objectives. These are, (i) Conservation: Promoting energy conservation and sustainable development; (ii) Efficiency: Promoting energy

efficient urban and building designs, energy efficient appliances and water-efficient fixtures, and facilitating alternative modes of transportation; and (iii) Diversity: Promoting the use of renewable renewable and alternative energy systems energy systems, smart power grid and providing a diversity of reliable energy sources.

The Region of Peel is a municipal leader in energy efficiency and encourages initiatives by the area local municipalities to promote environmental sustainability through plans, policies by investing in sustainable technologies for energy efficiency and programs to reduce for reducing waste and conserve conserving energy. The Region recognizes the importance of supporting policies aimed at reducing energy consumption and reliance on carbon-based fuels for energy, and in creating and maintaining a safe and healthy appealing living environment that is in harmony with nature.

The policies of this Plan must be viewed within a the sustainability development framework of sustainable development to address Regional needs measures, such as, mitigating and adapting to mitigate and adapt the effects of climate change through greater energy efficiency including, reducing the need to travel reducing the need to travel by single-occupant vehicle, while, and improving access to sustainable modes of transportation transport thus reducing greenhouse gas emissions, providing alternative and renewable energy systems, and improving energy efficiency performance of new and existing buildings.

Peel Region is supportive of the use of advanced energy-efficient technologies that are consistent with high energy efficiency standards, design features and construction practices. The Region supports would support measures by the area local municipalities to develop innovative green spaces such as green roof technology and designs that will reduce the urban heat island effect; and initiatives to redevelop large industrial sites, including brownfield sites to ensure high levels of pollution control, and to create opportunities for energy conservation. Measures that maximize passive heating and cooling in building design and an area such as utilizing existing or planted natural shade canopies to reduce peak energy use are also important considerations in local planning decisions.

3.7.1

Objectives

3.7.1.1

3.7.1

To conserve energy by promoting energy efficient land use and development patterns, efficient transportation, and *alternative and renewable energy systems*.

3.7.1.2

3.7.2

To plan and develop greener, healthier communities by reducing harmful greenhouse gas emissions and improving the air quality in the Region.

3.7.1.3

3.7.3 To develop a culture of conservation that supports energy conservation, reduces emissions from vehicles as well as municipal, residential, commercial and industrial sources and protects air quality.

3.7.4 To plan and protect for long term infrastructure needs such as utilities and electricity transmission *infrastructure*, in advance of future development, and including the *Conceptual Northwest GTA Transmission Corridor*, as shown on Schedule Z1.

~~3.7.2~~ Policies

It is the policy of *Regional Council* to:

Energy Conservation and Efficiency

~~3.7.2.1~~

3.7.5 Support the continued development of Regional and local municipal programs to conserve energy and improve energy efficiency across all sectors. ~~energy demand management initiatives by the area municipalities and other agencies to reduce energy consumption and improve energy efficiency through appropriate land use and development patterns that are transit supportive, site and building designs and promote opportunities for district energy.~~

~~3.7.2.2~~

3.7.6 Support energy conservation and efficiency through land use and development patterns which promote *compact form* and sustainable modes of transportation. ~~Encourage area municipalities to incorporate in their official plans, policies on energy efficient building and landscape design and construction practices, including orienting buildings to maximize the use of solar and wind energy, as well as carrying out building energy audits and retrofits.~~

~~3.7.2.3~~

3.7.7 Support energy conservation and efficiency and low carbon energy alternatives in buildings and planned development through community energy and emissions reduction planning initiatives, the development of *sustainable* site and building design standards and guidelines, and through the development of *alternative and renewable energy systems*, including *district energy systems*. ~~Support policies that promote the creation of innovative green spaces such as green roofs, white roofs, and the use of urban tree canopy to achieve energy efficiencies.~~

~~3.7.2.4~~3.7.8

~~Direct the local municipalities to incorporate policies in their official plans to require *sustainable* site and building design and construction practices, including policies, guidelines and standards that encourage energy performance exceeding the Ontario Building Code, where possible, and that work toward the objective of achieving net-zero carbon buildings. The policies, guidelines and standards should incorporate a range of measures to promote energy conservation and efficiency, the installation of *alternative and renewable energy systems*, water conservation, and orienting buildings and planting vegetation to maximize the use of solar and wind energy. Promote public awareness and education initiatives jointly with the area municipalities and other relevant agencies, on matters related to energy conservation.~~

~~3.7.2.5~~3.7.9

~~Support policies that promote the creation of innovative green spaces such as green roofs, white roofs, and the use of urban tree canopy to mitigate urban heat island effects, improve energy conservation and reduce energy demand. Support policies that promote water conservation measures and stormwater best management practices to ensure energy conservation.~~

3.7.10

~~Support policies that promote water conservation measures and stormwater best management practices to ensure energy conservation.~~

3.7.11

~~Implement energy retrofits in Regional owned facilities and buildings and encourage the local municipalities to retrofit their own facilities and buildings.~~

3.7.12

~~Encourage the increased use of electric, hybrid and alternative fuel vehicles and associated *infrastructure* for Regional operations and the Regional fleet.~~

3.7.13

~~Encourage local municipalities in conjunction with local distribution companies and other agencies, to implement Provincial and other incentive programs that would reward homeowners and businesses for investing in energy efficient technologies, and reducing consumption.~~

3.7.14

~~Promote public awareness and education initiatives *jointly* with the local municipalities and other relevant agencies, on matters related to energy conservation and energy efficiency.~~

Energy Efficiency Programs

It is the policy of *Regional Council* to:

- ~~3.7.2.6 — Support the continued development of Regional and area municipal programs to conserve energy and improve energy efficiency across all sectors.~~
- ~~3.7.2.7 — Develop a program to retrofit Regional-owned facilities and buildings and encourage the area municipalities to retrofit their own facilities and buildings.~~
- ~~3.7.2.8 — Support district energy systems such as cogeneration and geothermal systems, where appropriate, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution.~~
- ~~3.7.2.9 — Encourage the increased use of electric, hybrid and alternative fuel vehicles for Regional operations and the Regional fleet, where the production of such fuels, uses waste biomass and does not consume land that would otherwise be used for growing food, and does not conflict with existing and planned uses.~~
- ~~3.7.2.10 — Encourage area municipalities in conjunction with local distribution companies and other agencies, to implement Provincial and other incentive programs that would reward homeowners and businesses for investing in energy efficient technologies, and reducing consumption. ———~~

Energy Diversity

It is the policy of *Regional Council* to:

- ~~3.7.2.11 — Work jointly with the area municipalities and the Province to investigate the need, feasibility, implications and suitable locations for solar, wind, and bio-energy projects and to promote local clean energy generation, where appropriate and in accordance with the *Green Energy Act*.~~

~~3.7.2.12~~

- 3.7.15 Work jointly with the local municipalities and the Province to investigate the need, feasibility, implications and suitable locations for solar, wind, and bio-energy projects and to promote local low-carbon, renewable and alternative energy generation, where appropriate. Investigate in conjunction with the area municipalities, the need to permit the installation of individual generating systems as accessory structures to reduce on-site consumption of utility supplied power.

~~3.7.2.13~~

- 3.7.16 Work jointly with the local municipalities and partners to explore the opportunities to incorporate solar, wind, and bio-energy projects or alternative energy systems in new development. Promote individual generating systems as accessory structures in appropriate locations, in consultation with area municipalities and the Niagara Escarpment Commission.
- ~~3.7.2.14~~
- 3.7.17 Direct the local municipalities to require all major development proposals to submit alternative and renewable energy systems feasibility studies, where appropriate, including the consideration of solar and geothermal energy installation and district and other low-carbon energy systems. Where such systems have been determined to be feasible, studies should indicate how the alternative and renewable energy solutions will be incorporated into the development. Promote alternative energy generation facilities in the Prime Agricultural Area, as illustrated in Schedule B of the Regional Official Plan, Rural Areas and other suitable areas as determined by the relevant area municipality and the Niagara Escarpment Commission.
- ~~3.7.2.15~~
- 3.7.18 Investigate in conjunction with the local municipalities, the need to permit the installation of individual generating systems as accessory structures to reduce on-site consumption of utility supplied power. Encourage the area municipalities to include criteria in their Official Plans and zoning by-laws for evaluating alternative energy system proposals, including location and land use compatibility.
- 3.7.19 Promote individual generating systems, designed to minimize the disturbance to agricultural soils and operations, as accessory structures in appropriate locations in consultation with local municipalities and the Niagara Escarpment Commission.
- 3.7.20 Promote alternative energy generation facilities in the Prime Agricultural Area and Rural Lands, as designated on Schedule X12 of the Regional Official Plan, and other suitable areas as determined by the relevant local municipality and the Niagara Escarpment Commission. Alternative energy generation facilities should be designed to minimize disturbance to agricultural soils and operations.
- 3.7.21 Encourage the local municipalities to include criteria in their Official Plans and zoning by-laws for evaluating alternative energy system proposals, including location and land use compatibility.

Location of Utility Corridors and Generation Plants

It is the policy of Regional Council to:

~~3.7.2.16 Renewable energy undertakings are exempted from certain Planning Act approvals as per Schedule K of the Green Energy and Green Economy Act, 2009. These undertakings shall be subject to the Green Energy Act and other provincial approvals.~~

~~3.7.2.17~~

3.7.22 Work closely with the area-local municipalities, the Province and other relevant agencies, in planning for the future expansion and location of power supply services and communication systems servicing the Region.

3.7.23 Plan and protect for a future Northwest GTA Transmission Corridor and rights-of-way for electricity generation facilities and transmission systems to meet current and projected needs, and prohibit development in such planned corridors for the purpose(s) for which it was identified or actively being planned, as shown on Schedule Z1.

3.7.24 Recognize that as the Northwest GTA Transmission Corridor Identification Study progresses, provisions for the phased release of lands that are appropriate to the Northwest GTA Transmission Corridor Identification Study process be made, in consultation with the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines.

~~3.7.2.19~~

3.7.25 Encourage the area municipalities, in conjunction with utility, energy providers and the Region, to identify in their official plans, utility corridors for the transmission of energy, communication and the movement of people and goods to meet current and projected needs. For those area-local municipalities that are within the *Parkway Belt West Plan*, identify in their official plans the *Parkway Belt West Plan* infrastructure corridors and their right-of-ways.

Petroleum Resources

~~There are no known mineral or petroleum resource operations in the Region of Peel. Nevertheless, underground petroleum resources may exist.~~

It is the policy of Regional Council to:

~~3.7.2.20~~

3.7.26 Protect petroleum resource operations, these should any known mineral or petroleum resource operations be identified in Peel in the

future, by prohibiting development and activities which would preclude or hinder access to the resource.

3.7.27

In areas adjacent to or in known petroleum resources, and in significant areas of petroleum potential, prohibit development and activities which would preclude or hinder access to the resources unless:

- a) resource use would not be feasible; or
- b) the proposed land use or development serves a greater long-term public interest; and
- c) issues of public health, public safety and environmental impacts are addressed.

~~3.7.2.21~~

3.7.28

Work jointly with the ~~area~~ local municipalities and the Province to review and develop further policies related to petroleum resources consistent with provincial policy, including consultations with the public. The further review and development of policies related to petroleum resources will be undertaken when information or studies have identified significant areas of petroleum potential, petroleum resources, and petroleum resource operations in Peel.

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Chapter 4: Regional Growth Management Forecasts

4.1 Introduction Purpose

4.1.1 Purpose

The population and employment forecasts, contained in this chapter of the Plan in Table 3, provide a framework ~~for~~ to guide future growth in Peel. The forecasts serve as the basis for determining Regional services and establishing land requirements to accommodate growth to the year ~~2031-2051~~. In addition, the forecasts will assist the Region, other levels of government and the private sector when making growth related investment decisions.

Figure ~~Z1-4 in the Appendix provides an indication of the~~ illustrates past and forecasted growth in population, employment and activity rates (the ratio of employment/population expressed as a percentage) for the period 1971-~~2006-2051~~ in Peel by area-local municipality. The Population, Household, and Employment forecasts for the years ~~2021-2041~~ and ~~2031-2051~~ are shown in Table 3. These forecasts provide an indication of how population, household and employment growth are expected to proceed by area-local municipality. ~~The~~ Regional forecasts are also consistent with Schedule 3 of the Growth Plan forecasts.

~~The population, household and employment forecasts shown in Table 3 were developed in close collaboration with the area municipalities. Area municipal forecasts were used as the basis for the Regional forecasts reflected in Table 3. Adjustments were made to the area municipal forecasts in order to meet Schedule 3 of the Growth Plan. During the planning horizon of the Growth Plan various factors such as market trends and planning initiatives will influence the Region's ability to meet the intensification and greenfield density targets and these influences will change over time. The population, household and employment forecasts shown in Table 3 were developed through an approach to the allocation of growth within the Region that is based on the following principles:~~

- an integration of land use planning, infrastructure planning and infrastructure investment
- collaboration between the Region, the local municipalities, the development industry, and input from the public and other stakeholders
- mitigation of risks associated with managing growth in Peel
- Manage Growth Term of Council Priority

To achieve the forecasts, new communities will be accommodated through settlement area boundary expansion and the development of existing and new Strategic Growth Areas. These new communities will require a variety of services to ensure complete communities are developed. The phasing policies

of this Plan and co-ordination with agencies will be required to support orderly development and the effective delivery of services.

During the 2051 planning horizon, various factors such as market trends and planning initiatives will influence the Region's ability to meet the forecasts in Table 3 as well as the minimum intensification and density targets in this Plan, and these influences will change over time.

This chapter of the Plan also recognizes that the population, household and employment forecasts and related provincial policy directions need to be monitored, reviewed and evaluated at least every five years, based on the most recent Schedule 3 of the Growth Plan and changing updated provincial policy framework.

4.1.24.2 Goal

To ensure that future growth of population, household and employment in Peel is anticipated and planned for, and that existing and future finances and services to accommodate this growth are provided in an effective and efficient manner.

4.24.3 Population and Employment Forecasts

4.2.1 Objectives

4.2.1.1

4.3.1

To provide a planning framework for the future growth in Peel Region within the context of the Greater Toronto Area and Hamilton Area (GTAH).

4.2.1.2

4.3.2

To encourage population, household and employment growth based on the objectives and policies outlined in this Plan.

4.2.1.3

4.3.3

~~To achieve sustainable levels of industrial/commercial to total assessment ratios along with other fiscal objectives as outlined in Chapter 7 of this Plan. To achieve balanced growth that supports a healthy activity rate and the fiscal objectives as outlined in Chapter 7 of this Plan.~~

4.2.1.4

4.3.4

To facilitate the effective and efficient delivery and financing of existing and future Regional services, including social and hard infrastructure services.

~~4.2.1.5~~

4.3.5

To guide the preparation of Regional capital and operating budgets and budget forecasts so that Regional *services* can be provided to new growth in a manner which maintains average mill rate and utility rate increases at or below the average annual rate of inflation.

~~4.2.1.6~~

4.3.6

To plan for the accommodation of new growth in a manner which maximizes the amount of personal discretionary time and increases the overall quality of life for Peel's residents and workers.

~~4.2.1.7~~

4.3.7

To provide the basis for the periodic review of *the Region's* Development Charges By-law and costs related to growth.

4.2.2—Policies

~~It is the policy of Regional Council to:~~

~~4.2.2.1~~

4.3.8

Use the population, household and employment forecasts shown in Table 3 as the basis for this Plan.

~~4.2.2.2~~

4.3.9

Require an amendment to this Plan initiated by the Region for changes to the population, household and employment forecasts shown in Table 3.

~~4.2.2.3~~

4.3.10

Use, in cooperation with the area local municipalities, the population, household and employment forecasts shown in Table 3 for determining Regional *services* and establishing requirements to accommodate growth to the year ~~2031~~2051. Forecasts beyond the ~~2053~~2051 planning horizon may be used for long-term *infrastructure* planning, as well as and community planning within the urban boundary, undertaken by *the Region* and/or Area local municipalities, as long as ~~they maintain there is~~ consistency with the objectives and intent of the provincial Growth Plan and the Regional Official Plan.

4.3.11

Forecasts beyond the 2051 planning horizon may be used when planning for Strategic Growth Areas within the Delineated Built-up Area that are delineated on Schedule Z2 of the Regional Official Plan, provided that:

- a) integrated planning for infrastructure and public service facilities would ensure that the development does not exceed existing or planned capacities;
- b) the type and scale of built form for the development would be contextually appropriate;
- c) the development would support the achievement of complete communities, including a diverse mix of land uses, a full range of housing, office employment, transportation options, and sufficient open space; and
- d) the development would not require the conversion of viable employment lands within an Employment Area.

4.2.2.4

4.3.12

Direct the ~~area~~ local municipalities to incorporate the population and employment forecasts shown in Table 3 into their official plans.

4.3.13

The population and employment forecasts will be utilized to support the review of development applications where infrastructure upgrades and capital investments are required.

4.3.14

Monitor, in cooperation with the local municipalities the supply of land to ensure that there is sufficient capacity to accommodate the population and employment forecasts shown in Table 3 within the horizon of the Plan.

4.2.2.5

4.3.15

Use the population and employment forecasts shown in Table 3 for determining land and housing requirements to accommodate future growth.

4.2.2.6

4.3.16

Review the Table 3 forecasts *jointly* with the Province and the ~~area~~-local municipalities at least every five years. Update the Table 3 forecasts and municipal allocations *jointly* through a municipal comprehensive review with the ~~area~~-local municipalities when the Province amends the Regional forecasts.

4.2.2.7

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Chapter 5: Regional Structure

Introduction 5.1 Purpose

5.1.1 Purpose

Peel Region is part of the larger economic region of the *Greater Toronto Area and Hamilton (GTHA)* and the Greater Golden Horseshoe, and in this context, the Regional Structure chapter of the Plan describes Peel's role within the *GTHA* and its relationship to the surrounding municipalities. This chapter also provides strategic guidance on means to improve the overall quality of life for Peel's residents and workers.

This chapter of the Plan contains broad planning goals, objectives and policies that are designed to support the development of complete communities and respond to the pressures of growth in the context of provincial policy requirements, a rapidly changing global economy, ongoing government financial restraint and potential effects on the natural environment, resources, residents, workers and communities in Peel.

This chapter also includes many of the growth management policy directions and policies of the Provincial Policy Statement and ~~the~~ Places to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe ~~(2006)~~ (Growth Plan) that are required to be implemented.

The Region supports the development of land use patterns that protects natural heritage, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, supports transit and considers the impacts of a changing climate aligned with provincial policies.

Various elements and systems make up the Regional Structure in Peel Region. The Greenlands System and Peel's renewable and non-renewable resources, which make up part of Peel's Regional Structure, are described in the preceding chapters of this Plan. The elements and systems that make up the balance of Peel's Regional Structure are described in this chapter. This chapter recognizes the importance of Peel's Regional Structure elements and its relationship to the structural elements in the surrounding regions. It also distinguishes and recognizes the duality that exists between the urban and the rural systems in Peel.

5.1.5.2 Goal

To provide a diversity of complete *healthy* complete *communities* for those living and working in Peel Region, offering a wide range and mix of housing, employment, and recreational and cultural activities. These communities will be served and connected by a multi-modal transportation system and provide an efficient use of land, public *services*, finances and *infrastructure*, while respecting the natural environment, hazards and resources, and the characteristics of existing communities in Peel.

~~5.1.~~ 5.3 General Policies

It is the policy of *Regional Council* to:

5.3.1 Direct the majority of new population and employment growth to the Urban System with a focus on *Strategic Growth Areas* and other areas that leverage existing and planned *infrastructure* investments.

5.3.2 Limit the amount of population and employment growth directed to areas that are:

a) a part of the Rural System;

b) not serviced by existing or planned municipal water and wastewater systems; and

c) within the Greenbelt Area

~~5.1.3.1~~ Direct the majority of new population and employment growth to the Urban System with a focus on strategic growth areas and other areas that leverage existing and planned infrastructure investments.

~~5.1.3.2~~

5.3.3

Plan for major facilities (such as transportation and *infrastructure* corridors, airports, sewage treatment facilities, *waste* management system and industrial and aggregate activities) and sensitive land uses to be appropriately designed, buffered and/or separated from each other to prevent adverse effects from odour, noise and other contaminants.

~~5.1.3.3~~

5.3.4

Permit *development* on abutting or adjacent to lands affected by human-made hazards only if **rehabilitation** measures to address and mitigate known or suspected hazards are underway or have been completed.

~~5.1.3.4~~

5.3.5

Require proponents of *development* to ensure that *contaminated sites* will be cleaned up as necessary prior to any activity on the site associated with the proposed use such that there will be no adverse effect, in accordance with provincial standards and/or guidelines.

5.55.4 Growth Management

The Growth Plan recognizes the diversity of land resources in the Greater Golden Horseshoe (GGH) and the *GTHA* in particular. One of the guiding principles of the Growth Plan, that should assist in the decision-making process of land *development*, resource management and investment, is to “build compact, vibrant and complete communities”. The Growth Plan encourages planning for *development* of complete communities and a balance of jobs and housing. Growth management policies of this Plan contribute to the achievement of complete communities within [Peel](#).

To ensure that growth management objectives are achieved while achieving the *sustainability* objectives, this Plan identifies specific growth management policy areas such as [Urban Growth Centres](#), [Major Transit Station Areas](#), [Delineated Built-up Areas](#), [Employment Areas](#), and [Designated Greenfield Areas](#). The Plan also recognizes the agricultural and rural area as well as the Greenbelt Plan area. Each of these areas has a specific role in managing growth. Schedule [D4Z1, Z2, Y7, Y6, Z3](#) shows these areas within [Peel Region](#).

5.5.1 General Objectives

~~5.5.1.1~~

5.4.1

To optimize the use of the existing land supply of *the Region* by directing a significant portion of growth to the [Delineated Built-up Areas](#) through *intensification*, particularly [Strategic Growth Areas such as](#) the [Urban Growth Centres](#), intensification corridors and [Major Transit service Station Areas](#).

~~5.5.1.2~~

5.4.2

To establish [minimum intensification](#), [employment density](#), and [greenfield density targets](#).

~~5.5.1.3~~

5.4.3

To manage growth based on the growth forecasts and *intensification* targets, [employment density targets](#) and [greenfield density targets](#) of this Plan.

~~5.5.1.4~~

5.4.4

To achieve the *intensification* targets while providing for sufficient greenfield growth to satisfy the land need to accommodate the population and employment forecasts in this Plan.

5.4.5

[To coordinate *infrastructure* planning and land use planning to achieve the objectives of this Plan.](#)

~~5.5.1.5~~

5.4.6

To optimize the use of the existing and planned *infrastructure* and *services*.

5.5.1.6

5.4.7

To support planning for complete communities in [Peel](#) that are compact, well-designed, transit-oriented, offer transportation choices, include a diverse mix of land uses, accommodate people at all stages of life and have an appropriate mix of housing, a good range of jobs, high quality open space, and easy access to retail and *services* to meet daily needs.

5.5.1.7

5.4.8

To protect and promote human health.

5.5.2—General Policies

It is the policy of [Regional Council](#) to:

5.5.2.1

5.4.9

Direct the [area-local](#) municipalities to incorporate official plan policies to develop complete communities that are compact, well-designed, transit-oriented, offer transportation choices, include a diverse mix of land uses, accommodate people at all stages of life and have an appropriate mix of housing, a good range of jobs, high quality public open space and easy access to retail and *services*.

5.5.2.2

5.4.10

Direct a significant portion of new growth to the [Delineated Built-up Areas](#) of the community through *intensification*.

5.5.2.3

5.4.11

Develop compact, transit-supportive communities in [Designated Greenfield Areas](#).

5.5.2.4

5.4.12

Prohibit the establishment of new [settlement areas](#) outside of a [municipal comprehensive review](#).

5.4.13

A settlement area boundary expansion may only occur through a [municipal comprehensive review](#) where it is demonstrated that:

- a) based on the minimum intensification and density targets in this Plan and a [land needs assessment](#) undertaken by the Region of Peel, sufficient opportunities to accommodate forecasted growth to the horizon of this Plan is not available through intensification and in the [Designated Greenfield Area](#) with the Region of Peel and applicable lower-tier municipality;

- b) the proposed expansion will make available sufficient lands not exceeding the horizon of this Plan based on the analysis provided in the *land needs assessment*, while minimizing land consumption; and
- c) the timing of the proposed expansion and the phasing of development within the *Designated Greenfield Area* will not adversely affect the achievement of the minimum intensification and density targets in this Plan, as well as the other policies of this Plan.

5.4.14 Coordinate growth-related *infrastructure* in Peel with long-term broadband communication Public Sector Network improvements.

5.4.15 Employ a comprehensive, integrated approach to land use planning, *infrastructure* planning and infrastructure investment to achieve the objectives of this Plan.

5.4.16 Ensure that planning for the development, optimization, or expansion of *infrastructure*, including *infrastructure* corridors and supporting facilities will, where applicable:

- a) demonstrate through an *agricultural impact assessment* or equivalent analysis as part of an environmental assessment, that *negative impacts* on the *Agricultural System* have been avoided or, if avoidance is not possible, minimized and to the extent feasible mitigated; and
- b) demonstrate through an environmental impact study or equivalent analysis as part of an environmental assessment, that *negative impacts* on the *Greenlands System* and the *Water Resource System* have been avoided or, if avoidance is not possible, minimized and to the extent feasibly mitigated.

5.5.3-5.4.17 Intensification

The Growth Plan sets out requirements for ensuring that *intensification* occurs in the GGH. In accordance with the Growth Plan, this Plan directs a significant portion of new growth to built-up areas, and promotes *compact urban form, intensification* and *redevelopment*. ~~The~~ Forms of *intensification* include *redevelopment* (including the reuse of brownfield sites), the *development* of underutilized lots within previously developed areas, *infill development* and the expansion or conversion of existing buildings. All of these types of *development* can occur within areas already equipped with *infrastructure* and *services*. ~~For the purpose of measuring~~

To measure *intensification*, the Growth Plan requires that ~~by the year 2015 and for each year thereafter,~~ a minimum of ~~40~~ 50 per cent of all residential *development* occurring annually within the Region will be within the *Delineated Built-up Area*.

To support the achievement of the minimum *intensification* targets, the Growth Plan requires identifying *Strategic Growth Areas* as key focus for *intensification* development. This Plan recognizes the importance and advantages of *intensification* in Peel and implements the *intensification* policies of the Growth Plan.

5.5.3.1 Objectives

5.5.3.1.1

5.4.17.1

To achieve compact and efficient urban forms.

5.5.3.1.2

5.4.17.2

To optimize the use of existing *infrastructure* and *services*.

5.5.3.1.3

5.4.17.3

To revitalize and/or enhance developed areas.

5.5.3.1.4

5.4.17.4

To intensify *development* on underutilized lands.

5.5.3.1.5

5.4.17.5

To reduce dependence on the automobile through the development of mixed-use, transit-supportive, pedestrian-friendly urban environments.

5.5.3.1.6

5.4.17.6

To optimize all *intensification* opportunities across the Region and maximize *development* within *Strategic Growth Areas*.

5.5.3.1.7

5.4.17.7

To intensify *Employment Areas* to optimize lands for future growth.

5.5.3.1.8

5.4.17.8

To achieve a diverse and compatible mix of land uses including residential and employment uses to support vibrant neighbourhoods.

5.5.3.2 Policies

~~5.4.9.8.1 It is the policy of Regional Council to:~~

5.5.3.2.1

5.4.17.9

Identify the *Delineated Built-up Area*, *Strategic Growth Areas*, and the *Designated Greenfield Areas*, in accordance with provincial criteria, on Schedule ~~D4~~ Z3 and Z2.

5.5.3.2.2

5.4.17.10

Facilitate and promote *intensification*.

5.5.3.2.3

5.4.17.11

Accommodate *intensification* within Urban Growth Centres, intensification corridors, nodes and Major Transit Station Areas and any other appropriate areas within the built-up area.

5.5.3.2.4

5.4.17.12

Require that ~~by 2015 and for each year until 2025 between 2021 and 2051~~, a minimum of ~~40~~ 55 per cent of the *Region's* residential *development* occurring annually to be located within the *Delineated Built Boundary* ~~built-up area~~.

5.5.3.2.5

5.4.17.13

~~Require that by 2026 and for each year thereafter, a minimum of 50 per cent of the Region's residential development occurring annually will be within the built-up area.~~

To ~~2031-2051~~, the minimum amount of residential *development* ~~allocated~~ within the *Delineated Built Boundary of the local municipalities* ~~built-up area~~ shall be as follows:

City of Brampton: ~~26,500 units~~ a minimum of 50 per cent;
Town of Caledon: ~~1,500 units~~ a minimum of 5 per cent; and
City of Mississauga: ~~52,000 units~~ minimum of 96 per cent.

5.5.3.2.6

5.4.17.14

Monitor, in cooperation with the ~~area-local~~ municipalities, growth within the *Delineated Built Boundary* ~~built-up area~~ on an annual basis to ensure that the *intensification* targets established in this Plan are achieved.

5.5.3.2.7

5.4.17.15

Require the ~~area-local~~ municipalities to develop *intensification* strategies that demonstrate how the minimum *intensification* target prescribed in Section 5.4.17.13 will be achieved within the *Delineated Built Boundary*, ~~among other things, identify~~

~~intensification areas such as urban growth centres, intensification corridors, urban nodes, major transit station areas and other intensification areas to support a mix of residential, employment, office, institutional and commercial development where appropriate, and to ensure development of a viable transit system.~~

~~5.5.3.2.8~~

~~5.4.17.16~~

Require the area-local municipalities to ~~identify~~ delineate and establish minimum density targets for intensification Strategic Growth Areas which ~~may~~ include Urban Growth Centres, intensification corridors, nodes/centres and Major Transit Station Areas.

~~5.5.3.2.9~~

~~5.4.17.17~~

Direct the area-local municipalities to identify in their official plans the appropriate type and scale of *development* in intensification Strategic Growth Areas.

~~5.5.3.2.10~~

~~5.4.17.18~~

Encourage the area-local municipalities to establish official plan policies that promote the *redevelopment* and reuse of brownfield sites.

~~5.5.3.2.11~~

~~5.4.17.19~~

Require the area-local municipalities to show the ~~built boundary~~ Delineated Built-up Area and the Designated Greenfield Areas in their official plans.

~~5.5.3.2.12~~

~~5.4.17.20~~

Direct the area-local municipalities when planning for *intensification* to ensure that development and site alteration within special policy areas be in accordance with policy ~~2.4.5.2.7~~ 2.16.11.7.

5.5.4-5.4.18 Greenfield Density

Part of Peel's growth will occur through greenfield *development*, known as the Designated Greenfield Area. The policy direction of the Growth Plan includes Designated Greenfield Area development that contributes to "complete communities" to support *sustainable transportation* and provide public open space that supports these activities. The designated greenfield area communities must also provide for a diversity of land uses as well as efficiently use available lands and *infrastructure*. In order to achieve complete communities, the Growth Plan imposes a minimum density target that is not less than 50 residents and jobs combined

per hectare on greenfield *development*. This measure is established to contribute to the creation of more compact, efficient and complete communities. ~~This Plan adopts this approach including the density target to development of greenfield within Peel. The designated greenfield area development~~ in the Region will be in conformity with the Growth Plan. Conformity with the Growth Plan will be determined by the Region as an overall calculation of the future *development* of all greenfield areas across the Region, and will be monitored regularly.

5.5.4.1 Objectives

5.5.4.1.1

5.4.18.1

To plan and designate greenfields to contribute to complete communities.

5.5.4.1.2

5.4.18.2

To achieve compact urban forms within the *Designated Greenfield Area* that support walking, cycling and the early integration and sustained viability of transit services.

5.5.4.1.3

5.4.18.3

To achieve a compatible and diverse mix of land uses to support vibrant neighbourhoods.

5.5.4.1.4

5.4.18.4

To optimize the use of *Designated Greenfield Area*.

5.5.4.1.5

5.4.18.5

To enhance the natural environment and resources.

5.5.4.1.6

5.4.18.6

To manage greenfield growth to support Peel's economy.

5.5.4.2 Policies

It is the policy of *Regional Council* to:

5.5.4.2.1

5.4.18.7

Plan to achieve a minimum *greenfield density target* of ~~50-65~~ people residents and jobs combined per hectare by ~~2031-2051~~, to be measured over Peel's *Designated Greenfield Area* excluding ~~the following: major environmental features as defined by the Growth Plan.~~

- a) *natural heritage features and areas, natural heritage systems and flood plains, provided development is prohibited in these areas;*
- b) rights-of-way for:
- i. electricity transmission line;
 - ii. energy transmission pipelines;
 - iii. Freeways, as defined by and mapped as part of the Ontario Road Network; and
 - iv. railways.
- c) Employment Areas (as shown on Schedule Y6); and
- d) cemeteries.

5.5.4.2.2

5.4.18.8

Development within the *Designated Greenfield Areas* shall be designed to meet or exceed the following minimum densities:

City of Mississauga: ~~79-87~~ residents and jobs combined per hectare ~~(applicable to existing designated greenfield area as shown on Schedule D4;~~
~~Should additional designated greenfield areas be added to Mississauga, the combined density for all designated greenfield areas in Mississauga shall be revised;~~

City of Brampton: ~~51-71~~ residents and jobs combined per hectare; and

Town of Caledon: ~~42-65~~ residents and jobs combined per hectare.

5.5.4.2.3

5.4.18.9

Not support the expansion of the ~~2031-Regional~~ Urban Boundary ~~or the Rural Service Centres~~ or any other *settlement areas* unless a *municipal comprehensive review* as set out in Section 7.9.2.12 5.5.7 demonstrates the ability to meet the density and *intensification* targets established in this Plan.

5.5.4.2.4

5.4.18.10

Direct the ~~area-local~~ municipalities to include policies in their official plans regarding the identification of urban nodes and corridors of higher density *development* within the *Designated Greenfield Area*.

~~5.5.4.2.5~~ — Encourage the ~~area~~ municipalities to require *development* around major transit station areas within the designated greenfield area to achieve a minimum density of 100 residents and jobs combined per hectare.

~~5.5.4.2.6~~

5.4.18.11

Direct the ~~area~~-local municipalities to incorporate official plan policies to plan for complete communities within *Designated Greenfield Areas* that create high quality public open spaces with site design and urban design standards that support opportunities for transit, walking and cycling.

~~5.5.4.2.7~~

5.4.18.12

Municipalities will direct where *development* in *Designated Greenfield Areas* will occur in order to achieve the goals, objectives and targets of this Plan.

5.2 5.5 The 2031 Regional Urban Boundary

In order to provide certainty as to which lands are being proposed for urban purposes and which lands will remain agricultural or rural within the timeframe of this Plan, a Regional Urban Boundary is to be established that will accommodate urban growth to the year 2031-2051.

The 2031 Regional Urban Boundary indicates where urban growth is planned to occur in a phased manner over the longer term, subject to the financial capabilities of the Region, ~~area~~-local municipalities, Province and other government agencies. *Development* and *redevelopment* within ~~this 2031~~-the Regional Urban Boundary will take place in a timely, orderly and sequential manner, making the most efficient use of available *services*, and prolonging existing *agricultural uses*.

Lands within the 2031 Regional Urban Boundary are identified in this section of the Plan as "the Urban System", and lands outside of the 2031 Regional Urban Boundary as "the Rural System" and are to be appropriately designated on Schedule DZ1.

5.2.1 Objectives

~~5.2.1.1~~

5.5.1

To provide for an appropriate amount of land to accommodate urban growth to 2031-2051.

~~5.2.1.2~~

5.5.2

To maintain a firm Regional Urban Boundary to provide long term certainty to the development industry, the agricultural industry and Peel residents.

5.2.1.35.5.3

To phase urban *development* within the 2031 Regional Urban Boundary to ensure *development* occurs in a well planned and cost-effective manner and contributes to achieving the goals, objectives and targets of this Plan.

5.2.1.45.5.4

To maintain and enhance the Rural System outside of the 2031-2051 Regional Urban Boundary.

5.2.2 Policies

It is the policy of *Regional Council* to:

5.5.5 Direct the local municipalities to delineate the Regional Urban Boundary in their municipal official plans in accordance with Schedule Z1 of this Plan.

5.2.2.15.5.6

Direct the area-local municipalities, in cooperation with the Region, to prepare growth management and phasing strategies for Designated Greenfield Areas and Strategic Growth Areas lands within the 2031 Regional Urban Boundary. These growth management and phasing strategies will address and incorporate issues such as the improvement of live-work relationships, appropriate levels of industrial-commercial to total assessment ratio-unit mix and housing targets, a range of employment types, the timing and efficient provision and financing of necessary Regional and area-local municipal *services*, fiscal impacts to the Region and the area-local municipalities, staged build-out and logical extensions to *development*, priority areas for *development*, the policies and targets of this Plan, prolonging *agricultural uses*, and the *sustainable* rate of employment growth related to population growth.

5.2.2.2 Require an amendment to this Plan for changes to the 2031 Regional Urban Boundary, as shown on Schedule D, except for minor adjustments as specified in Section 7.2 of this Plan.

5.2.2.35.5.7

Where the need for an expansion to settlement areas such as the Regional Urban Boundary and Rural Settlement Areas is demonstrated in accordance with Policy 5.4.13, the feasibility of the proposed expansion will be determined and the most appropriate location for the proposed expansion will be identified based on the comprehensive

~~application of all of the policies of the Growth Plan and this Plan, including the following: An expansion to the 2031 Regional Urban Boundary will only be undertaken by the Region once a *municipal comprehensive review* has been completed, as identified in Section 7.9 of this Plan.~~

~~7.10.2.12 — Consider an expansion to the 2031 Urban Boundary, 2021 or 2031 Rural Service Centre boundary only through a Regional Official Plan Amendment which is based on *municipal comprehensive review* which demonstrates the following:~~

- ~~a) that the proposed expansion is based on the population, household and employment growth forecasts contained in Table 3;~~
- ~~b) that sufficient opportunities, as determined by the Region, are not available in the area municipality to accommodate forecasted growth for the area municipality contained in Table 3, through *intensification* and in designated greenfield areas;~~
- ~~c) the timing of the expansion and the phasing of *development* within designated greenfield area will not adversely affect the achievement of the intensification and density targets of this Plan;~~
- ~~d) that the proposed expansion makes available sufficient lands for a time horizon not exceeding 2031;~~
- ~~e) conformity with the Regional Official Plan;~~
- ~~f) environmental and resource protection and enhancement or equivalent including the identification of a natural heritage system, in accordance with the policies of this Plan;~~
- ~~g) that there are no reasonable alternative locations which avoid the *Prime Agricultural Area*;~~
- ~~h) Impacts of a proposed *settlement areas* boundary expansion on agricultural operations which are adjacent or close to the *settlement areas*, and if impacts are identified, the analysis is to identify mitigation of the impacts to the greatest extent feasible;~~
- ~~i) within the *Prime Agricultural Area* there are no reasonable alternative locations on lower priority agricultural lands;~~

- ~~j) impacts from expanding *settlement areas* on agricultural operations are mitigated to the greatest extent feasible;~~
- ~~k) compliance with the *minimum distance separation formulae*;~~
- a) there is sufficient capacity in existing or planned *infrastructure* and *public service facilities*;
- b) the *infrastructure* and *public service facilities* needed would be financially viable over the full life cycle of these assets;
- c) the proposed expansion would be informed by applicable water and wastewater master plans or equivalent and stormwater master plans or equivalent, as appropriate;
- d) demonstrate how environmental and resource protection and enhancement informed by applicable *watershed planning* or equivalent will be achieved, including the identification of *a natural heritage system*, in accordance with the policies of this Plan;
- e) the proposed expansion, including the associated water, wastewater and stormwater servicing, would be planned and demonstrated to avoid, or if avoidance is not possible, minimize and mitigate any potential *negative impacts* on watershed conditions and the Water Resource System, including the quality and quantity of water;
- f) *Key hydrologic areas* and the *Natural Heritage System for the Growth Plan* should be avoided where possible;
- g) *Prime Agricultural Areas* should be avoided where possible. To support the *Agricultural System*, alternative locations across the Region will be evaluated, prioritized and determined based on avoiding, minimizing, and mitigating the impact on the *Agricultural System* and in accordance with the following:
 - i) expansion into speciality crop areas is prohibited;
 - ii) reasonable alternatives that avoid *Prime Agricultural Areas* are evaluated; and
 - iii) where *Prime Agricultural Areas* cannot be avoided, lower priority agricultural lands are used;
- h) the area to be expanded is in compliance with the *minimum distance separation formulae*;

- i) any adverse impacts on the *agri-food network*, including agricultural operations, from expanding *settlement areas* would be avoided, or if avoidance is not possible, minimized and mitigated as determined through an *agricultural impact assessment*;
- j) the proposed expansion would meet any applicable requirements of the Greenbelt, Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation, Niagara Escarpment, and Lake Simcoe Protection Plans and any applicable source protection plan;
- k) within the Protected Countryside in the Greenbelt Area:
 - i. the *settlement area* to be expanded is identified in the Greenbelt Plan as a Town/Village;
 - ii. the proposed expansion would be modest in size, representing no more than a 5 per cent increase in the geographic size of the *settlement area* based on the *settlement area* boundary delineated in the applicable official plan as of July 1, 2017, up to a maximum size of 10 hectares, and residential development would not be permitted on more than 50 per cent of the lands that would be added to the *settlement area*;
 - iii. the proposed expansion would support the achievement of complete communities or the local agricultural economy;
 - iv. the proposed uses cannot be reasonably accommodated within the existing *settlement area* boundary;
 - v. the proposed expansion would be serviced by existing municipal water and wastewater systems without impacting future *intensification* opportunities in the existing *settlement area*; and
 - vi. expansion into the Natural Heritage System that has been identified in the Greenbelt Plan is prohibited;
- l) a fiscal impact analysis;
- m) the ability to provide the necessary Regional *infrastructure* and *services*, including Regional and local transportation *infrastructure*, water and wastewater servicing, in a financially and environmentally *sustainable* manner;
- n) the *sustainable development* imperatives in Section ~~1.3.5~~1.6 have been addressed;

- o) other relevant Regional interests as may be confirmed through pre-consultation;
- p) proposed expansion will meet the requirements of the Greenbelt Plan, Niagara Escarpment Plan, Lake Simcoe Protection Plan and the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan; and
- q) in determining the most appropriate location for expansions to the boundaries of *settlement areas* the policies of Sections 2 and 3 of the *Provincial Policy Statement, 2005* are applied.

5.5.8 Notwithstanding Policy 5.4.13, the Region may adjust *settlement areas* including the Regional Urban Boundary through a Regional Official Plan Amendment, outside of a *municipal comprehensive review*, provided:

- a) there would be no net increase in land within *settlement areas*;
- b) the adjustment would support the Region's ability to meet the *intensification* and density targets established in this Plan;
- c) the location of any lands added to a *settlement area* will satisfy the applicable requirements of Policy 5.5.7;
- d) the affected *settlement areas* are not a *Rural Settlement area*, the *Palgrave Estates Residential Community* or in the *Greenbelt Area*;
and
- e) the *settlement area* to which lands would be added is serviced by municipal water and wastewater systems and there is sufficient reserve *infrastructure* capacity to service the lands.

5.5.9 Notwithstanding Policy 5.4.13, the Region may expand *settlement areas* including the Regional Urban Boundary through a Regional Official Plan Amendment, outside of a *municipal comprehensive review*, provided:

- a) the amount of land to be added to the *settlement area* will be no larger than 40 hectares;
- b) the lands to be added will achieve a minimum *Designated Greenfield Area* density target and a minimum *Employment Area* density target established in this Plan;

- c) the location of any lands to be added to the *settlement area* will satisfy the applicable requirements of Policy 5.5.7;
- d) the affected *settlement area* is not a *Rural Settlement Area*, the *Palgrave Estates Residential Community* or in the *Greenbelt Area*;
- e) the *settlement area* to which lands would be added is serviced by municipal water and wastewater systems and there is sufficient reserve infrastructure capacity to service the lands;
- f) the additional lands and forecasted growth will be accounted for in the next *land needs assessment* undertaken by the Region;
- g) the requirements of Section 7.11 of this Plan are addressed.

5.2.2.4

5.5.10

Encourage the continuance of agricultural activities on lands within the ~~2031~~ Regional Urban Boundary in Brampton and Caledon consistent with the Agricultural policies in this Plan and the Brampton and Caledon Official Plan.

5.3-5.6**The Urban System**

The Urban System is composed of a variety of communities that contain diverse living, working and cultural opportunities. The Urban System in Peel consists of lands within the ~~2031~~ Regional Urban Boundary as shown on Schedule ~~DZ1~~ of this Plan. It includes lands identified and *protected* as part of the natural environment and resources in the preceding chapters of this Plan, the Toronto ~~Lester B. Pearson International Airport~~, the Brampton Flying Club Airport, Strategic Growth Areas, Designated Greenfield Areas and Employment Area ~~urban growth centres and Regional Intensification Corridors.~~

5.3.1 General Objectives

~~5.3.1.1 To conserve the environmental and resource attributes of the region.~~

5.3.1.2

5.6.1

To achieve *sustainable development* within the Urban System, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and adapt the region to a changing climate.

~~5.3.1.3~~5.6.2

To establish ~~healthy~~ complete healthy urban communities that contain living, working and recreational opportunities, which respect the natural environment, resources and the characteristics of existing communities.

~~5.3.1.4~~~~5.6.3~~

To achieve intensified and *compact form* and a mix of land uses in appropriate areas that efficiently use land, *services, infrastructure* and public finances while taking into account the characteristics of existing communities and *services*.

~~5.3.1.5~~~~5.6.4~~

To achieve an urban structure, form and densities which are pedestrian-friendly and transit-supportive.

~~5.3.1.6~~~~5.6.5~~

To promote crime prevention and improvement in the quality of life.

~~5.3.1.7~~~~5.6.6~~

~~To recognize the *integrity* and physical characteristics of existing communities in Peel.~~ To protect, restore and enhance the natural environment and conserve the resources of the Region, while recognizing the *ecological integrity* and physical characteristics of existing communities in Peel.

~~5.3.1.8~~~~5.6.7~~

To provide for the needs of Peel's changing age structure and allow opportunities for residents to live in their own communities as they age.

~~5.3.1.9~~~~5.6.8~~

~~To~~ Preserve and protect lands adjacent to highways, rail corridors, rail yards and major truck terminals for *employment lands* and *infrastructure* uses, where appropriate.

~~5.6.9~~

To provide for and facilitate a wide range of goods and *services* to meet the needs of those living and working in the Urban System.

~~5.3.2~~ **General Policies**

It is the policy of *Regional Council* to:

~~5.3.2.1~~~~5.6.10~~

Define the Urban System, as shown on Schedule ~~DZ1~~, to include: all lands within the ~~2031~~ Regional Urban Boundary including lands identified and *protected* as part of the natural environment and resources in the preceding chapters of this Plan, the Toronto ~~Lester B.~~ Pearson International Airport, the Brampton Flying Club Airport

Strategic Growth Areas, Designated Greenfield Areas and Employment Areas urban growth centres and the Hurontario Regional Intensification Corridor.

5.3.2.2

5.6.11

Direct urban *development* and *redevelopment* to the Urban System within the ~~2031~~ Regional Urban Boundary, as shown on Schedule ~~D71~~, consistent with the policies in this Plan and the ~~area-municipal-official-plan~~ local municipal official plan.

5.3.2.3

5.6.12

Plan for the provision and financing of Regional facilities and *services* so as to efficiently use existing *services* and *infrastructure*, and encourage a pattern of *compact forms* of urban *development* and *redevelopment*.

5.3.2.4

5.6.13

Require *development* and *redevelopment* in the Urban System to proceed according to the growth management and phasing policies of this Plan, and the planned provision of necessary *services*.

5.3.2.5

5.6.14

Continue to cooperate with the Province and the ~~area-local~~ municipalities in the assessment of the role of the *Parkway Belt West Plan* Area within Peel.

5.3.2.6

5.6.15

Direct the ~~area-local~~ municipalities, while taking into account the characteristics of existing communities, to include policies in their official plans that:

- a) *support* the Urban System objectives and policies in this Plan;
- b) *support* pedestrian-friendly and *transit-supportive urban development*;
- c) provide transit-supportive opportunities for *redevelopment*, *intensification* and mixed land use; and
- d) *support* the design of communities to minimize crime by the use of such approaches as Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles.

~~5.3.2.7~~

~~Prepare, in consultation with the area municipalities, new Land Division goals and policies on land severances, including consideration~~

~~of heritage severances, for future incorporation by amendment to this Plan.~~

~~5.3.2.8~~

~~5.6.16~~ Encourage ~~area-local~~ municipalities to develop employment and industrial uses ~~near and adjacent to~~ *major goods movement facilities and corridors*, including highways, ~~rail corridors, rail yards and rail facilities, airports, haul routes, and~~ major truck terminals, ~~and areas that can accommodate manufacturing and warehouse uses.~~

5.6.17 Strategic Growth Areas

The Strategic Growth Areas identified on Schedule Z2 of this Plan, are priority areas for intensification and higher densities to make efficient use of land and infrastructure. Directing new development to these areas provides a focus for investment in transit as well as infrastructure and public service facilities to support growth in a compact urban form with a range and mix of employment opportunities and housing options. These areas will be vibrant urban places for living, working, shopping, entertainment, culture, and enhanced destinations for mobility.

The Strategic Growth Areas identified in the Regional Official Plan establish a hierarchy for which the highest densities and scale of development will be directed:

1. Urban Growth Centres
2. Major Transit Station Areas
3. Nodes/Centres
4. Intensification Corridors

The policies of this plan and the local official plan will recognize that different approaches to managing growth will be required to support the diverse character of Strategic Growth Areas and their role and function within the Regional Urban Boundary and local context.

Objectives

5.6.17.1 To achieve an urban, integrated and connected system of Strategic Growth Areas that supports complete communities and multi-modal transportation options.

5.6.17.2 To direct intensification to strategic locations in the Delineated Built-up Area to maximize efficiencies in infrastructure delivery, services, and transit ridership.

- 5.6.17.3 To recognize that *Strategic Growth Areas* have varying capacities to accommodate future residential and employment growth.
- 5.6.17.4 To support increased residential and employment densities within these areas to ensure the viability of transit and a mix of residential, office, institutional and commercial *development*.
- 5.6.17.5 To provide a diverse and compatible mix of land uses, including residential and employment uses, to support vibrant neighbourhoods.
- 5.6.17.6 To encourage *transit-supportive* development in existing and new *Designated Greenfield Areas*

Policies

- 5.6.17.7 Direct the local municipalities to establish boundaries and minimum transit-supportive densities in their official plans for *Strategic Growth Areas* identified on Schedule Z2 of this Plan.
- 5.6.17.8 Direct the local municipalities to establish policies in their official plan and adopt zoning by-law regulations for *Strategic Growth Areas* that support the appropriate type, scale, and transition for *development*.
- 5.6.17.9 Encourage the local municipalities to complete comprehensive planning for *Strategic Growth Areas* that:
- a) defines the character
 - b) establishes minimum *transit-supportive* density targets;
 - c) considers housing needs as required by Policy 5.9.74;
 - d) implements a phasing plan that sequences *development* in an orderly manner, coordinated with the provision of regional and local *infrastructure*, transit, and services
 - e) considers land use compatibility
 - f) considers the impacts of climate change, including the reduction/mitigation of the urban heat island effects, urban canopy, and stormwater management; and
 - g) considers connections and enhancements to the *natural heritage* system.
- 5.6.17.10 Encourage the local municipalities to, where appropriate, identify other major *intensification* opportunities such as infill, *redevelopment*, brownfield sites, the expansion or conversion of existing buildings and greyfields in their official plans and support increased residential and employment

densities within these areas to ensure the viability of transit and a mix of residential, office, institutional and commercial development.

- 5.6.17.11 Encourage the local municipalities to implement strategies for *Strategic Growth Areas* that include as-of-right zoning, streamlined approvals of development, community planning permit system, affordable housing, inclusionary zoning, and other applicable tools.
- 5.6.17.12 Encourage the establishment of new nodes and corridors in the *Delineated Built-up Area* and *Designated Greenfield Areas* to support compact urban forms and transit-supportive development where frequent and higher order transit service is planned.
- 5.6.17.13 Direct the local municipalities to establish policies that encourage *Strategic Growth Areas* as the primary locations for public facilities and services such as government offices, educational institutions, community hubs, and hospitals.
- 5.6.17.14 Encourage the local municipalities to adopt parking standards and policies within *Strategic Growth Areas* to promote the use of active transportation and public transit.
- 5.6.17.15 Work with the local municipalities to regularly monitor and report on planning and development within *Strategic Growth Areas*.

5.3.3 5.6.18 Urban Growth Centres and Regional Intensification Corridor

The Urban Growth Centres and the *Regional Intensification Corridor*, as shown on Schedule DZ1, are major locations of *intensification* that include *compact forms* of urban development and *redevelopment* providing a range and mix of housing, employment, recreation, entertainment, civic, cultural and other activities for Peel residents and workers and other residents of the *Greater Toronto Area and Hamilton (GTHA)*. The Urban Growth Centres and the *Regional Intensification Corridor* are also focal areas for investment in region-wide public services and infrastructure, including Major Transit Station infrastructure.

The Region supports the development of land use patterns that protects and enhances natural heritage, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, supports transit and considers the impacts of a changing climate aligned with provincial policies.

In addition to the Urban Growth Centres and the *Regional Intensification Corridor* that are identified in this Plan, there are also urban nodes and corridors in Peel that are identified in the area-local municipal official plan. and Metrolinx has also identified a series of *mobility transportation hubs* in Peel and throughout the GTHA in the 2041 Regional Transportation Plan. All of these urban forms support *intensification* and *public transit*.

5.3.3.1 Objectives

~~5.3.3.1.1~~

~~5.6.18.1~~

To achieve Urban Growth Centres that are linked by *public transit*, and include a range and mix of high intensity *compact forms* and activities while taking into account the characteristics of existing communities and *services*.

~~5.3.3.1.2~~

~~5.6.18.2~~

To achieve Urban Growth Centres that support safe and secure communities, *public transit*, walking and cycling.

~~5.3.3.1.3~~

~~5.6.18.3~~

To achieve Urban Growth Centres that incorporate a range and mix of residential and employment opportunities.

~~5.3.3.1.4~~

~~5.6.18.4~~

To achieve in each Urban Growth Centre a minimum gross density target of 200 residents and jobs combined per hectare by 2031 or earlier.

5.3.3.2 Policies

~~It is the policy of Regional Council to:~~

~~5.3.3.2.1~~

~~5.6.18.5~~

Direct the Cities of Brampton and Mississauga to designate and delineate the boundaries of Urban Growth Centres, in accordance with the Growth Plan requirements as shown ~~conceptually~~ on Schedule ~~DZ1~~, and address the following:

a) ~~to~~ provide opportunities for *compact forms* of urban development and redevelopment with high density employment uses such as: commercial, office and major institutional - as designated and/or defined in ~~area-local municipal official plans~~, and

b) encourage residential, recreational, cultural and civic activities that offer a wide range of goods and *services* to the residents and workers of Peel Region and other residents of the ~~Greater Toronto Area and Hamilton (GTHA)~~.

~~5.3.3.2.2~~

5.6.18.6

Require an amendment to this Plan to change the location of an Urban Growth Centre, as shown ~~conceptually~~ on Schedule 22, consistent with Section ~~7.9-7.11~~ of this Plan and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing 2008 report "Size and Location of Urban Growth Centres in the Greater Golden Horseshoe". Minor boundary adjustments approved through the ~~area-local~~ municipal official plan amendments are permitted without an amendment to this Plan providing that the achievement of planned density targets is not negatively affected and consistency with the other policies of this Plan is maintained.

5.3.3.2.35.6.18.7

Examine *jointly*, with the ~~area-local~~ municipalities, Urban Growth Centres, and address the following:

- a) the specific role of each Urban Growth Centre in the context of *the Region* and the ~~Greater Toronto Area and Hamilton-GTHA~~;
- b) the provision of opportunities for residents to live and work within the Urban Growth Centre;
- c) the establishment of a higher intensity *compact form*, with a wide range and mix of land uses;
- d) the provision of a transit-supportive and pedestrian-oriented urban form;
- e) the provision and financing of necessary *services*; and
- f) other relevant issues.

5.3.3.2.45.6.18.8

Encourage the ~~area-local~~ municipalities to prepare policies for the Urban Growth Centres that are identified in this Plan and consistent with the Growth Plan, address the following:

- a) the intended role and character of the centre;
- b) the extent of the centre;
- c) the population and employment capacity objectives of the centre;

- d) the location, type and density of land uses;
- e) the achievement of a minimum *gross density target* of 200 residents and jobs combined per hectare by 2031 or earlier;
- f) the nature of the streetscape, focusing on pedestrian safety and security;
- g) the transportation system to and within the centre;
- h) the compatibility with the characteristics of existing communities; and
- i) the *natural hazards*.

~~5.3.3.2.5 — Require the area municipalities to identify, where appropriate, intensification corridors, major transit station areas and other major intensification opportunities such as infill, redevelopment, brownfield sites, the expansion or conversion of existing buildings and greyfields in their official plans and support increased residential and employment densities within these areas to ensure the viability of transit and a mix of residential, office, institutional and commercial development.~~

~~5.3.3.2.6~~

~~5.6.18.9~~

Identify the Hurontario corridor linking the two Urban Growth Centres as a *Regional Intensification Corridor* that provides:

- a) prime opportunities for *intensification*;
- b) opportunities for residents to live and work within the *Regional Intensification Corridor*;
- c) a high intensity, *compact urban form* with an appropriate mix of uses including commercial, office, residential, recreational and major institutional – as designated and/or defined in ~~area~~ *local municipal official plan*;
- d) transit-supportive and pedestrian-oriented urban forms;
- e) opportunities for *higher order transit*; and

- f) viable opportunities of financing necessary *infrastructure* and *services*.

5.3.3.2.7

5.6.18.10

Direct the area-local municipalities to define the boundaries of the Hurontario *Regional Intensification Corridor* and identify appropriately in their official plans, consistent with the policies in this Plan.

5.3.3.2.8

5.6.18.11

Examine, *jointly* with the area-local and neighbouring municipalities, the possibility and feasibility of identifying other *Regional Intensification Corridors* in Peel, addressing the following:

- a) the objectives of *Regional Intensification Corridors*;
- b) the role of *Regional Intensification Corridors* in the context of supporting and/or linking Urban Growth Centres or other major elements of urban structure;
- c) the provision of opportunities for residents to live and work within the *Regional Intensification Corridor*;
- d) the establishment of a high intensity, *compact urban form* which provides a mix of commercial, office and major institutional - as designated and/or defined in area-local municipal official plan, residential, recreational and other activities which offer a wide range of goods and *services* to the residents and workers of Peel Region and other residents of the Greater Toronto Area and Hamilton-GTHA;
- e) the provision of a transit-supportive and pedestrian-oriented urban form; and
- f) the provision and financing of necessary *services*.

Any *Regional Intensification Corridor*, if appropriate, will be incorporated by an amendment to this Plan.

7.10.2.13

- 5.6.18.12 Consider the designation of a *Regional Intensification Corridor* on the basis of a *municipal comprehensive review* and a *Regional Official Plan Amendment*. ~~In considering such designations, the municipal comprehensive review and Regional Official Plan Amendment must demonstrate that the applicable requirements of Section 7.9.2.12 have been met.~~

5.6.19 Major Transit Station Areas

Major Transit Station Areas will be planned to create a compact urban form with a diverse mix of land uses, housing types, employment, and amenities in close proximity that supports existing and planned transit and *active transportation infrastructure*.

These areas are a critical element in the Region's growth management strategy, with the potential to achieve higher densities and compact mixed-use *development oriented to higher order transit*. More jobs, housing, and amenities at these locations will increase transit ridership and enhance commuter travel to these locations to *create vibrant destinations*. These areas will also contribute to enhancing the Region's attractiveness for new employment opportunities.

Each station will be unique and be influenced by its local condition, growth potential and limitations. *Not all stations or sites will achieve the same mix of land uses or intensity of development*. Some stations may not be able to achieve the requirements of *transit supportive development in the short-term but will be protected for future transit supportive development*. The 800 metre radius around stations or stops is used as the initial area to be assessed when *Major Transit Station Areas* are identified and to guide delineation. The delineated boundaries of *Major Transit Station Areas* will be the basis for implementation of these policies.

Objectives

- 5.6.19.1 Leverage *infrastructure* investments by planning for *transit supportive densities and increased transit ridership within Major Transit Station Areas*.
- 5.6.19.2 Encourage a mix of *transit-supportive uses, as defined by local municipalities, such as residential, retail, offices, open space, and public uses that supports the needs of employees and residents in a walkable environment*.
- 5.6.19.3 *Support* a diverse range of station typologies that accommodate increased densities and increased transit ridership.

- 5.6.19.4 Enhance *active transportation* connections to transit stations and stops to support complete communities, improve multi-modal station access, and to support the Region’s modal split target by increasing transit ridership in Peel.
- 5.6.19.5 Support a mix of multi-unit housing, including *affordable housing, rental housing and second units, as appropriate.*
- 5.6.19.6 Each Protected *Major Transit Station Area* shall reflect one of the station classifications outlined below and shown on Schedule Y7 to support *transit supportive development* and increased ridership. This will be based on the form and function of the station to be established in the official plan of the local municipality:
- a) Primary *Major Transit Station Area* – Areas delineated in this Plan that have existing or planned *transit supportive* built forms and can meet or exceed the minimum *transit supportive* density target.
 - b) Secondary *Major Transit Station Area* – Areas delineated in this Plan that are constrained by existing land use patterns and built forms and may require an alternative density target. These stations may take on a commuter station function with a mix of uses that support increased transit ridership.
 - c) Planned *Major Transit Station Area* – Areas identified in the Regional Official Plan which are intended to become *Major Transit Station Areas* that are not yet delineated but will be when *infrastructure* planning and investment and/or land use changes unlock potential.

Policies

- 5.6.19.7 Direct the local municipalities to delineate the boundaries of Protected *Major Transit Station Areas* in their official plan in accordance with Schedule Y7 of this Plan.
- 5.6.19.8 Direct the local municipality to plan to achieve the minimum density target for each Primary and Secondary *Major Transit Station Area* as prescribed on Table 5. It is recognized that in some cases, the minimum density may be achieved beyond the planning horizon of this Plan.

- 5.6.19.9 Direct the local municipalities to establish policies in their official plan and other implementation documents for each *Major Transit Station Area* delineated on Schedule Y7 to the satisfaction of the Region that addresses the following:
- a) the minimum number of people and jobs that will be accommodated within the *Major Transit Station Area*;
 - b) the land uses in each station that supports complete communities and the minimum density target prescribed on Table 5;
 - c) the character of the station area or stop;
 - d) the minimum density for each *Major Transit Station Area* as prescribed on Table 5, maximum densities may also be established at the discretion of the local municipality;
 - e) the minimum and/or maximum heights for land uses within the *Major Transit Station Area*;
 - f) policies that prohibit the establishment of land uses and built forms that would adversely impact the ability to meet the minimum density prescribed on Table 5;
 - g) protect lands that may be required for future enhancement or expansion of transit *infrastructure* in collaboration with municipal and provincial transit authorities;
 - h) land use compatibility and the separation or mitigation of sensitive land uses;
 - i) protect and mitigate against natural and human-made hazards in accordance with Section 2.16 of this Plan;
 - j) a phasing plan or strategy to ensure *infrastructure* and *services* are delivered in a manner that supports complete communities, including open space and accessible public amenities;
 - k) strategies to support increased multi-modal access and connectivity;
 - l) implementation of the *Healthy Development Framework* in accordance with Section 7.5 of this Plan, including consideration

of site design and urban design elements, high-quality public realm improvements, and built forms;

- m) a description of the future actions that may be required to implement the plan, which may include Community Improvement Plans, *inclusionary zoning*, community planning permit Systems, TOD Guidelines, financial incentive programs, and other appropriate implementation tools; and
- n) land use in *Major Transit Station Areas* that overlap with *Employment Areas* which are identified on Schedule Y6 and subject to policy 5.8.32.

5.6.19.10 Encourage the local municipalities to establish policies that support gentle *intensification* and improved multi-modal access and connectivity on lands within close proximity to transit stations and stops.

5.6.19.11 Ensure existing land uses within *Major Transit Station Areas* that do not meet the objectives of this Plan will be encouraged to redevelop and expansions to existing uses shall be managed in accordance with transition policies incorporated in the local official plan.

5.6.19.12 Require the local municipalities to establish policies in their official plans that identify *Planned Major Transit Station Areas* and protect them for *transit supportive* densities, uses, and *active transportation* connections.

5.6.19.13 Until such time as the local municipality has established *Major Transit Station Area* policies in accordance with Section 16(16) of the Planning Act, proposed *developments* within a *Major Transit Station Area* identified on Schedule Y7 shall be reviewed with consideration to the objectives of this Plan to ensure the proposed *development*:

- a) Demonstrates how the *development* will contribute to *transit supportive* densities that recognizes the character and scale of the surrounding community;
- b) Supports a compact urban form that directs the highest intensity *transit supportive* uses close to the transit station or stop;
- c) Provides an interconnected and multi-modal street pattern that encourages walking, cycling or the use of transit and supports mixed use *development*;

- d) Provides an appropriate mix of land uses and amenities that foster vibrant, transit supportive neighbourhoods;
- e) Considers the provision of bicycle parking, and where applicable, passenger transfer and commuter pick up/drop off area;
- f) Prohibits the establishment of uses that would adversely impact the ability to achieve the minimum density target; and
- g) Supports high quality public realm improvements to enhance the Major Transit Station Area.

Table 5 – Minimum Densities of Major Transit Station Areas

	Code	Station Name	Municipality	Classification	Additional Policy Area	Minimum Density	
Hurontario LRT	HLRT - 1 *	Port Credit GO	Mississauga	Primary	-	200	
	HLRT - 2 *	Mineola	Mississauga	Secondary	-	50	
	HLRT - 3 *	North Service	Mississauga	Primary	Urban Growth Centre	300	
	HLRT - 4 *	Queensway	Mississauga	Primary	Urban Growth Centre	300	
	HLRT - 5 *	Dundas	Mississauga	Primary	Urban Growth Centre	300	
	HLRT - 6 *	Cooksville GO	Mississauga	Primary	Urban Growth Centre	300	
	HLRT - 7 *	Fairview (Central Parkway)	Mississauga	Primary	Urban Growth Centre	300	
	HLRT - 8 *	Burnhamthorpe (Matthews Gate)	Mississauga	Primary	Urban Growth Centre	400	
	HLRT - 9	Main	Mississauga	Primary	Urban Growth Centre	400	
	HLRT - 10	Duke of York	Mississauga	Primary	Urban Growth Centre	400	
	HLRT - 11 *	City Centre	Mississauga	Primary	Urban Growth Centre	400	
	HLRT - 12 *	Robert Speck	Mississauga	Primary	Urban Growth Centre	400	
	HLRT - 13 *	Eglinton	Mississauga	Primary	-	300	
	HLRT - 14 *	Bristol	Mississauga	Primary	-	160	
	HLRT - 15 *	Matheson	Mississauga	Primary	-	160	
	HLRT - 16 *	Britannia	Mississauga	Primary	-	160	
	HLRT - 17 *	Courtney Park	Mississauga	Primary	-	160	
	HLRT - 18 *	Derry	Mississauga	Primary	-	160	
	HLRT - 19 *	Highway 407	Mississauga	Primary	-	160	
	HLRT - 20 *	Ray Lawson	Brampton	Primary	-	160	
	HLRT - 21 *	Sir Lou	Combined; See HLRT - 20				
	HLRT - 22 *	Gateway Terminal	Brampton	Primary	-	160	
	HLRT - 23	Charolais	Combined;				

			See HLRT - 22			
	HLRT - 24	Nanwood	Brampton	Planned	-	N/A
	HLRT - 25	Queen at Wellington	Combined; See KIT - 3			
Milton GO	MIL - 1	Lisgar GO	Mississauga	Planned	-	N/A
	MIL - 2	Meadowvale GO	Mississauga	Planned	-	N/A
	MIL - 3	Streetsville GO	Mississauga	Planned	-	N/A
	MIL - 4	Erindale GO	Mississauga	Planned	-	N/A
	MIL - 5	Cooksville GO	Combined; See HLRT - 6			
	MIL - 6	Dixie GO	Combined; See DUN - 16			
Kitchener GO	KIT - 1 *	Malton GO	Mississauga	Secondary	-	100
	KIT - 2 *	Bramalea GO	Brampton	Primary	-	150
	KIT - 3 *	Brampton GO	Brampton	Primary	Urban Growth Centre	200
	KIT - 4 *	Mount Pleasant GO	Brampton	Primary	Designated Greenfield Area	150
Lakeshore West GO	LWGO - 1 *	Port Credit GO	Combined; See HLRT - 1			
	LWGO - 2 *	Clarkson GO	Mississauga	Primary	-	150
403 BRT (Mississauga Transitway)	403 - 1	Ridgeway	Mississauga	Planned	-	N/A
	403 - 2 *	Winston Churchill	Mississauga	Secondary	-	100
	403 - 3 *	Erin Mills	Mississauga	Primary	-	160
	403 - 4 *	Creditview	Mississauga	Secondary	-	50
	403 - 5 *	City Centre	Combined; See HLRT - 11			
	403 - 6 *	Central Parkway	Mississauga	Secondary	-	100
	403 - 7 *	Cawthra	Mississauga	Secondary	-	50
	403 - 8 *	Tomken	Mississauga	Secondary	-	100
	403 - 9 *	Dixie	Mississauga	Secondary	-	100
	403 - 10 *	Tahoe	Mississauga	Primary	-	160
	403 - 11 *	Etobicoke Creek	Mississauga	Primary	-	160
	403 - 12 *	Spectrum	Mississauga	Primary	-	160
	403 - 13 *	Orbitor	Mississauga	Primary	-	160
	403 - 14 *	Renforth	Mississauga	Primary	-	160
Dundas BRT	DUN - 1	Ridgeway	Mississauga	Primary	-	160
	DUN - 2	Winston Churchill	Mississauga	Primary		160
	DUN - 3	Glen Erin	Mississauga	Primary	-	160
	DUN - 4	Erin Mills	Mississauga	Secondary	-	100
	DUN - 5	UTM	Mississauga	Secondary	-	50
	DUN - 6	Credit Woodlands	Mississauga	Secondary	-	100
	DUN - 7	Erindale Station	Mississauga	Primary	-	160
	DUN - 8	Wolfedale	Mississauga	Primary	-	160
	DUN - 9	Clayhill	Mississauga	Secondary	-	100
	DUN - 10	Confederation Parkway	Mississauga	Primary	-	160
	DUN - 11	Hurontario	Combined; See HLRT - 5			
	DUN - 12	Kirwin	Mississauga	Primary	-	160
	DUN - 13	Grenville	Mississauga	Primary	-	160
	DUN - 14	Cawthra	Mississauga	Primary	-	160

	DUN - 15	Tomken	Mississauga	Primary	-	160
	DUN - 16	Dixie GO	Mississauga	Primary	-	160
	DUN - 17	Wharton	Mississauga	Primary	-	160
Queen Street BRT	QUE - 1	Centre St.	Brampton	Primary	Urban Growth Centre	160
	QUE - 2	Kennedy	Brampton	Primary	Urban Growth Centre	160
	QUE - 3	Rutherford	Brampton	Primary	Urban Growth Centre	160
	QUE - 4	Laurelcrest	Brampton	Planned	-	N/A
	QUE - 5	Dixie	Brampton	Planned	-	N/A
	QUE - 6	Central Park (Bramalea Terminal)	Brampton	Primary	-	160
	QUE - 7	Bramalea	Brampton	Planned	-	N/A
	QUE - 8	Glenvale-Finchgate	Brampton	Planned	-	N/A
	QUE - 9	Torbram	Brampton	Planned	-	N/A
	QUE - 10	Chrysler-Gateway	Brampton	Planned	-	N/A
	QUE - 11	Airport	Brampton	Planned	-	N/A
	QUE - 12	Goreway	Brampton	Planned	-	N/A
	QUE - 13	McVean	Brampton	Planned	-	N/A
	QUE - 14	The Gore	Brampton	Planned	-	N/A
	QUE - 15	Highway 50	Brampton	Planned	-	N/A
407 BRT	407 - 1	Britannia	Mississauga	Primary	Designated Greenfield Area	160
	407 - 2	Derry	Mississauga	Primary	Designated Greenfield Area	160
	407 - 3	Winston Churchill	Brampton	Planned	Designated Greenfield Area	N/A
	407 - 4	Mississauga Rd.	Brampton	Planned	-	N/A
	407 - 5	Mavis	Brampton	Planned	-	N/A
	407 - 6	Hurontario	Combined; See HLRT - 19			
	407 - 7	Dixie	Brampton	Planned	-	N/A
	407 - 8	Bramalea / Torbram	Brampton	Planned	-	N/A
	407 - 9	Airport Rd.	Brampton	Planned	-	N/A
	407 - 10	Goreway	Brampton	Planned	-	N/A
Lakeshore BRT	LBRT - 1	Dixie	Mississauga	Primary	-	160
	LBRT - 2	Haig (Lakeview Waterfront)	Mississauga	Primary	-	300
	LBRT - 3	Lakefront Promenade	Mississauga	Primary	-	160
Transit Hub	HUB - 1	Bolton GO	Caledon	Primary	-	150
	HUB - 2	Mayfield West	Caledon	Planned	-	N/A
	HUB - 3	Steeles at Mississauga	Brampton	Planned	-	N/A
	HUB - 4	Trinity Common Terminal	Brampton	Planned	-	N/A
	HUB - 5	Bramalea Terminal	Combined; See QUE - 6			

* Major Transit Station Areas identified as priority transit corridors on Schedule 5 of the Growth Plan.

5.6.20 Designated Greenfield Area

A portion of Peel's growth will occur in the *Designated Greenfield Area*, which includes, but is not limited to, the New 2051 Community Area, and the special policy areas of North West Brampton, Ninth Line Lands, Mayfield West Phase 2, and Bolton Residential Expansion. The *Designated Greenfield Area*, as shown on Schedule Z3 are locations where new residential communities and *Employment Areas* will be accommodated up to 2051. In accordance with policy direction in the Growth Plan, these areas will be carefully planned to allow for the achievement of complete communities, support *active transportation* and encourage the integration and sustained viability of transit services.

The *Designated Greenfield Areas* will be planned as complete communities that meet the day to day needs of future residents and will include *Employment Areas* as the focus for new clusters of business and economic activities.

Designated Greenfield Areas will be developed in accordance with Section 5.5.18 Greenfield Density.

Objectives

- 5.6.20.1 To stage and sequence the development within delineated secondary planning areas in accordance with the logical phasing of development in *Designated Greenfield Areas*.
- 5.6.20.2 To establish a framework for comprehensive planning at the community and neighbourhood scale to ensure complete, coordinated, healthy, high quality and *sustainable* communities with strong neighbourhood centres.
- 5.6.20.3 To phase urban development within the *Designated Greenfield Areas* to ensure the efficient use of *infrastructure* and fiscal responsibility.
- 5.6.20.4 To ensure that planning for *Designated Greenfield Areas* is undertaken in a manner that provides direction for a natural heritage and water resource management system, and recognizes the importance of protecting and conserving the archaeological resources, *cultural heritage resources*, *built heritage* and agricultural resources of Peel.
- 5.6.20.5 To ensure that planning for *Designated Greenfield Areas* incorporate plans to mitigate and adapt to climate change and facilitate energy and emission reductions.

- 5.6.20.6 To ensure that development of the *Designated Greenfield Area* is supported by a well connected transportation structure and planned approach for the provision of transit and *active transportation* that coordinates the location of residential, retail and employment uses to a multi-modal transportation system.
- 5.6.20.7 To ensure development in the *Designated Greenfield Area* supports a range and mix of housing options, including additional residential units and *affordable housing*, to serve all sizes, incomes, and ages of households.

Policies

- 5.6.20.8 Identify new *Designated Greenfield Areas* shown on Schedule Z3.
- 5.6.20.9 Direct the local municipalities to designate and delineate the *Designated Greenfield Areas* in their official plans and provide a policy framework to guide secondary planning in accordance with the policies of this Plan.
- 5.6.20.10 Direct the local municipalities to delineate a structure for the *Designated Greenfield Area*, including the identification of *Employment Areas* as well as delineate secondary planning boundaries to guide future *development*.
- 5.6.20.11 Where an approved Secondary Plan is not already in place, require local municipalities to develop staging and sequencing plans, utilizing for new Secondary Plans that make best and most efficient use of Regional *Infrastructure* and minimize fiscal impacts.
- 5.6.20.12 Direct local municipalities to include official plan policies that require community or neighbourhood block plans to implement the policies of any new Secondary Plans and the recommendations of the subwatershed study on a sub area basis in order to co-ordinate the overall delivery of services and *infrastructure*, staging and sequencing, financial and servicing agreements, provision of transit corridors and stations, infrastructure and allocation of development priority, layout of the transportation system, and the location, configuration character, size and urban form of parks, institutional, commercial and industrial sites and layout/function of open space corridors, valley lands, woodlands and other natural features, linkages and enhancement areas, including storm water management.

5.6.14.13 Ensure that community block plans for new neighbourhoods and communities are developed in a manner that will address the principles of sustainability such as providing a mix of uses, a range and mix of housing options, including *affordable housing*, walkable communities, transit supportive densities and designs, financial sustainability, attention to detail in the design of the public realm, and respecting natural and cultural heritage. Consistent with these principles of sustainability, community block plans must be developed in accordance with background studies and agreements to be required by the local municipality addressing these matters.

5.6.20.14 2051 New Community Area

The 2051 New Community Areas are new Designated Greenfield Areas for accommodating growth up to 2051. The New Community Areas will include “Community Areas” for accommodating approximately 177,000 people and 22,000 supporting jobs as the focus for new residential communities and Employment Areas accommodating approximately 39,000 jobs as the focus for new clusters of business and economic activities.

The 2051 New Community Areas are identified as part of the Regional Structure on Schedule Z1 and as *Designated Greenfield Areas* on Schedule Z2. Development of new 2051 New Community Areas will address the protection of cultural heritage and *archaeological resources*, support energy and emission reductions, develop *healthy communities* with neighbourhood centres and high quality urban form and coordinate the location of retail and *Employment Areas* to multi-modal transportation options. Local municipalities will implement this direction in their official plans for areas within the 2051 New Community Areas.

Objectives

- 5.6.20.14.1 To establish a framework for comprehensive planning at the community and neighbourhood scale to ensure complete, coordinated, *healthy*, high quality and *sustainable* communities with strong neighbourhood centres.
- 5.6.20.14.2 To stage and sequence Secondary Plans in accordance with the logical phasing of development in Designated Greenfield Areas.
- 5.6.20.14.3 To ensure that planning for 2051 New Community Areas is undertaken in a manner that provides for the robust protection and management of natural heritage and water resources, and recognizes the importance of conserving and enriching the *cultural heritage resources*, *archaeological resources* and *built heritage* and agricultural resources of Peel.

- 5.6.20.14.4 To require staging and sequencing of development within the 2051 New Community Areas to support orderly development of new communities, ensure the efficient delivery of infrastructure and the protection of the financial and economic well-being of the Region and its local municipalities.
- 5.6.20.14.5 To ensure that planning for 2051 New Community Planning Areas incorporate plans to mitigate and adapt to a changing climate and facilitate energy conservation and emission reductions.
- 5.6.20.14.6 To ensure that development of 2051 New Community Areas is supported by a Region-wide and multi-modal transportation system that provides for transit and *active transportation*, and integrates new residential, retail and employment uses.
- 5.4.3.2.5
- 5.6.20.14.7 To establish complete healthy complete communities that contain, living, working and recreational activities, which respect the natural environment, resources, and characteristics of existing communities and *services*.
- 5.6.20.14.8 To ensure development in the 2051 New Community Areas supports a range and mix of housing options, including additional residential units and affordable housing, to serve all sizes, incomes, and ages of households.

Policies

- 5.6.20.14.9 Direct the local municipalities to designate the 2051 New Community Planning Areas in their official plans and provide a policy framework to include the following:
- a) establish an overall community structure for the 2051 New Community Areas including identification of *Employment Areas*;
 - b) provide direction to establish the identified land area, population and employment targets to be planned and density for each secondary plan area within their jurisdiction, in conformity with Provincial Plans and this Plan;
 - c) establish staging and sequencing to guide secondary plan area and block planning, to the satisfaction of the Region, and in accordance with Regional requirements including the feasibility of public

infrastructure required for the development of the urban expansion area lands; and

- d) require development of compact, mixed-use, *sustainable*, transit-oriented communities including requirements for the provision of transportation, transit and servicing networks.

5.6.20.14.10 Permit approval of Secondary Plans by local municipalities only after the jurisdiction and financing mechanism of local transit service is determined to the Region's satisfaction including the alignment of an East – West higher order transit corridor and the conceptual alignment of other higher order transit corridors.

5.6.20.14.11 Require that the local municipalities delineate or provide criteria for the delineation of secondary plan areas for the 2051 New Community Areas, as shown on Schedule Z1, based on criteria, including, but not limited to, the following:

- a) provide a logical progression of growth and be integrated as extensions of existing communities based on identifiable boundaries having regard for physical and natural features and barriers;
- b) consider *watershed* boundaries and the natural heritage system;
- c) include the protection of a ***natural heritage system*** and ***water resource system*** informed by subwatershed study recommendations and the integration of water and stormwater management objectives and requirements;
- d) provide coordinated and efficient water and wastewater *services*, as per the Region of Peel's Water and Wastewater Master Plan and capital budgeting processes;
- e) provide coordinated and efficient *sustainable transportation* and transit *infrastructure* and *services*, as per applicable mobility plans;
- f) identify community/ neighbourhood centres that provide opportunities to locate population-related employment, institutional and residential uses in higher density, mixed-use formats served by transit;
- g) identify logical boundaries that build on or include areas that can provide key community infrastructure including lands for public health, education, recreation, parks and open space, cultural and

community facilities, public safety and affordable housing early in the development process;

- h) provide appropriate transitions to allow agriculture and agricultural activities related uses to continue for as long as practical; and
- i) maximize the feasibility of implementing alternative and renewable energy systems including district energy systems.

5.6.20.14.12 Permit approval of secondary plans by local municipalities within the 2051 New Community Area to proceed only in accordance with staging and sequencing plans to the satisfaction of the Region.

5.6.20.14.13 Require that local municipal secondary plan areas be prioritized, advanced, sequenced and approved and on the basis of a staging and sequencing plan, to the satisfaction of the Region, and in accordance with planning-related criteria including, but not limited to, the following:

- a) the secondary plan areas are a logical progression of growth integrated as extensions of existing communities based on identifiable boundaries, having regard for physical and natural features and barriers;
- b) provide for the substantial completion of complete communities within community and neighbourhood areas before new community and neighbourhood areas are opened up for development;
- c) coordinate with the efficient and financially sustainable provision of water and wastewater services, as per the Region of Peel's Water and Wastewater Master Plan;
- d) make appropriate considerations for watershed boundaries and the protection, restoration and enhancement of a **natural heritage system**;
- e) ensure protection of a **natural heritage system** and **water resource system** informed by subwatershed study recommendations and that integrates water and stormwater management objectives and requirements;
- f) ensure the efficient provision of sustainable transportation and transit infrastructure and services;

- g) identification of community and neighbourhood centres that provide opportunities to locate population-related employment, institutional and residential uses in higher density, mixed-use formats served by transit;
- h) identification of areas that can provide key community infrastructure including lands for public health, education, recreation, parks and open space, cultural and community facilities, public safety and *affordable housing* early in the development process;
- i) provide for the orderly transition from agriculture and agricultural activities and related uses continue for as long as practical; and
- j) feasibility assessments of implementing *alternative and renewable energy systems* including district energy systems.

5.6.20.14.14 Require that the local municipalities' secondary plans be undertaken on the basis of the following studies and technical analysis completed to the satisfaction of the local municipality:

- a) An *agricultural impact assessment* for each secondary plan area abutting or adjacent to agricultural areas in the *Agricultural System* prior to adopting an official plan amendment to implement the secondary plan in accordance with terms of reference prepared to the satisfaction of the Region, in consultation with relevant agencies. The *agricultural impact assessment* shall provide a further detailed evaluation of potential impacts of non-agricultural development on agricultural operations where the *settlement area* boundary abuts or is adjacent to agricultural operations located outside of the *Designated Greenfield Area* and provide recommendations to avoid, minimize and/or mitigate adverse impacts. The implementation of recommendations of the *agricultural impact assessment* shall be incorporated into the secondary plan, *as appropriate*, and will include policies, at a minimum, that will:
 - i) provides for the staging and sequencing within secondary plans so that an orderly transition from agriculture is achieved and *agricultural uses* and *agriculture-related uses* continue for as long as practical in the *Designated Greenfield Area*;
 - ii) require the implementation of mitigation in the secondary plan where *agricultural uses* and non-agricultural uses interface with

- emphasis on minimizing impacts to adjacent agricultural operations that are located outside of the *Designated Greenfield Areas* in the Greenbelt Plan Area including policy direction to implement recommendations such as locating compatible/less sensitive land uses, buffering and landscaping where urban and *agricultural uses* interface to the extent feasible and having regard for the nature and type of the agricultural operation and sensitivity of proposed land uses;
- iii) identify through mapping any required Provincial *minimum distance separation* (MDS) I setback (the Setback Area) that extends into the secondary plan area; and
- iv) prohibit development in the Setback Area; if and when the livestock and manure storage facilities that are creating the Setback Area are removed, thus eliminating the Setback Area, permit development in accordance with the requirements of the secondary plan.
- b) Within any High Potential Mineral Aggregate Resource Areas (HPMARA) and on adjacent lands to HPMARA as defined in accordance with provincial policy requirements and guidelines as amended, prepare an aggregate resource impact assessment (ARIA) for each secondary plan area prior to adopting an official plan amendment to implement the secondary plan, in accordance with terms of reference, that have been prepared to the satisfaction of the Region, in consultation with relevant agencies. The factors to be considered in the review will include, but not be limited to, the following:
- i) a detailed evaluation of potential impacts of development on future potential aggregate resources operations adjacent to the *Designated Greenfield Area* outside of the *settlement area*;
- ii) any relevant provincial policies in effect; and
- iii) recommendations to avoid, minimize and/or mitigate adverse impacts of development on the HPMARA or aggregate operations.
- c) Implement recommendations from the ARIA through the secondary plan, *as appropriate*.
- d) A Community Energy and Emissions Reduction Plan for each secondary plan area to address:

- i) the feasibility, planning and implementation requirements to achieve net zero carbon emissions and net zero annual energy usage;
 - ii) the feasibility of implementing *alternative and renewable energy systems* including district energy systems and outlining policy requirements for their implementation in accordance with objectives to be established for each secondary plan area;
 - iii) a strategy and policy direction to implement Regional and local sustainable development guidelines in community, neighbourhood, site and building designs including implementation and phasing in of the current and future energy performance requirements of the Ontario Building Code; and
 - iv) a strategy and policy direction to implement electric vehicle charging infrastructure.
- e) A Climate Change Adaptation Plan for each secondary plan area to address:
 - i) the feasibility, planning and implementation requirements relating to the risk and vulnerability to property, infrastructure, public health, natural heritage and water resource systems due to changing climate conditions; and
 - ii) a strategy and policy direction to implement recommendations that reduce community and environmental vulnerability to changing climate conditions including severe weather, increasing temperature and climate shifts.
- f) A detailed subwatershed study or equivalent study, expanding upon the Region of Peel's Scoped Subwatershed Study, prior to the local municipality endorsing land uses for each secondary plan area and prior to adopting an official plan amendment to implement the secondary plan. The detailed subwatershed study or equivalent study shall be undertaken in accordance with terms of reference prepared to the satisfaction of the Region in consultation with the conservation authorities and other relevant agencies. The detailed subwatershed study or equivalent study shall further implement the direction, targets, criteria and recommendations of broader scale *watershed* or *scoped subwatershed* planning studies in consultation with the Region and conservation authorities.

- g) Area-specific environmental implementation reports shall implement the objectives, targets, criteria and recommendations of the broader subwatershed study within the secondary plan area and block plan as required.
- h) Identify a **natural heritage system** in conformity with the objectives and targets of the detailed subwatershed study. The requirements for **natural heritage system** protection, restoration and enhancement shall meet or exceed targets and criteria identified by the Region in consultation with the conservation authorities and relevant agencies.
- i) The implementation of recommendations of detailed subwatershed studies shall be incorporated into the local municipal official plan and secondary plan in accordance with provincial, regional, local and conservation authority policy.
- j) Based on the results of the subwatershed study, the **natural heritage system** shall be designated in the local municipal official plan with policy direction that *development* shall not be permitted in the **natural heritage system** except in accordance with the policies of this Plan or relevant Provincial plan.

5.6.20.13.14 Special Policy Areas

Special policy areas are *Designated Greenfield Areas* that have detailed direction for land uses, infrastructure, transportation, and the environment in unique *Designated Greenfield Areas* of the Region that address matters beyond the general framework of the Official Plan. These specific policies resulted from planning amendments since the last Regional official plan review. These are identified in Schedule Z1 and represent newly planned communities. The Plan policies apply to these lands except where the site and area specific policies vary from the Plan.

5.4.3.2.7

The Region of Peel will study and consider future growth through a *municipal comprehensive review*, which will examine the need and most appropriate location for an expansion across the Region, including, but not limited to, the following locations:

- a) Around Mayfield West ~~Rural Service Centre~~, the boundary shown as a red dashed line on Schedule ~~D-Z1~~ and designated in the legend “Study Area Boundary” is the area within which additional growth for Mayfield West and Bolton beyond the 2031 population target is anticipated to occur; and

- b) Generally, the area surrounding ~~the~~ Bolton ~~Rural Service Centre~~ including the lands previously considered as part of the Bolton Residential Expansion Study as shown on Schedule ~~D-21~~ and designated in the legend as “Areas Assessed in the Bolton Residential Expansion Study.

Any settlement boundary expansion for ~~the~~ Mayfield West or Bolton ~~Rural Service Centre~~ ~~Service Centres~~ will be designated on the basis of a *municipal comprehensive review* and will require an amendment to this plan.

5.3.4

5.6.20.13.15 North West Brampton, ~~Brampton~~ Urban Development Area

The North West Brampton Urban Development Area within the Urban System comprise approximately 2,194 hectares (5,421 acres) bounded by Mayfield Road to the north, the Greenbelt to the south, Winston Churchill Boulevard to the west, and irregular portions of McLaughlin, Creditview and Mississauga Roads to the east, as shown on Schedule ~~D-21~~. The following objectives and policies are applicable to North West Brampton.

Objectives

5.3.4.1.1

5.6.20.13.15.1 To accommodate a significant portion of future growth of the *Designated Greenfield Area* of Peel Region.

5.3.4.1.2

5.6.20.13.15.2 To develop complete and *transit supportive* communities.

5.3.4.1.3

5.6.20.13.15.3 To recognize and *protect* environmental features of Provincial and Regional significance.

5.3.4.1.4

5.6.20.13.15.4 To ensure the provision of major *infrastructure* while minimizing the financial impact on Peel Region and member ~~area-local~~ municipalities.

5.3.4.1.5

5.6.20.13.15.5 To achieve orderly, cost effective and timely development.

5.3.4.1.6

5.6.20.13.15.6 To provide for the availability and use of shale resources within the North West Brampton Urban Development Area and provide for the continued protection and use of Shale resources in the Greenbelt Plan Area adjacent to North West Brampton Urban Development Area.

5.3.4.2 Policies

5.3.4.2.1

5.6.20.13.15.7 The policies of the Growth Plan apply to the Northwest Brampton Urban Development Area subject to O. Reg. 311/06 as amended by O. Reg. 324/06. It is the policy of Regional Council to ensure that the applicable requirements of the Growth Plan are met in the planning and development of Northwest Brampton.

The 2031-2051 Population, Household and Employment Forecasts for the City of Brampton in Table 3 contemplate that the two remaining secondary plan areas in North West Brampton will be planned to be built out by 2031, subject to Policy 5.3.4.2.2-5.6.20.13.15.8, in a manner that is in conformity with Policy 5.5.4.2.2-5.4.18.8 and all other applicable policies of this Plan.

5.3.4.2.2

5.6.20.13.15.8 In addition to the policies in this Plan that govern the Region's Urban System, it is the policy of Regional Council to require the City of Brampton to ensure that its official plan, including all amendments and secondary plans, adhere to the following policies:

- a) That a *natural heritage system* be designated in conformity with sub-watershed studies approved by Credit Valley Conservation prepared under terms of reference approved by and to the satisfaction of Credit Valley Conservation;
- b) That *development* be phased to ensure the orderly progression of *development* into North West Brampton in relation to the ongoing *development* of lands within the existing urban boundary, and in accordance with the City's Growth Management Program;
- c) That a Phase 1 area and amount of *development* within North West Brampton be defined in the Brampton Official Plan based on the amount of *development* that can be supported by the existing and planned arterial road network and transit systems, exclusive of a North-South Transportation Corridor;
- d) That *development* of any subsequent phase of North West Brampton, beyond Phase 1, shall be permitted to proceed only if the *development* can be supported by the existing and planned arterial road network and transit systems, inclusive of a North-South Transportation Corridor, and only after the alignment, jurisdiction and financing mechanism of a viable North-South Transportation Corridor has been determined to the Region's satisfaction such that the construction of a highway within the

North-South Transportation Corridor will occur in time to meet traffic demands including traffic demands generated from the subsequent phases of *development*;

- e) Maximize the opportunity afforded by the Mount Pleasant GO station to provide significant transit service and the *development* of *transit-supportive* land uses and densities;
- f) That shale extraction be permitted and that the protection of provincially significant shale resources identified as High Potential Mineral Aggregate Resource Area (HPMARA) on Schedule C of this Plan be continued in accordance with the following:
 - i) The population, household and employment forecasts that are the basis of the Regional Official Plan require the utilization of all of the North West Brampton Urban Development Area to accommodate growth;
 - ii) Shale resources shall be protected, in accordance with the policies of Section 3.3-3.4 within the area identified as HPMARA on Schedule C and located in the Provincial Greenbelt Plan Area;
 - iii) The extraction of shale shall be permitted to occur on all lands in the North West Brampton Urban Development Area and in the Provincial Greenbelt Plan Area without an amendment to the City of Brampton Official Plan, subject to policies to be included in the City of Brampton Official Plan governing the rezoning of the lands for mineral extraction in the City's zoning bylaw, and subject to the issuance of a licence under the Aggregate Resources Act;
 - iv) Notwithstanding the permissions for shale resource extraction, the City of Brampton is permitted to undertake secondary planning for land-uses in the North West Brampton Urban Development Area, subject to studies to determine appropriate separation, buffering and mitigation of and uses adjacent to lands identified as HPMARA in the Provincial Greenbelt Plan Area or adjacent to sites within the North West Brampton Urban Development Area that are subject to an application for a licence, or are licensed, for extraction under the Aggregate Resources Act;
 - v) Prior to the approval of block plans, site plans for major *development* or *redevelopment*, or draft plans of subdivision on mapped deposits of mineral aggregate (shale) resources, the City of Brampton shall undertake or require applicants to undertake a study to determine the feasibility and economic viability of recovering shale resources prior to, or in conjunction with, *development* of the land. Where such study has determined that shale recovery is feasible and economically viable, the City shall

- ensure that appropriate conditions or requirements to implement the recovery of shale resources will be included at the appropriate approval stage, unless the proposed *development* will serve a greater long-term public interest. For the purposes of implementing the study requirement, the City of Brampton shall identify known deposits of mineral aggregate resources on mapping in the City of Brampton Official Plan;
- vi) The City shall ensure that any shale extraction operation will not unduly restrict alternatives for the planning of a potential North-South Higher Order Transportation Corridor or alternatives for other planned *infrastructure* and transportation corridors including the GTA West Transportation Corridor Study Area as identified by the Ministry of Transportation and the Northwest GTA Transmission Corridor Identification Study Area as identified by the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines and the Independent Electricity System Operator;
 - vii) The establishment of land uses within the North West Brampton Urban Development Area adjacent to HPMARA which could preclude or hinder future shale extraction shall only be permitted in accordance with the policies of Section ~~3.3-3.4~~ of this ~~Official~~ Plan and the applicable provincial policies;
 - viii) With the exception of policies ~~3.3-2.2~~ ~~3.4.6~~ and ~~3.3-2.5~~ ~~3.4.9~~, the policies of Section ~~3.3-3.4~~ of the Region of Peel Official Plan shall continue to apply for the purpose of permitting shale extraction without an amendment to the City of Brampton Official Plan; and
 - ix) The City shall reflect and designate the HPMARA as shown on Schedule C, as amended.

5.3.5 5.6.20.13.16 Ninth Line Lands, Mississauga Policy Area

The Ninth Line Lands within the Urban System as shown on Schedule ~~D-71~~ are bounded by Highway 401 to the north, Ninth Line to the east, the Highway 407/Ninth Line crossover to the south and Highway 407 to the west. The Ninth Line Lands have an area of approximately 350 hectares (865 acres). The following objectives and policies are applicable to the Ninth Line Lands.

5.3.5.1 Objectives

5.3.5.1.1

5.6.20.13.16.1 To establish the Ninth Line Lands *Designated Greenfield Areas* in Mississauga as a healthy, complete, *transit-supportive* urban community, which provides appropriate transitions to existing neighbourhoods to the east.

5.3.5.1.2

[5.6.20.13.16.2](#) To achieve compact urban form and densities which are supportive of transit and *active transportation* as key components of the transportation network.

[5.3.5.1.3](#)

[5.6.20.13.16.3](#) To recognize, *protect*, and enhance a linked *natural heritage system* within the Ninth Line Lands including features of Provincial and Regional significance which form part of the Region's Core Areas of the Greenlands System.

[5.3.5.1.4](#)

[5.6.20.13.16.4](#) To plan for the provision of major *infrastructure*, including the Provincial *rapid transit* corridor along Highway 407 and other transit *infrastructure*, while minimizing the financial impact on Peel Region and member ~~area~~ local municipalities.

[5.3.5.1.5](#)

[5.6.20.13.16.5](#) To achieve orderly, cost effective and timely *development*.

5.3.5.2 Policies

It is the policy of Regional Council to:

[5.3.5.2.1](#)

[5.6.20.13.16.6](#) Plan for the *development* of the Ninth Line Lands in conformity with the 2031 Population, Household and Employment Forecasts for the City of Mississauga in Table 3 to this Plan.

[5.3.5.2.2](#)

[5.6.20.13.16.7](#) Plan for the *development* of the Ninth Line Lands in conformity with the *Designated Greenfield Area* policies in Section ~~5.5.4.2~~ [5.4.18](#) of this Plan and the applicable policies of Section ~~5.6~~ [5.8](#), *Employment Areas*.

[5.3.5.2.3](#)

[5.6.20.13.16.8](#) Encourage and *support* the efforts by City of Mississauga to plan for a range of densities and forms of housing affordable to all households, including low and moderate income households, within Ninth Line Lands that contribute to Mississauga's annual minimum new housing unit targets in Figure 17 and the Region's annual minimum new housing targets in Table 4 of this Plan.

[5.3.5.2.4](#)

[5.6.20.13.16.9](#) Work with the Ministry of Transportation, Metrolinx and the City of Mississauga to support the implementation of a *rapid transit* corridor along Highway 407 in the Region of Peel including the Ninth Line Lands.

[5.3.5.2.5](#)

5.6.20.13.16.10 Ensure that *development* applications for lands within the Ninth Line Lands will not predetermine or preclude the planning and/or implementation of the GTA West Transportation Corridor. These policies may include provisions for the phased release of lands within the GTA West Study Area if such release does not predetermine or preclude the planning and/or implementation of the GTA West Transportation Corridor.

5-3-5-2.6

5.6.20.13.16.11 That the policies of the City of Mississauga Official Plan, including all amendments and Ninth Line Lands policies, will reflect the following policy directions, in addition to the policies in this Plan that govern the Region's Urban System:

- a) That the form and density of *development* and the transportation network be designed to maximize the role of a *rapid transit* corridor along Highway 407, in addition to other transit and *active transportation* facilities including two *rapid transit* station areas, and to ensure these facilities:
 - i. serve as key components of the transportation network in the Ninth Line Lands;
 - ii. support the *development* of healthy, complete, compact and *transit-supportive* communities; and
 - iii. maximize connectivity to existing communities;
- b) That the application of *transportation demand management* strategies be encouraged to reinforce the use of transit and *active transportation* and other alternative modes of transportation beyond the single occupancy vehicle;
- c) That a well-connected and *sustainable natural heritage system* be designated to identify, *protect* and enhance natural heritage features in conformity with the Ninth Line Scoped Subwatershed Study;
- d) That *development* be phased to ensure servicing of *development* progresses in a financially responsible and environmentally *sustainable* manner that is co-ordinated with the Region's Capital Plan, Peel Water and Wastewater Master Plan, and Transportation Master Plans;
- e) That *development* be designed in accordance with the Healthy Communities and the Built Environment policies in Section 4-7-7.4 of this Plan; and
- f) That *affordable housing* be provided in accordance with housing policies in Section 5-8-5.9 of this Plan.

5.4.3.2.8 5.6.20.13.17 Mayfield West Phase 2 Settlement Area, Caledon

The Mayfield West Phase 2 Settlement Area ~~within the Rural Service Centre~~ is comprised of lands bounded by Highway 10 to the east, Mayfield Road/municipal boundary to the south, Chinguacousy Road to the west and the Greenbelt to the north, as identified on Schedule D. The following special policies shall apply to ~~the~~ Mayfield West Phase 2 ~~Settlement Area~~:

~~5.4.3.2.8.1 GTA West Preliminary Route Planning Study Area:~~

5.6.20.13.17.1 Regional Council directs the Town of Caledon, in consultation with and to the satisfaction of the Province and ~~the Region~~, to include in its official plan and in the Mayfield West Phase 2 Secondary Plan, policies that will:

GTA West Preliminary Route Planning Study Area

- a) Identify through mapping, any portion of the GTA West Preliminary Route Planning Study Area (the Study Area) that extends into ~~the~~ Mayfield West Phase 2 ~~Settlement Area~~.
- b) Ensure that *development* applications for lands within the Study Area will not predetermine or preclude the planning and/or implementation of the GTA West Transportation Corridor. These policies may include provisions for the phased release of lands within the Study Area if such release does not predetermine or preclude the planning and/or implementation of the GTA West Transportation Corridor.

~~5.4.3.2.8.2 Provincial Minimum Distance Separation Calculated Setback:~~

~~Regional Council directs the Town of Caledon, in consultation with and to the satisfaction of the Province and the Region, to include in its official plan and in the Mayfield West Phase 2 Secondary Plan, policies that will:~~

Provincial Minimum Distance Separation Calculated Setback

- ~~a)~~ c) Identify through mapping any Provincial minimum distance separation (MDS) | calculated setback (the Setback Area) that extends into ~~the~~ Mayfield West Phase 2 ~~Settlement Area~~.

- b) d) Prohibit *development* in the Setback Area. If and when the livestock and manure storage facilities that are creating the Setback Area are removed, thus eliminating the Setback Area, *development* can proceed in accordance with the Mayfield West Phase 2 Secondary Plan.
- e) e) Recognize that lands within the Setback Area will be considered a Type A Land Use for the purpose of applying Provincial MDS II Formula.

5.4.3.2.8.3

Natural Heritage

- a) f) Prior to the Town of Caledon Council endorsing land uses for secondary plan areas and prior to adopting any official plan amendment and secondary plan in Mayfield West Phase 2 to implement the settlement area boundary, the Town will identify a **natural heritage system** to be in conformity with a Comprehensive Environmental Impact Study and Management Plan (EIS and MP) that is prepared and completed to the satisfaction of the Region and Town of Caledon in consultation with the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, the Credit Valley Conservation and other relevant agencies. The Comprehensive EIS and MP shall be prepared in accordance with terms of reference satisfactory to the Region, the Town of Caledon, the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, the Credit Valley Conservation, and in consultation with relevant agencies.
- b) g) The implementation of recommendations of the completed Comprehensive EIS and MP shall be incorporated into the Town of Caledon Official Plan and Secondary Plan in accordance with provincial, regional, local and conservation authority policy. Based on the results of the Comprehensive EIS and MP, the **natural heritage system** shall be designated in the Town of Caledon Official Plan.
- c) h) Minor refinements to the boundary of the community may be incorporated in a local official plan amendment

and secondary plan to reflect the designation of the *natural heritage system* such that approximately 313 hectares of developable lands are included.

~~5.4.3.2.8.4~~ —

Affordable Housing

- a) ~~i)~~ i) Official plan amendments and secondary plans in Mayfield West Phase 2 ~~to implement the settlement area boundary~~ adopted by the Town of Caledon will include policies for the provision of *affordable housing* demonstrating contribution towards the achievement of Regional new housing unit targets. The policies will be developed in consultation with the Region and will consider:
- ~~i)~~ i) The availability of an appropriate range and mix of housing types, densities, sizes and tenure that contribute to the supply of *affordable housing*; and
 - ~~ii)~~ ii) Identification and conveyance strategy for *affordable housing*, in consultation with the Region of Peel.

~~5.4.3.2.8.5~~ —

Land and Forecasted Growth Allocated beyond 2031

- a) ~~j)~~ j) Notwithstanding the policies in this Plan referencing a 2031 boundary for the Mayfield West Rural Service Centre, specifically Section 5.4.3.2.2 and Section 7.10.2.12, approximately 105 ha of land and approximately 7,000 people and 550 jobs will be planned for in the Mayfield West Phase 2 Settlement Area within the 2031 Mayfield West Rural Service Centre. This growth allocation must be fully accounted for in the land needs assessment undertaken in accordance with Growth Plan requirements associated with the next municipal comprehensive review.

~~5.4.3.2.8.6~~ —

Transportation

- a) ~~k)~~ k) Official Plan Amendments and secondary plans to implement the settlement boundary adopted by the Town of Caledon will include policies to ensure the timely

detailed design and construction or improvements of arterials in accordance with the approved EA Study for the widening of the McLaughlin Road and construction of new Spine Road including operational issues related to the intersection of Highway 410 and Valleywood Blvd and provide for further discussions on the emergency access gate from Highway 410 to Snelcrest Drive in consultation with fire/emergency services.

5.4.3.2.9 5.6.20.13.18 Bolton Residential Expansion Settlement Area 2031, Caledon

The Bolton Residential Expansion Settlement Area within the Rural Service Centre will accommodate approximately 11,100 residents and 3,600 jobs and comprises approximately 245 hectares (of developable lands) as identified on Schedule D-21. The following special policies shall apply to the Bolton Residential Expansion Settlement Area.

The Bolton Residential Expansion Settlement Area will contribute to the development of the Bolton Rural Service Centre to be a complete community by planning for an appropriate mix of jobs, employment lands, local services, housing, including affordable housing, community infrastructure, and a full range of transportation options while ensuring natural heritage features are identified and protected. The provision of Regional infrastructure will be staged and financed in a manner that is consistent with the financial management and capabilities of the Region. Health considerations will be included in the planning process to facilitate physical activity through active transportation to optimize the health promoting potential of the community.

5.4.3.2.9.1

5.6.20.13.18.1 In addition to the policies in this Plan that govern the Region's Rural System, it is the policy of Regional Council to require the Town of Caledon to conform to the following policies:

Phasing of Development, Staging of Regional Infrastructure and Financial Agreements

- a) In accordance with Section 5.4.3.2.5 5.6.20.14.7 and prior to the Town of Caledon adopting an official plan amendment and the secondary plan to implement the settlement area boundary, the Town will prepare a phasing plan to the Region's satisfaction that provides

for the orderly, fiscally responsible and efficient progression of *development* that is coordinated with the Region's Capital Plan, Peel Water and Wastewater Master Plan, and Transportation Master Plans.

- b) In accordance with Section ~~7.8.2.12~~ 5.5.7 prior to the Town of Caledon adopting an official plan amendment and the secondary plan to implement the *settlement area* boundary, the Town will prepare a financial and implementation plan to the Region's satisfaction that includes the execution of any financial agreements for the provision of Regional *infrastructure*. This may require front-end financing or accelerated payment agreements and/or other cost-sharing agreements, and limitations to be placed on the *development*, consistent with a phasing plan.
- c) In implementing a) and b) above, more than one local official plan amendment and/or secondary plan may be considered, in which case the Region may provide for an area to address the above requirements independently. Where an area is to be serviced, the Region may require limitations to be placed on development and servicing of an area, or a portion of an area, consistent with a phasing plan.

Transportation

- d) Prior to the Town of Caledon adopting an official plan amendment and the secondary plan to implement the *settlement area* boundary, the Town of Caledon will plan for a range of transportation options including transit service, *active transportation*, and *carpooling*.

Affordable Housing Assessment

- e) Prior to the Town of Caledon adopting an official plan amendment and the secondary plan to implement the *settlement area* boundary, the Town of Caledon will

prepare an *affordable housing* assessment in consultation with [the Region](#) in order to include policies for the provision of *affordable housing*. *The affordable housing* assessment shall address:

- i) Contribution towards the achievement of Regional new housing unit targets;
- ii) The availability of an appropriate range and mix of housing types, densities, sizes and tenure that contribute to the supply of *affordable housing*; and,
- iii) Identification and conveyance strategy for *affordable housing*, in consultation with the [Region of Peel](#).

Healthy Communities and the Built Environment

- f) The Town of Caledon will conduct a health assessment of the secondary plan that implements the *settlement area* boundary in consultation with [the Region](#), and that results are reported to Town Council prior to approval of the secondary plan. The health assessment must be completed in accordance with the [Region of Peel's Healthy Development Framework](#).
- g) The Town of Caledon shall include in the secondary plan, a policy to require the completion of a health assessment as part of a complete application for any *development*, and that results are reported to Town Council in consultation with [the Region](#). The health assessment must be completed in accordance with the [Region of Peel's Healthy Development Framework](#).
- h) Integrate the [Region of Peel's](#) Healthy Development Assessment elements into the secondary plan to optimize its health promoting potential.
- i) [The Region](#) and the Town of Caledon shall conduct

health assessments on Regionally or municipally developed, owned and operated public buildings, public squares and open space project applications.

Natural Heritage

- j) Prior to the Town of Caledon Council endorsing land uses for the secondary plan areas and prior to adopting an official plan amendment and secondary plan to implement the *settlement area* boundary, the Town will identify a *natural heritage system* to be in conformity with a Comprehensive Environmental Impact Study and Management Plan (EIS and MP) that is prepared and completed to the satisfaction of *the Region* and Town of Caledon in consultation with the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and other relevant agencies. The Comprehensive EIS and MP shall be prepared in accordance with terms of reference satisfactory to *the Region*, the Town of Caledon and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, in consultation with relevant agencies.
- k) The implementation of recommendations of the completed Comprehensive EIS and MP shall be incorporated into the Town of Caledon Official Plan and Secondary Plan in accordance with provincial, regional, local and conservation authority policy. Based on the results of the Comprehensive EIS and MP, the natural heritage system shall be designated in the Town of Caledon Official Plan.
- l) Minor refinements to the boundary of the community may be incorporated in the local official plan amendment and secondary plan to reflect the designation of the *natural heritage system* such that approximately 245 hectares of developable lands are included.

Agriculture

- m) Prior to the Town of Caledon adopting an official plan amendment and secondary plan to implement the *settlement area* boundary, the Town will prepare an *agricultural impact assessment (AIA)* to be completed in accordance with terms of reference prepared to the satisfaction of *the Region* and Town of Caledon, in consultation with relevant agencies. The *AIA agricultural impact assessment* will be prepared to provide a further detailed evaluation of potential impacts of non-agricultural *development* on agricultural operations adjacent to the Bolton Residential Expansion Settlement Area with recommendations to avoid, minimize and/or mitigate adverse impacts. The implementation of recommendations of the *AIA agricultural impact assessment* shall be incorporated into the Town of Caledon Official Plan and Secondary Plan, *as appropriate*, and will include policies, at a minimum, that will:
- i) Identify through mapping any Provincial *minimum distance separation (MDS) I* calculated setback (the Setback Area) that extends into the Bolton Residential Expansion Settlement Area;
 - ii) Prohibit *development* in the Setback Area. If and when the livestock and manure storage facilities that are creating the Setback Area are removed, thus eliminating the Setback Area, *development* can proceed in accordance with the Bolton Residential Expansion Settlement Area Secondary Plan;
 - iii) Recognize that lands within the Setback Area will be considered a Type A Land Use for the purpose of applying Provincial MDS II Formula; ~~and~~
 - iv) Promote land use compatibility where *agricultural uses* and non-agricultural uses interface; and,
 - v) Require mitigation of potential impacts of *development* on surrounding agricultural operations and land to the extent feasible.

GTA West Preliminary Route Planning Study Area/NWGTA Transmission Corridor Identification Study Area

- n) During the preparation of an official plan amendment and the secondary plan to implement the *settlement area* boundary, the Town of Caledon in consultation with and to the satisfaction of *the Region* and the Province will prepare policies that address the following:
- i) Identify through mapping, any portion of the GTA West Preliminary Route Planning Study Area (the GTA West Study Area) which includes the GTA West Focused Analysis Area (FAA) and NWGTA Transmission Corridor Identification Study Area that extends into the Bolton Residential Expansion Settlement Area. The mapping will indicate the GTA West Study Area, FAA, and NWGTA Transmission Corridor Identification Study Area are located in portions of the Bolton Residential Expansion Settlement Area.
 - ii) Ensure that *development* applications for lands within the GTA West Study Area and NWGTA Transmission Corridor Identification Study Area will not predetermine or preclude the planning and/or implementation of the GTA West Transportation Corridor or the NWGTA Transmission Corridor. These policies may include provisions for the phased release of lands within the GTA West Study Area and NWGTA Transmission Corridor Identification Study Area if such release does not predetermine or preclude the planning and/or implementation of the GTA West Transportation Corridor and NWGTA Transmission Corridor.

~~The Rural System has diverse natural and rural *landscapes*, contains attractive and dynamic rural communities, and contributes toward the overall social qualities and economic viability of *the region*. The Rural System in Peel consists of lands that are outside of the 2031 Regional Urban Boundary, and includes the Protected Countryside as identified in the Greenbelt Plan and lands identified and *protected* as part of the natural environment and resources in the preceding chapters of this Plan. Other components of *Peel's* Rural System, which are described in this section of the Plan include the Brampton Flying Club, three Rural Service Centres, an Estate Residential Community, other rural settlements and the rural area. The Rural System is a community of communities and should be viewed holistically as a planning entity.~~

The Rural System in Peel consists of those lands that are outside of the Regional Urban Boundary. The Rural System contains diverse natural and rural *landscapes* and attractive communities. It includes *Rural Lands, Rural Settlement Areas*, the Palgrave Estate Residential Community, natural heritage and water resources, and other natural resources. The Rural System is a community of communities and should be dealt with holistically as a planning entity.

The Rural System and the Urban System are interdependent in terms of economic activity, resources, services and amenities. The Rural System makes important contributions to Peel's economic viability, environmental health and quality of life. The communities of Bolton, Caledon East and Mayfield West play a significant role in providing services and economic opportunities for those who live and work in the Rural System.

The *Agricultural System* plays a key role in supporting the Rural System, maintaining the rural character of the area, and providing a healthy natural environment. The *Agricultural System* has two components: a continuous and productive agricultural land base, comprised of *Prime Agricultural Area* and *Rural Lands*; and a complementary *agri-food network* of infrastructure, services and other elements that together enable the agri-food sector to thrive.

Lands in the Rural System that lie within the Greenbelt Plan, the Niagara Escarpment Plan, the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan and the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan, as shown on Figure X1, that are subject to the applicable policies of those Plans, as well as the policies of this Plan.

5.4.1 General Objectives

5.4.1.1

5.7.1

To promote sustainable development and conserve the environmental and resource attributes of *the Rural System* ~~the region~~.

5.4.1.2

5.7.2

To maintain and enhance ~~recognize~~ the integrity and distinctive characteristics of existing communities in *the Rural System* *Peel*.

5.4.1.3

5.7.3 To promote healthy and complete rural communities that collectively contain living, working and recreational opportunities, and respect the natural environment and resources.

~~5.4.1.4~~

5.7.4 To maintain and enhance the quality of the Rural System while allowing choices in alternative rural lifestyles.

~~5.4.1.5~~

5.7.5 ~~To provide opportunities for economic development that are compatible with the rural character and natural environment of the area and with the other objectives of this Plan. To direct growth in the Rural System consistent with the policies in this Plan, the *area municipal official plans*, the Niagara Escarpment Plan, the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, the Greenbelt Plan and the Growth Plan.~~

~~5.4.1.6~~

5.7.6 ~~To support and enhance the *Agricultural System*. To achieve *sustainable development* within the Rural System.~~

~~5.4.1.7~~

5.7.7 ~~To direct growth in the Rural System to the Palgrave Estate Residential Community and to the *Rural Settlement Areas* where permitted and appropriate. To provide for the needs of *Peel's* changing age structure and allow opportunities for residents to live in their own communities as they age.~~

5.4.2 General Policies

It is the policy of *Regional Council* to:

~~5.4.2.1~~

5.7.8 Define the Rural System, as shown on ~~Schedule D~~ Schedule X12, to include all lands in Peel outside the ~~2031~~ Regional Urban Boundary. ~~The Rural System includes the three Rural Service Centres, the Palgrave Estate Residential Community and the Brampton Flying Club identified on Schedule D and the Rural Settlements shown on Schedule D4. The Rural System also includes lands identified and protected in the Natural Environment and Resources sections of this Plan including the Core Areas of the Greenlands System as shown on Schedule A, the Prime Agricultural Area as shown on Schedule B and the High Potential Mineral Aggregate Resource Areas as shown on Schedule C. The lands outside of the Prime Agricultural Area which also form part of the Rural System are identified as Rural Area in the Town of Caledon Official Plan~~

and Greenbelt in the City of Brampton Official Plan. Figure 2 shows the area within the Rural System that is subject to provincial policies including the Greenbelt Plan Area, the Niagara Escarpment Plan Area, the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan Area, and the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan Area.

~~5.4.2.2~~ Direct growth within the Rural System generally to the three Rural Service Centres and the Palgrave Estate Residential Community, as shown on Schedule D, and to other rural settlements as designated in the applicable *area municipal official plans*, the Niagara Escarpment Plan and the Greenbelt Plan.

5.7.9 Identify the Rural System as including the following components, which are subject to specific policies of this Plan in addition to the general policies applying to the Rural System:

- a) Rural Lands as designated on Schedule X12;
- b) The Palgrave Estate Residential Community, designated on Schedule X12;
- c) Rural Settlement Areas, designated on Schedule X12;
- d) components of the Agricultural System including of Prime Agricultural Areas, designated on Schedule X12, and Rural Lands that are used for agriculture, link Prime Agricultural Areas or support elements of the agri-food network; and
- e) the Greenlands System, Water Resource System and other natural resources identified and protected in the Natural Environment and Resources sections of this Plan, including the Core Areas of the Greenlands System, shown on Schedule Y1, and High Potential Mineral Aggregate Resource Areas, shown on Schedule C.

5.7.10 Encourage and support planning by the Town of Caledon and City of Brampton for a healthy, integrated and viable Rural System by:

- a) building upon rural character, and leveraging rural amenities and assets;
- b) promoting regeneration, including rehabilitation of mineral aggregate sites and the redevelopment of brownfield sites;

- c) accommodating an appropriate range and mix of housing in *Rural Settlement Areas*;
- d) encouraging the conservation and redevelopment of existing rural housing stock on *Rural Lands*;
- e) using rural *infrastructure* and *public service facilities* efficiently;
- f) co-locating *public service facilities* in community hubs within *Rural Settlement Areas* where appropriate and, where possible, adapting existing *public service facilities* to meet community needs;
- g) promoting diversification of the economic base and employment opportunities through goods and services, including value-added *agricultural* products and the sustainable management or use of resources;
- h) providing opportunities for sustainable and diversified tourism, leveraging historical, cultural, and natural assets;
- i) conserving biodiversity and considering the ecological benefits provided by nature; and
- j) providing opportunities for economic development.

5.7.11 Direct growth within the Rural System to the Palgrave Estate Residential Community, and the *Rural Settlement Areas* as designated on Schedule X12, subject to the requirements of the Growth Plan, the Niagara Escarpment Plan, the Greenbelt Plan, the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, and the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan, and giving consideration to community character, the scale of the development, and the availability of *water and sewage services*.

5.7.12 Implement the policies of Section 3.3 to support and enhance the *Agricultural System*.

~~5.4.2.9~~ ~~Direct the area municipalities to consider incorporating policies with respect to minimum distance separation formulae, as appropriate, within the Rural System.~~

5.7.13 Where proposed non-agricultural uses interface with *agricultural uses*:

- a) land use compatibility shall be achieved by avoiding or, if avoidance is not possible, minimizing and mitigating adverse impacts on the Agricultural System;
- b) where mitigation is required, the mitigation measures should be incorporated as part of the non-agricultural uses, as appropriate, within the area being developed; and
- c) where appropriate, an agricultural impact assessment should be required to identify and evaluate potential impacts on the Agricultural System and measures to avoid, minimize and mitigate adverse impacts.
- ~~5.4.2.3~~ ~~Address the Prime Agricultural Area consistent with the policies in Section 3.2.~~
- ~~5.4.2.4~~ ~~Address the Brampton Flying Club consistent with the policies in Section 5.9.6.~~
- ~~5.4.2.7~~ ~~Direct the area municipalities to require, as appropriate, proponents of development, in the absence of municipal servicing, to provide a comprehensive assessment of alternative methods of providing water and sewer servicing for the proposed development. The preferred servicing option will ensure that groundwater quality and quantity is protected, is financially feasible for the Region and is most suitable to the characteristics of the site and existing communities.~~
- ~~5.4.2.8~~ ~~Direct the Town of Caledon to include in its official plan policies for lot creation consistent with the policies of this Plan.~~
- ~~5.4.2.5~~
5.7.14 Direct the ~~area~~ local municipalities to include more detailed objectives and policies for the Rural System in ~~the their area municipal~~ official plans consistent with the policies of this Plan.
- ~~5.4.2.6~~
5.7.15 Ensure that development proposals within the Rural System ~~are is~~ consistent with the objectives and policies in this Plan and the applicable policies in the local area municipal official plans, the Niagara Escarpment Plan, the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, the Greenbelt Plan, the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan and the Growth Plan.
- 5.7.16 Work with the Province and the local municipalities:

- a) to ensure that planning for new or expanded infrastructure assesses the impacts on the Agricultural System and, where negative impacts cannot be avoided, incorporates measures to minimize or mitigate negative impacts to the extent possible; and;
- b) to identify and facilitate infrastructure development needed to support and enhance the Agricultural System.

5.4.3 Rural Service Centres

The Rural Service Centres in the Rural System designated in this Plan are Mayfield West, Bolton and Caledon East in the Town of Caledon. These three Rural Service Centres serve as the primary foci for growth within the Rural System. The settlement area boundaries for the Caledon East, Mayfield West and Bolton Rural Service Centres are designated in this Plan as shown on Schedule D, which indicate where growth is planned to occur in a phased manner subject to the financial capabilities of the Region. The settlement area boundaries for the Rural Service Centres will be designated on the basis of a municipal comprehensive review and will require an amendment to this Plan. Local official plan policies will be required to implement the settlement area boundaries of the Region's Official Plan and consider the applicable policies in the Plan including Section 5.4 The Rural System, 5.5 Growth Management, and all other relevant policies.

The Mayfield West, Bolton and Caledon East communities will be developed on full municipal water and sewer services. Opportunities for a wide range and mix of land uses and activities will be provided within the three Rural Service Centres. Caledon East falls partially within the ORMCPA and the Protected Countryside of the Greenbelt Plan and is subject to the Town/Village policies of the Greenbelt Plan.

5.4.3.1 Objectives

- 5.4.3.1.1 To promote safe and secure communities and improvement in the quality of life through proper design and effective use of the built environment.
- 5.4.3.1.2 To preserve and enhance the distinct character, cultural attributes, village atmosphere and historical heritage of Bolton and Caledon East.
- 5.4.3.1.3 To foster a distinct character and village atmosphere for Mayfield West.

~~5.4.3.1.4 To provide within Rural Service Centres opportunities for a wide range of goods and services for those living and working in the Rural System.~~

~~5.4.3.1.5 To establish healthy complete communities that contain, living, working and recreational activities, which respect the natural environment, resources, and characteristics of existing communities and services. (Adopted ROPA 30)~~

5.4.3.2 Policies

It is the policy of *Regional Council* to:

~~5.4.3.2.1 Designate three Rural Service Centres, as shown on Schedule D, as locations for growth outside of Peel's Urban System, providing a range and mix of residential, employment, commercial, recreational and institutional land uses and community services to those living and working in the Rural System. (Adopted ROPA 30)~~

~~5.4.3.2.2 Show on Schedule D the 2031 settlement boundaries for each of the Caledon East, Mayfield West and Bolton Rural Service Centres. The 2031 boundaries for Caledon East and Mayfield West have been established. The 2031 boundary for Bolton has been partially established and remains to be completed. (Adopted ROPA 30). The 2031 settlement boundary for the Bolton Rural Service Centre will be designated on the basis of a municipal comprehensive review and will be consistent with s. 5.4.7, 5.5 and 7.9 of this Plan and will require an amendment to this plan. Accordingly, the Region, working with the Town of Caledon, will designate the 2031 settlement boundary of the Bolton Rural Service Centre.~~

~~5.4.3.2.3 Direct the Town, in consideration of the proposed Mayfield West Community Development Plan and its progress, to prepare: a secondary plan, prior to releasing the lands for residential development, and outlining the detailed land uses for lands within the Mayfield West Rural Service Centre, north of Mayfield Road, south of the Hwy 410 extension, and east of Kennedy Road.~~

- ~~5.4.3.2.4 — Direct the Town of Caledon to include policies for the three Rural Service Centres in its Official Plan, addressing the following:~~
- ~~a) — the intended role, function and distinct character of each Rural Service Centre;~~
 - ~~b) — the population and employment forecasts for the year 2031;~~
 - ~~c) — the Regional greenfield density and intensification targets;~~
 - ~~d) — the policy requirements of the Greenbelt Plan for lands within Towns/Villages and Hamlets in the Protected Countryside;~~
 - ~~e) — the minimization of crime by the use of such approaches as Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles; and~~
 - ~~f) — other relevant issues.~~
- ~~5.4.3.2.5 — Direct the Town of Caledon, in cooperation with *the Region*, to prepare growth management and phasing strategies for the three Rural Service Centres and incorporate these strategies as policies in its Official Plan. These growth management and phasing strategies will address and incorporate issues such as the timing and efficient provision and financing of necessary services, fiscal impacts for *the Region* and the Town, staged build out and logical extensions to *development* and the *sustainable* rate of employment growth in relation to population growth.~~
- ~~5.4.3.2.6 — Consider Mayfield West, Bolton and Caledon East to be the only three Rural Service Centres in the Town of Caledon.~~
- ~~5.4.3.2.7 — The boundary shown as a red dashed line on Schedule D and designated in the legend “Study Area Boundary” is the area within which additional growth for Mayfield West and Bolton beyond the 2031 population target is anticipated to occur. Any settlement boundary expansion for the Mayfield West or Bolton Rural Service Centre Service Centres will be designated on the basis of a *municipal comprehensive review* and will require an amendment to this plan. (Adopted ROPA 30)~~

5.4.4 5.7.17 Estate Residential Community

Estate residences are large lot housing units that generally rely on private septic systems for wastewater disposal. Estate residences constitute a limited portion of the total housing stock in Peel yet add to the variety of housing forms and lifestyle options available to the residents of the Region. As well, estate residences provide a significant cultural landscape in the Region. This section of the Plan recognizes that these important landscapes, including the natural environment and the overall rural landscape, need to be protected. The only Estate Residential Community designated in this Plan is the Palgrave Estate Residential Community within the Rural System. The Palgrave Estate Residential Community and the rural settlement Rural Settlement Area of Palgrave Village generally form the extended Palgrave community. For the Palgrave Estate Residential Community, growth will be planned to occur in a phased manner, considering factors such as the financial capabilities of the Region, and as a logical extension to existing estate areas and servicing systems.

The Toronto Gore Estates area in Brampton is regarded as a specialized area within the Urban System, and therefore is not specifically identified in this Plan. Furthermore, other estate residential areas in Peel Region are deemed too small in size to be recognized in this Plan.

5.4.4.1 Objectives

5.4.4.1.1

5.7.17.1

To ensure that the development of estate residences supports the natural environment and resource objectives in this Plan.

5.4.4.1.2

5.7.17.2

To provide estate residential housing lifestyle options in Peel.

5.4.4.2 Policies

It is the policy of Regional Council to:

5.4.4.2.1

5.7.17.3

Consider estate residential proposals in the Palgrave Estate Residential Community consistent with the policies in this Plan, the Town of Caledon Official Plan, and the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan and the Greenbelt Plan.

5.4.4.2.2

5.7.17.4

The 2031 boundary for the Palgrave Estate Residential Community is designated in this Plan on Schedule D-X12. The need to change the 2031 boundary will be considered consistent with Section 7.9 Policy 5.4.13 of this Plan. Any change to the

~~2031~~ boundary will require an amendment to this Plan and shall not compromise the ability of the Region to achieve the minimum *greenfield density target* and *intensification* targets, and other objectives of this Plan.

5.4.4.2.3

5.7.17.5

Direct the Town of Caledon to consider new estate residential *development* only in the Palgrave Estate Residential Community or on other lands already committed for estate residential *development* as identified in its official plan, provided that such *development*:

- a) is compatible with the rural *landscape* and surrounding uses;
- b) *protects* the natural environment;
- c) is a logical extension of an existing estate area and servicing system;
- d) occurs in a phased manner; and
- e) has the necessary water and sewer *services*, taking into account consideration of financial and physical capabilities, and the suitability and availability of municipal servicing.

5.4.5 5.7.18 Rural Settlement Areas Settlements

Rural Settlement Areas settlements as ~~identified-designated~~ on Schedule ~~D4 X12~~ comprise Villages, Hamlets and Industrial/Commercial Centres located within the Rural System, and are identified in ~~area local~~ *municipal official plans*, the Niagara Escarpment Plan, the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan and the Greenbelt Plan. Villages and Hamlets are vibrant rural communities, generally based on historic centres, which provide predominantly lower density housing and provide *services* to the surrounding area. Industrial/Commercial Centres ~~play a supportive function to the Rural Service Centres and~~ provide at a small scale, opportunities for industrial and commercial development.

5.4.5.1 Objectives

5.4.5.1.1

5.7.18.1

To preserve and enhance the distinct character, cultural attributes and historical heritage of rural *Rural Settlement Areas settlements*.

5.4.5.1.2

5.7.18.2

To add to the diversity of lifestyle choices in the Rural System.

5.4.5.1.3

5.7.18.3

To provide appropriate opportunities for economic development in ~~rural~~ Rural Settlement Areas settlements.

5.4.5.2 Policies

It is the policy of *Regional Council* to:

5.4.5.2.1

5.7.18.4

Designate Rural Settlement Areas on Schedule X12.

5.4.5.2.2

5.7.18.5

Direct the Town of Caledon to identify and designate rural Rural Settlement Areas settlements and boundaries in its official plan.

5.4.5.2.3

5.7.18.6

Direct the Town of Caledon to plan for ~~rural~~ Rural Settlement Areas settlements consistent with the policies in this Plan and, if applicable, the Niagara Escarpment Plan, the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, the Greenbelt Plan and the Growth Plan.

5.4.5.2.4

5.7.18.7

Consider *development* in ~~rural~~ Rural Settlement Areas settlements, as designated in the Town of Caledon Official Plan, consistent with the policies in this Plan and, if applicable, the Niagara Escarpment Plan, the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, the Greenbelt Plan and the Growth Plan.

~~Direct the Town of Caledon to include policies in its Official Plan which require that a municipal comprehensive review be undertaken prior to the consideration of an expansion to the boundary of an existing rural settlement area. An amendment to the Town of Caledon official plan shall be required which demonstrates that the requirements of Section 7.9.2.12, as determined by the Region, have been met.~~

5.7.18.8

Only permit an expansion to the boundary of a Rural Settlement Area in accordance with the policies of Section 5.5 and, where applicable, the requirements of the Niagara Escarpment Plan, the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan, the Greenbelt Plan and the Growth Plan.

5.4.6 5.7.19 Rural Lands Area

~~The rural area is comprised of lands in the Rural System outside of Rural Service Centres, the Estate Residential Community, rural settlements, the natural environment and the *Prime Agricultural Area*. Lands in the rural area are used predominantly for agricultural, forestry, recreation or conservation purposes and rural severances. New development within the rural area shall also be subject to the provisions of Section 3.3.~~

The *Rural Lands* consist of those lands in the Rural System outside of the *Prime Agricultural Area*, the Palgrave Estate Residential Community, and *Rural Settlement Areas*. *Rural Lands* contain existing agricultural operations and provide important linkages among the *Prime Agricultural Area*, maintaining the continuity of the agricultural land base.

5.4.6.1 Objectives

5.4.6.1.1

5.7.19.1 To preserve and enhance the distinct character, cultural attributes and historical heritage of *Rural Lands* ~~the rural area~~.

5.4.6.1.2

5.7.19.2 ~~To support the continued health and viability of agricultural operations, forestry and conservation in the rural area. To support forestry and conservation and the continued health and viability of the *Agricultural System* in *Rural Lands*.~~

5.7.19.3

To maintain the role of *Rural Lands* in providing linkages among *Prime Agricultural Areas* within Peel Region and beyond its borders.

5.4.6.1.3

5.7.19.4 To provide opportunities for appropriate economic development ~~on *Rural Lands* in the rural area~~.

5.4.6.2 Policies

It is the policy of *Regional Council* to:

5.7.19.5

Designate *Rural Lands* as shown on Schedule X12.

5.4.6.2.1

5.7.19.6

Direct the Town of Caledon and the City of Brampton to: include policies in their official plans to plan for *Rural Lands* in a manner consistent with the policies in this Plan, and where applicable,

the Niagara Escarpment Plan, the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan, the Greenbelt Plan and the Growth Plan.

- a) ~~identify the boundaries of the rural area in its Official Plan;~~
- b) ~~plan for the rural area in a manner consistent with the policies in this Plan, and where applicable, the Niagara Escarpment Plan the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, the Greenbelt Plan and the Growth Plan;~~
- c) ~~identify, *as appropriate*, in their official plans, localized prime agricultural areas within the rural area, consistent with Policy 3.2.2.6 in this Plan;~~
- d) ~~include policies in its Official Plan to protect agricultural operations in the rural area by requiring all uses to comply with the minimum distance separation formulae;~~
- e) ~~permit, as deemed appropriate, limited growth in the rural area while ensuring that the land continues to be devoted predominantly to agricultural, forestry, recreation and conservation uses; and~~
- f) ~~review *development* proposals in the rural area based on:~~
 - ~~• the need and demand for the type and scale of the *development* proposed;~~
 - ~~• the protection of the natural environment and resources;~~
 - ~~• the impact on the existing rural character and *landscape* of the rural area;~~
 - ~~• the potential impact on the character and heritage of the rural area;~~
 - ~~• the long-term suitability of the site(s) for public communal *services* or individual on-site systems;~~
 - ~~• the adequacy of municipal *services* and related municipal financial costs;~~
 - ~~• the provisions of the Niagara Escarpment Plan, the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, the Greenbelt Plan, the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan or the Growth Plan, if applicable; and~~

- ~~• existing *subwatershed* studies as detailed in Chapters 2 and 7 of this Plan.~~

~~5.4.6.2.2 Support consents to sever land in the rural area consistent with the Region's land severance policies.~~

5.7.19.7 Permit the following uses in *Rural Lands* without the requirement for an amendment to the Regional Official Plan subject to the other policies of this Plan:

- agricultural uses and normal farm practices, agriculture-related uses and on-farm diversified uses in accordance with provincial standards;*
- home occupations and home industries;
- non-intensive, resource-based *recreation* uses;
- the management or use of resources, including forestry, subject to the other policies of this Plan;
- conservation of the natural environment;
- cemeteries, subject to approval requirements and criteria in the local official plan addressing the location, scale and compatibility of the proposed use; and*
- other rural uses that are compatible with the rural *landscape* and surrounding uses, can be sustained by rural service levels and will not adversely affect *adjacent agricultural operations* and other resource-based uses such as *mineral aggregate operations*.

5.7.19.8 Not permit ***new multiple lots or units for residential development*** in *Rural Lands* except in site-specific locations with approved zoning or designation in the *local* municipal official plan that permitted this type of development as of June 16, 2006.

5.7.19.9 Direct the Town of Caledon and the City of Brampton to include policies in their official plans to require that:

- development proposals in *Rural Lands* be reviewed based on:*

- i) the need and demand for the type and scale of the development proposed. This requirement does not apply to mineral aggregate operations;
 - ii) the protection of the natural environment and resources;
 - iii) the impact on the rural character, landscape and heritage of the Rural Lands;
 - iv) the long-term suitability of the site(s) for water and wastewater services including individual on-site water and wastewater systems;
 - v) the adequacy of municipal services and related municipal financial costs;
 - vi) the provisions of the Niagara Escarpment Plan, the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, the Greenbelt Plan, the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan or the Growth Plan, if applicable; and
 - vii) consistency with the relevant policies of the Provincial Policy Statement.
- b) when new or expanding non-agricultural development is proposed in Rural Lands, an agricultural impact assessment is undertaken, where appropriate, to identify and evaluate potential impacts on the Agricultural System and measures to avoid, minimize and mitigate adverse impacts; and
- c) criteria addressing compatibility for development proposals in Rural Lands may be based on guidelines developed by the Province or on municipal approaches that achieve the same objectives.

5.7.19.10

In Rural Lands, new land uses, including the creation of lots, and new or expanding livestock operations, shall comply with the minimum distance separation formulae.

5.7.19.11

Resource-based recreation uses, where permitted on Rural Lands, shall be limited to tourism-related and recreational uses that are compatible with the scale, character, and capacity of the resource and the surrounding rural landscape, and may include:

- a) commercial uses to serve the needs of visitors; and

- b) where appropriate, resource-based recreational dwellings for seasonal accommodation.

5.4.7 Settlement Study Areas

To study areas for settlement expansion to accommodate the population, household and employment forecasts shown in Table 3 to 2031 recognizing a settlement areas boundary expansion may only occur as part of a *municipal comprehensive review*.

5.6 5.8 Employment Areas

~~The Region is forecasted to accommodate 340,000 new jobs and 610,000 additional residents by 2031, compared to 2001. This will bring the total number of jobs to 870,000 and total population to 1,640,000.~~

~~The need to study employment and *employment lands* arose in response to national, provincial and regional changes in population and labour; driven by population increases and employment industry shifts. To ensure the viability of *employment areas* is maintained, the Region, in collaboration with area municipalities and expert consultants, reviewed and analyzed current trends and future demand for employment and *employment land* in Peel to develop policies for the Section 5.6, Employment Areas, in the Plan consistent with the Places to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe and the Provincial Policy Statement.~~

~~*Employment areas* are key centres of economic activity designated in *area municipal official plans*. These lands will remain important for the Region to maintain a healthy economy and will accommodate uses such as manufacturing, warehousing, offices, and associated retail and *ancillary* facilities.~~

~~The Region is forecasted to accommodate about 335,000 new jobs and about 700,000 additional residents by 2051, compared to 2021. This will bring the total number of jobs to 1,070,000 and total population to 2,280,000~~

~~*Employment Areas* are places of business and economic activity in the Region that are vital for the Region to maintain a healthy economy and accommodate future jobs and economic opportunities to meet the Regions employment forecast.~~

~~These areas accommodate a broad range of uses including manufacturing, warehousing, office, and associated retail and *ancillary* facilities across various geographies ranging from individual sites, to nodes, corridors, and entire districts. The lands will remain important for the Region to maintain a healthy and diverse economy.~~

~~For 21st century employment opportunity to thrive, new *infrastructure* such as strong transit connectivity to a qualified labour force and affordable symmetrical broadband internet is required, while changes in technology will enable employment across a wider variety of land uses and building~~

spaces than ever before. However, employers will continue to need core essentials like affordable electricity, good roads, clean water, and a variety of appropriate spaces in order to create and expand business.

Beyond *Employment Area* designations the regional and local official plans support a mix of uses and major office *development* in *Strategic Growth Areas*. On the periphery of *Employment Areas*, retail and commercial uses serve the workers in the *Employment Areas*, provide a buffer to sensitive land uses, and benefit from visibility and access to transit.

5.6.1

Objectives

5.6.1.1

5.8.1

To provide sufficient lands in *Employment Areas* in Peel to support a vibrant and *sustainable* regional economy, to further the economic development goals of the ~~area-local~~ municipalities and to contribute to complete communities, in accordance with the policies in the provincial Growth Plan and in accordance with the policies of this Plan including the forecasts set out in Table 3.

5.8.2

To protect *Employment Areas* for a range of employment uses and encourage a more intensive use of land.

5.6.1.2

5.8.3

To provide *infrastructure* and *services* that are required for the *development* of *Employment Areas* to facilitate economic development and support the achievement of the Region's employment forecasts.

5.6.1.3

5.8.4

To promote *sustainable development* of *Employment Areas*, in accordance with the Themes of the Plan in Section ~~1.3.5-1.6~~ of this Plan.

5.6.1.4

5.8.5

To attract and retain a range of employment types in Peel.

5.6.1.5

5.8.6

To concentrate higher density employment uses such as Major Office in *Strategic Growth Areas* ~~appropriate locations~~ such as Urban Growth Centres, *Major Transit Station Areas*, the *Regional Intensification Corridor*, ~~mobility hubs, nodes and corridors~~ and in other areas served by frequent and higher order transit.

5.6.1.6

5.8.7

To plan for, protect and preserve, *Employment Areas* for employment uses.

5.8.8

To align current and planned transit service investments with current and planned *Employment Areas*.

- 5.8.9 To encourage the availability of industry-leading affordable, symmetrical, broadband internet *infrastructure* in *Employment Areas*.
- 5.8.10 To provide for a diverse range of employment opportunities near major *infrastructure* including Pearson Airport, the Brampton Flying Club Airport, 400 series highways, rail corridors, and current and planned transit.
- 5.8.11 To provide sufficient land in *Employment Areas* in Peel to support a vibrant and *sustainable* regional economy.
- 5.8.12 To *support* the development, maintenance, and implementation of a coordinated employment strategy between the local municipalities and Region.
- 5.8.13 To *support* innovative approaches to employment uses.
- 5.8.14 To *support* *Employment Areas* in mitigating and adapting to climate change.

5-6.2 **Policies**

It is the policy of *Regional Council* to:

- 5.8.15 Require the local municipalities to delineate *Employment Areas* in accordance with Schedule Y6 of the Regional Official Plan.
- 5.8.16 Direct the local municipalities to include policies and mapping in their official plans on ***Provincially Significant Employment Zones*** in accordance with Figure Z4.
- ~~5-6.2.1~~
5.8.17 Direct ~~area~~ the local municipalities to designate land use permissions and establish appropriate policies in the ~~area-local~~ municipal official plans to accommodate an adequate supply of *employment land* within the ~~Urban System and Rural Service Centres~~ Regional Urban Boundary and Industrial/Commercial Centres in the Rural System to achieve the forecasts in Table 3. Local municipalities are further encouraged to identify and designate specialized employment uses within *Employment Areas* through supportive policies in their Official Plans.
- ~~5-6.2.2~~
5.8.18 Require the ~~area~~ local municipalities to include ~~a range of~~ employment designations in their official plans ~~for employment areas within the~~

~~Urban System and Rural Service Centres, Industrial/Commercial Centres, as appropriate, to achieve accommodate a diverse range of employment uses to achieve the employment forecasts set out in Table 3 and to accommodate a variety of employment uses in accordance with the locational and market requirements of these uses.~~

~~5.6.2.3~~

5.8.19

Use the employment forecasts in Table 3 for *employment land* use planning in the Region.

5.8.20

~~Direct high-density employment uses such as major office and major institutional *development* to Strategic Growth Areas, and other areas with existing or planned higher order transit service.~~

5.8.21

~~Protect existing and future *Employment Areas* to meet the long-term market demands and locational requirements of a diverse range of employment sectors and uses.~~

5.8.22

~~Direct the local municipalities to include policies in their official plans that support the *intensification* of existing *Employment Areas* with compatible employment uses.~~

~~5.6.2.4~~

5.8.23

Monitor, in cooperation with the ~~area~~ *local* municipalities, the supply of *employment lands* on an annual basis to determine if adequate supply exists to accommodate forecasts in Table 3.

~~5.6.2.5~~

5.8.24

Assist ~~area~~ *the local* municipalities in maximizing their economic development objectives and facilitating the *development* of *Employment Areas* through the provision of Regional *infrastructure* and *services* such as water and wastewater *services*, transportation and human *services* to *Employment Areas* based on the availability of servicing capacity and subject to capital budget allocation.

~~5.6.2.6~~

5.8.25

~~Protect and support *employment areas* for employment uses, as defined and designated in *area municipal official plans*.~~

~~For the purposes of this policy, *employment areas* are those that contain lands designated:~~

- ~~• In Brampton: Office, Industrial and certain Business Corridor lands, as further defined in the Brampton Official Plan.~~
- ~~• In Caledon: Prestige Industrial, General Industrial and Dry Industrial.~~

- ~~In Mississauga: Any of the following designations: Business Employment; Industrial; Institutional; Mixed Use; or Office; within any of the following Corporate Centres or Employment Areas: Airport Corporate Centre; Gateway Corporate Centre; Meadowvale Business Park Corporate Centre; Sheridan Park Corporate Centre; Churchill Meadows Employment Area; Clarkson Employment Area; Dixie Employment Area; Gateway Employment Area; Lakeview Employment Area; Mavis Erindale Employment Area; Northeast Employment Area; Southdown Employment Area; and Western Business Park Employment Area.~~

Protect and support Employment Areas as identified on Schedule Y6 of the Regional Official Plan for employment uses.

5.8.26 Employment Areas are encouraged to be planned to achieve a minimum employment density of:

- 26 jobs per hectare in Caledon
- 30 jobs per hectare in Brampton
- 45 jobs per hectare in Mississauga

~~5.6.2.7~~

5.8.27

Protect and *support* existing and future *Employment Areas* in the vicinity of the Toronto Pearson International Airport, the Brampton Flying Club Airport, major highway interchanges and rail yards for manufacturing, warehousing and associated retail, office and *ancillary* facilities where appropriate.

5.8.28

Require the local municipalities to include policies in their official plans that prohibit the conversion of lands within *Employment Areas* to non-employment uses such as retail, commercial, residential, and other sensitive land uses in accordance with Section 5.8.30.

5.8.29

Ensure retail and commercial uses that are accessory to the primary employment use may be permitted in *Employment Areas* in accordance with the local municipalities official plan.

~~5.6.2.8~~

5.8.30

Permit the conversion of lands within *Employment Areas* identified on Schedule Y6, to non-employment uses, only through a *municipal comprehensive review* undertaken by the Region that demonstrates:

- ~~ii) a)~~ a) there is a need for the conversion;
- ~~b)~~ b) the lands are not required over the horizon of the Plan for the employment use they were designated;
- ~~ii) c)~~ c) the Region and ~~area municipality~~ local municipalities will maintain sufficient employment land ~~continue~~ to meet the employment forecasts of this Plan;
- ~~iii) d)~~ d) the conversion does not affect the overall viability of the *Employment Area* and the achievement of *intensification* and density targets;
- ~~iv) e)~~ e) there is existing or planned *infrastructure* and public service facilities to accommodate the proposed conversion;
- ~~v) f)~~ f) the lands are not required over the long-term for employment purposes;
- ~~vi) g)~~ g) the lands do not fulfill the criteria for provincially significant *employment lands*;
- ~~vii) h)~~ h) the lands do not affect the operations or viability of existing or permitted employment uses on nearby lands; and
- ~~viii) i)~~ i) cross-jurisdictional issues have been considered.

For the purposes of this policy, major retail, residential and non-*ancillary* uses are not considered employment uses unless already permitted by a the designations identified in Section 5.6.2.6 the *Employment Area of the local municipalities' official plan.*

~~*Employment land conversions may be defined in area municipal official plans.*~~

~~5.6.2.9 — Require area municipalities to include policies in their official plans that only permit the conversion of *employment land* to non-employment uses in accordance with Section 5.6.2.8.~~

5.8.31 Notwithstanding Section 5.8.30, the local municipalities may accommodate new retail and commercial uses in *Employment Areas* by designating lands Business Corridor in Brampton or Mixed-Use in Mississauga, subject to a municipally initiated study and local official

plan policies to the satisfaction of the Region that demonstrate the following:

- a) the lands to be re-designated are located on the periphery of an *Employment Area*;
- b) the building(s) have direct frontage onto a corridor that is supported by existing or planned *higher order transit*;
- c) the proposed uses are accommodated in a multi-storey mixed-use office building;
- d) appropriate transition and buffering are provided to sensitive uses;
- e) the planned function and viability of the *Employment Area* including movement of goods are not adversely impacted; and
- f) the *development* exceeds the minimum *Employment Area* density for the local municipality prescribed in [Section 5.8.26](#).

5.8.32

Notwithstanding [Section 5.8.31](#), *Employment Areas* within delineated *Major Transit Station Areas* on Schedule Y6 – *Employment Areas* have the potential to support the integration of *Employment Areas* with non-employment uses to develop vibrant, mixed use areas, and innovation hubs. Retail, residential, commercial, and non-ancillary uses may be permitted without the requirement of an amendment to this Plan, subject to the completion of a municipally initiated planning study underway and the implementing local official plan amendment as per [Section 16\(16\)](#) of the Planning Act to the satisfaction of the Region. The planning study shall address:

- a) the requirements of [Section 5.6.19.9](#) of this Plan;
- b) an overall net increase to the total jobs planned for the *Employment Area* within the delineated boundary;
- c) maintaining an *employment land* use designation to protect for higher density office uses;

- d) how the viability of the *Employment Area* will be protected from the impacts of sensitive land uses, including mitigation measures and at the direction of the local municipality may also be required to contain an assessment of various environmental considerations such as impact on local *airsheds*;
- e) maintain a minimum employment to population ratio across the subject lands;
- f) that *higher order transit* is planned for the *Major Transit Station Area* within the planning horizon;
- g) the development of *complete communities* and *transit-supportive* densities including employment uses; and
- h) demonstrate how *transit-supportive* employment densities will be achieved.

5.8.33 *Additional Major Transit Station Areas shall only be added to Schedule Y6 – Employment Areas in accordance with Section 5.8.32 through a municipal comprehensive review undertaken by the Region.*

5.6.2.10

5.8.34

Encourage high density employment uses such as major office and appropriate major institutional *development* to locate in Urban Growth Centres, ~~in proximity~~ to *Major Transit Station Areas*, ~~mobility hubs~~ and areas with existing frequent transit service or existing or planned *higher order transit* service.

5.6.2.11

5.8.35

Support ~~area~~ local municipalities in discouraging retail uses ~~on-in~~ *Employment Areas* except for retail uses servicing the employment area and retail accessory to a permitted employment use, as defined in ~~area~~ *municipal official plans* local municipal official plans.

Appealed

~~5.6.2.12~~ ~~Support the study and protection of the Strategic Infrastructure Study Area for potential infrastructure and employment areas needs in consultation with the Province, area municipalities, other applicable regions, municipalities and agencies. (Adopted ROPA 24)~~

5.6.2.13

- 5.8.36 Encourage the planning and *development of Employment Areas* in a manner which takes into account the *sustainable development* imperatives as outlined in the Themes of the Plan in Section 4.3.5-1.6 of this Plan. Energy efficient buildings, *sustainable* design and construction methods to increase energy efficiency that meet Regional green development standards will be encouraged.
- 5.8.37 Encourage new *development* in existing office parks that enhances transit and *active transportation* connectivity and provides for an appropriate mix of amenities and open space.
- 5.8.38 Encourage the local municipalities to make provisions in their official plans for lands outside of *Employment Areas* to accommodate *retail and commercial uses* to support complete communities.
- 5.8.39 *Employment Areas* shall be planned and designed to be easily accessible by a range of transportation modes including transit and *active transportation*.
- 5.8.40 The Region will work with the local municipalities to encourage a variety of appropriate employment spaces across the Region that are responsive to the needs of employers of all scales, including start-up, small, and medium goods and knowledge production employers, in order to support business, and employment, growth and sustainability
- 5.8.41 Assist the local municipalities in maximizing their economic development objectives and facilitate the *development of Employment Areas* through the provision of Regional *infrastructure* and *services* such as water and wastewater *services*, transportation and human *services* to *Employment Areas* based on the availability of servicing capacity and subject to the capital budget.
- 5.8.42 Work with the local municipalities to identify, protect, and enhance *as appropriate*, specialized *Employment Areas* such as the employment mega-zone centred on the Toronto Pearson International Airport, suburban knowledge intensive districts, and others, with specific policies, programs, and investments
- 5.8.43 Monitor, in cooperation with the local municipalities, the supply of *employment land* on an annual basis to determine if the employment forecasts if an adequate supply of land exists to accommodate the forecasts in Table 3.



5.8.44 Future Strategic Employment Areas

The purpose of the Future Strategic *Employment Area* policies is to conceptually identify and protect strategically located *Employment Areas* adjacent to or in the vicinity of future goods movement transportation and transit *infrastructure* for employment uses beyond the horizon of this Plan.

Objectives

5.8.44.1 To identify and protect future *Employment Areas* beyond the horizon of this Plan that require comprehensive study and assessment with respect to long term planning for employment needs adjacent to or in the vicinity of future transportation *infrastructure*.

Policies

5.8.44.2 Work in partnership with the Town of Caledon, the City of Brampton, adjacent municipalities, and the Province, to identify and protect the Future Strategic *Employment Area* to maximize employment growth.

5.8.44.3 Direct the local municipalities to identify and protect Future Strategic *Employment Areas* in their local municipal Official Plans in accordance with Schedule Y6.

5.8.44.4 Investigate and consider the feasibility and costs to service the Future Strategic *Employment Areas* and the economic and employment potential.

5.8.44.5 Ensure the Regional Urban Boundary may only be expanded to include Future Strategic *Employment Areas* only through a Regional Official Plan Amendment and *municipal comprehensive review* initiated by the Region.

5.7 Strategic Infrastructure Study Area (Adopted ROPA 24)

Appealed

In order to plan, protect and provide for potential long term strategic *infrastructure* needs, the Region is establishing policies for a study area that is conceptually shown as the *Strategic Infrastructure Study Area (SISA)* on Schedule D. The purpose of this conceptual study area is to provide protection for long term planning and *infrastructure* studies in advance of future development. Since the uses for the *SISA* have not been defined, it is possible for this study area to have a planning horizon that extends beyond 2031. The population and employment forecasts in Chapter 4 of this Plan indicate that significant residential and employment growth



will occur in *Peel Region* to 2031. This growth will produce increased demands for travel, electricity, utilities and *employment land*. This growth will also create a demand for urban development that has the potential to encroach on lands that contain the optimal lands for a route that could support transportation facilities, utilities and/or *employment land*. In conclusion, the population and employment growth forecast for *Peel Region* to 2031 will generate land development that could begin to limit the availability of options for meeting strategic infrastructure planning needs.

The provincial Growth Plan, June 2006, identifies a conceptual Transportation Corridor between the urban areas of the northwest GTA and the western Greater Golden Horseshoe. The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has initiated the first phase of an Environmental Assessment study which will more specifically define the need, location and details of the "GTA-West" "Future Transportation Corridor". This "GTA-West" "Future Transportation Corridor" has provided a basis for the *SISA* section of this Plan and the identification of the conceptual *SISA* on Schedule D.

It is acknowledged that any future infrastructure project approved must consider a range of impacts and studies, including the mitigation of environmental impacts.

Appealed

5.7.1 Objectives

5.7.1.1 To identify and protect areas that require comprehensive study and assessment with respect to long term strategic planning and *infrastructure* needs such as transportation facilities, utilities and electricity transmission *infrastructure*.

5.7.2 Policies (Adopted ROPA 24)

It is the policy of *Regional Council* to:

Appealed

5.7.2.1 Work in partnership with the Province, area municipalities and adjacent Regions, to further define and refine the location of the conceptual *Strategic Infrastructure Study Area (SISA)* based on the outcomes of the MTO's GTA West Corridor Environmental Assessment and identify and implement tools, policies and other measures to protect lands within the *SISA* from land uses that would predetermine or preclude the potential outcomes of the MTO's GTA West Corridor Environmental Assessment.

Appealed

5.7.2.2 Direct the area municipalities to review the *area municipal official plans* and revise policies as necessary to restrict land uses within the *SISA* that would predetermine or preclude the potential outcomes of the MTO's GTA West Corridor Environmental Assessment and to identify and implement other implementation tools. All land uses currently

permitted within the *Prime Agricultural Area* of the Rural System will continue to be permitted.

Appealed

5.7.2.3

Only consider approving ROPAs for *development* applications within the SISA requiring Regional approval if a satisfactory assessment has been made and has determined that the application will not predetermine or preclude the outcomes of the MTO's GTA West Corridor Environmental Assessment.

Appealed

5.7.2.4

Direct the area municipalities to only consider approving *development* applications within the SISA where there has been a satisfactory assessment that has concluded that the proposal would not predetermine or preclude the outcomes of the MTO's GTA West Corridor Environmental Assessment.

Appealed

5.7.2.5

Acknowledge and comply with the Province's requirement for their review of official plan amendments and secondary plans submitted to the Region within the Province's permit control areas.

5.8 5.9 Housing

The provision of housing to meet the full range of needs in Peel has a fundamental influence on the quality of life for Peel residents. The Region of Peel is committed to achieving a supply of accessible, adequate and appropriate housing of all types, sizes, densities and tenures to meet the existing and projected demographic and housing market requirements of current and future residents.

Through the sustainability themes of this plan, the Region will promote more *sustainable development* patterns, energy efficiency to limit environmental impacts of development, and social inclusion and equity while building a strong Regional economy to meet the housing needs of Peel residents. Peel Region attracts an educated and diverse population. Individuals and households from diverse backgrounds such as recent immigrants, persons with special needs, Aboriginal people, older adults and lone parent families need adequate housing, including *affordable housing* that will foster livable and vibrant communities and individual well-being.

The Region of Peel is committed to collaborating and working with key stakeholders, such as the area municipalities, senior levels of government, the building and development industry, service and support agencies, housing providers, and community organizations to provide for an appropriate range of housing types, sizes, densities and tenures; and, to achieve a supply of affordable, accessible, adequate and appropriate housing to meet the existing and projected requirements of current and future residents.

Important human service considerations that will guide the policy directions to achieve these objectives include *Affordable Housing for Low and Moderate Income Households* (referred to as

~~Affordable Housing from this point forward), Rental Housing Stock, Energy Efficiency, Special Needs and Diverse Populations, and Barriers. It is expected this work will assist Peel in meeting its Human Services Plan's mandate, i.e., Plan, manage and deliver quality, integrated human services and resources that invest in people to enable participation in the changing community and the economy.~~

~~Housing that meets residents' needs is an essential component of communities for life. The policies in this section consider housing location, form, tenure and affordability to ensure new housing development and the use of existing stock is aligned with growth trends and contributes to the creation of healthy, mixed-use, transit supportive, and complete communities.~~

~~To mitigate and adapt to climate change, the Region is striving to integrate sustainability, resiliency and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in housing development.~~

~~The Region also recognizes that Peel is home to diverse populations, and it is critical that housing is responsive to the needs and goals of all individuals and communities.~~

~~The Region is committed to collaborating with partners, including local municipalities, senior levels of government, the building and development industry, service and support agencies, housing providers and community organizations, to implement the policies in this Plan and build accessible, adequate, appropriate and housing that is affordable throughout Peel.~~

~~The policies in this section also complement the Human Services policies (Section 6.3) that address emergency, shelter, and subsidized housing.~~

5.8.1

General Objectives

5.8.1.1

5.9.1

To provide for an appropriate range and mix of affordable housing options, housing types, densities, sizes density and tenure to meet the projected requirements and housing needs of current and future residents of Peel.

5.9.2

To ensure an adequate supply of rental housing stock to meet the existing and projected needs of all households in Peel.

5.8.1.2

5.9.3

~~To foster the availability of housing for all income groups, including those with special needs.~~

5.8.1.3

~~To foster efficient and environmentally sensitive use of land and buildings in the provision of housing.~~

5.8.4.1.1

5.9.4 To promote energy efficient housing and residential *development* that is environmentally sensitive and resilient to the impacts of climate change.

~~5.8.1.4~~

5.9.5 To achieve annual minimum new housing unit targets for the Region ~~by tenure~~, including *affordable housing- targets to provide housing options for all Peel households.*

~~5.8.3.1.1~~

5.9.6 To increase the supply of affordable rental and affordable ownership housing.

~~5.8.6.1.1~~

5.9.7 To make *available* housing available for Peel's *diverse populations, and residents with special needs* including provision of accessible housing and appropriate support *services.*

~~5.8.7.1.1~~

5.9.8 Address *To consider* issues related to socio-economic and other barriers to housing for Peel households, such as discrimination, language, transportation, and poverty *when planning for housing in Peel.*

~~5.8.5.1.1~~

5.9.9 To mitigate and adapt to climate change by promoting *energy conservation and technologies that lead to sustainable development in housing.* ~~To promote energy conservation and technologies that lead to energy efficient housing in existing homes and new residential development.~~

5.9.10 To promote the *development* of compact, complete communities in Peel by supporting *intensification* and higher density forms of housing.

5.9.11 To implement the policies of this *Plan* to increase supply of accessible, appropriate and *affordable housing* in Peel.

Policies

Housing Unit Targets, Density and Tenure

~~5.8.2.12~~

5.9.12 Collaborate with the ~~area~~ local municipalities to plan for a range of housing options and tenure by implementing ~~implement~~ annual minimum new housing unit targets ~~for Peel~~ as shown in Table 4.

~~5.8.2.13 Collaborate with the area municipalities to implement annual minimum new housing unit targets, as suggested in Figure 17 of Appendix – List of Figures.~~

~~5.8.2.14~~

5.9.13 Review and update, ~~jointly with the area municipalities, the~~ annual minimum new housing unit targets as shown in Table 4 ~~jointly with the local municipalities, and Figure 17 of Appendix – List of Figures~~ based on the Peel Housing and Homelessness Plan, most recent Census of Canada results, Regional Housing Strategy, and other relevant sources.

5.9.14 Update affordability thresholds in accordance with Provincial policy and measure new housing units annually.

5.9.15 Direct the local municipalities to include policies in their official plan to require that an affordable housing assessment be undertaken to evaluate how both local and Regional affordable housing policies are met and contributions towards the housing unit targets shown in Table 4 are being considered for large development applications. Assessments should reflect the scale and mix of development proposed considering that large residential and mixed-use developments provide an enhanced opportunity to achieve a range of housing objectives related to affordability, unit mix and tenure. If the application is within an area that is already subject to an affordable housing assessment, local policies will require that supporting studies demonstrate how the policies are being implemented.

Table 4 – Annual Minimum New Housing Unit Targets in Peel

	Social Housing	Affordable Rental	Market Rental and Affordable Ownership	Market Ownership
Peel	17%	3%	35%	45%

Table 4 – Peel Annual Minimum New Housing Unit Targets

<u>Target Area</u>	<u>Targets</u>
<u>Affordability</u>	<u>That 30% of all new housing units are affordable housing.</u> <u>Encourage 50% of all affordable housing to be affordable to low income residents.</u>
<u>Tenure</u>	<u>That 25% of all new housing units are rental tenure.</u>
<u>Density</u>	<u>That 50% of all new housing units are in forms other than single-detached and semi-detached houses .</u>

5.8.2 General Policies

It is the policy of *Regional Council* to:

5.8.2.1

5.9.16

Maintain *jointly*, with the ~~area~~ local municipalities, a supply of designated land for new residential *development, redevelopment* and residential *intensification* in Peel Region in accordance with projected requirements and available land resources.

- a) maintain at all times the ability to accommodate residential growth for a minimum of ~~ten~~ 15 years through residential *intensification* and *redevelopment* and lands which are designated and available for residential *development*; and
- b) maintain at all times where new *development* is to occur, land with servicing capacity sufficient to provide at least a three year supply of residential units available through lands suitably zoned to facilitate residential *intensification* and *redevelopment* and land in draft approved and registered plans.

7.7.2.18

5.9.17

Continue to support cost-effective development standards for new residential development, redevelopment and intensification.

5.8.2.2

5.9.18

Encourage the ~~area~~ local municipalities, while taking into account the characteristics of existing communities, to establish policies in ~~their~~ local municipal official plans which *support*:

- a) residential *redevelopment* in appropriate areas that have sufficient existing or planned *infrastructure*; and
- b) cost-effective *development* standards for new residential *development, redevelopment, and intensification*.

5.8.2.3

5.9.19

Encourage and *support* ~~the~~ efforts by ~~the~~ area local municipalities to plan for a range of densities and forms of housing options that are affordable to all for Peel households, including low income and moderate income households, enabling all Peel residents to remain so that all residents can reside in their communities of their choice.

5.9.20 In collaboration with the local municipalities, consider available planning tools to support the inclusion of an appropriate proportion of 1, 2 and 3+ bedroom unit types in new multi-unit residential developments. The appropriate proportion of unit types shall align with housing need as identified through Regional and local municipal strategies, planning processes, needs assessments and market studies, and may vary over time.

~~5.8.2.6~~

5.9.21

Collaborate with the ~~area~~ local municipalities and other stakeholders such as the conservation authorities, the building and *development* industry, and landowners to encourage new residential *development*, *redevelopment* and *intensification* in support of Regional and ~~area-local~~ municipal official plan policies promoting *compact forms* of *development* and residential *intensification*.

~~5.8.2.11~~

5.9.22

Work with ~~area~~ the local municipalities to educate the general public about the need for and benefits of compact forms of housing development and residential *intensification*.

~~5.8.3.2.6~~

5.9.23

~~Encourage and support the area municipal official plans to permit secondary suites in new and existing residential development, redevelopment and intensification while ensuring compliance with provincial legislation, plans and municipal standards. Direct the local municipalities to include policies in local municipal official plans that permit additional residential units in new and existing residential development, redevelopment and intensification, including:~~

~~a) minimum of two residential units in a detached house, semi-detached house or rowhouse; and~~

~~b) the use of a residential unit in a building or structure ancillary to a detached house, semi-detached house or rowhouse.~~

5.9.24

Encourage additional residential units in new and existing detached, semi-detached or rowhouse development, where appropriate.

~~5.8.3.2.7~~

5.9.25

Encourage the ~~area~~ local municipalities to ~~explore the~~ utilize tools such as licensing and registration to promote legalization of existing ~~secondary suites additional residential units and to~~ ensure compliance with the appropriate health and safety standards.

~~5.8.3.2.8~~

- 5.9.26 Work with the area local municipalities to promote secondary suites additional residential units through the development of educational materials brochures and information.
- ~~5.8.2.5~~
5.9.27 *Support* the initiatives of the area local municipalities in the construction and retention of rental housing.
- ~~5.8.4.2.1~~
5.9.28 ~~Encourage~~ Direct the area-local municipalities to develop official plan policies and by-laws as applicable with criteria to regulate the conversion of residential rental units to ownership units tenure in properties with six or more dwelling units.
- ~~5.8.4.2.2~~
5.9.29 ~~Encourage~~ Direct the area-local municipalities to develop official plan policies and by-laws as applicable with criteria to ~~prohibit~~ regulate the demolition of existing residential rental units in properties with six or more dwelling units ~~without replacement of the same or higher number of residential rental units~~.
- 5.9.30 Direct the local municipalities to establish a local municipal rental vacancy rate, or if data is not available, utilize the Regional rental vacancy rate of 3 per cent for the preceding 3 years as reported by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. This rate shall be used as a minimum threshold to permit the conversion of residential rental units to ownership tenure or demolish residential rental units, unless replacement units are provided.
- 5.9.31 Encourage the local municipalities to establish that, if the replacement of rental units is permitted under the local municipal criteria to regulate rental demolition and conversion, replacement rental units should include the same or higher number of units of comparable sizes, types and affordability, and tenant relocation and assistance should be considered.
- ~~5.8.2.4~~
5.9.32 Assist public agencies at the federal, provincial, regional and area local municipal levels in identifying and maintaining an inventory of available public lands and buildings suitable for housing for *low and moderate income* households in Peel Region.
- 5.9.33 Utilize the inventory of Regionally owned land and buildings to identify opportunities for the development of affordable housing.

5.9.34 In collaboration with the local municipalities, prioritize and expedite planning approvals and processes required to facilitate *intensification and affordable housing development* undertaken by the Region of Peel or non-profit housing providers.

~~5.8.3.2.9~~

5.9.35 Give priority to the *development* of *affordable housing* on surplus Regional municipal property while ensuring the goals, objectives, and policies of this Plan and the ~~area~~ local municipal official plans are adhered to.

5.9.36 Explore opportunities to develop a Regional *land banking system* to secure lands that are suitable for *affordable housing*.

~~5.8.3.2.10~~

5.9.37 Encourage the ~~area~~ local municipalities to give priority to sell or lease surplus municipal properties for the *development* of *affordable housing* while ensuring the goals, objectives and policies of this Plan and the ~~area~~ local municipal official plans are adhered to.

5.9.38 Explore opportunities to efficiently use Regional lands to encourage mixed-use with *affordable housing developments* where appropriate.

~~5.8.3.2.12~~

5.9.39 Encourage community agencies and landowners of suitably sized sites to develop *affordable housing*.

~~5.8.7.2.2~~

5.9.40 Ensure that future *development* of Regionally funded *affordable housing* ~~be is~~ located in support of developing compact, complete communities throughout Peel to allow for improved walkability and more transportation options with improved access to *services* and amenities including public transit.

5.9.41 Seek opportunities to support *affordable housing options* that utilize existing stock.

5.9.42 Encourage the local municipalities to support shared housing arrangements which meet the needs of specific population groups, including economic, accessibility, safety or lifestyle needs.

Inclusionary Zoning

~~5.8.3.2.5~~ ~~Advocate to the Province to explicitly provide municipalities the authority to use *inclusionary zoning* as a tool to require *affordable housing*.~~

5.9.43

Direct the local municipalities to establish an official plan policy framework to implement *inclusionary zoning* through zoning by-laws in applicable *Major Transit Station Areas* and community planning permit system areas on or before the next local municipal official plan review that address the following:

- a) establish minimum unit thresholds for *inclusionary zoning* to apply and a percentage of the gross floor area to be provided as *affordable housing* considering the unique characteristics and objectives of the *Major Transit Station Areas* recognizing that the market conditions of some *Major Transit Station Areas* are stronger than others;
- b) phase in *inclusionary zoning* to endeavor to achieve a minimum of 10% of the gross floor area or an equivalent percentage of units to be provided as *affordable housing* where market conditions demonstrate viability, while considering other potential factors to increase land value such as higher height and density and existing or planned *infrastructure* without the need for additional financial incentives;
- c) ensure rental rates or sale prices of units provided through *inclusionary zoning* are no greater than what is affordable to *moderate income* households and consistent with measuring and monitoring undertaken for the Peel regional market area;
- d) establish 2 and 3+ bedroom units as the predominant units provided through *inclusionary zoning*;
- e) exempt or require reduced *inclusionary zoning* requirements for purpose built rental *developments*;
- f) prioritize *affordable units* provided through *inclusionary zoning* to be provided on-site; and
- g) consider transitioning and phasing when implementing *inclusionary zoning* when appropriate based on market and other local conditions.

5.9.44

In order to support local municipalities in establishing and implementing *inclusionary zoning*, the Region will:

- a) collaborate with local municipalities to monitor and report on *affordable housing* acquired through *inclusionary zoning* and update Market Assessments in accordance with Provincial requirements;



- b) collaborate with local municipalities, developers and non-profit organizations on administration to support long term affordability of units; and
- c) work with local municipalities to establish a framework to ensure that the collection of any proceeds from the sale of units above the affordability threshold for moderate income households obtained through *inclusionary zoning* prior to the determined affordability period are returned to local or regional *affordable housing* initiatives.

Housing and Climate Change

5.8.5.2.1

5.9.46

Identify and promote, in collaboration with the ~~area~~ local municipalities, energy and water efficient technologies in new and existing residential *development, redevelopment, and intensification* to the development industry.

5.8.5.2.2

5.9.47

Promote and advocate for sustained Federal, Provincial, and Municipal incentives and programs that improve energy efficiency ~~and design for in~~ housing and sustainable building and design to Peel residents.

5.8.5.2.3

5.9.48

Encourage the ~~area~~-local municipalities to offer incentives to developers and contractors through planning approvals to implement additional ~~green~~ sustainable building and design standards beyond the minimum Ontario Building Code provisions ~~that make homes more energy efficient.~~

5.8.5.2.4

5.9.49

Promote and pursue Federal and Provincial incentives for Regionally funded housing projects to help support the Region's ~~sustainability~~ climate change goals.

5.8.5.2.5

5.9.50

Advocate to the Federal and Provincial government to provide economic incentives and funding for housing projects that have implemented minimum *green* and *sustainable building guidelines* to help mitigate the effects of any added financial costs brought by such initiatives.

Housing Options for Diverse Populations

5.8.6.2.1

- [5.9.51](#) Encourage the area local municipalities to develop policies in their official plans to support the development of ~~special-needs housing~~ special needs and supportive housing in locations with convenient access to existing or planned *infrastructure* (e.g. transit), amenities and support *services*.
- ~~5.8.6.2.2~~
[5.9.52](#) Encourage the area local municipalities to explicitly identify ~~special-needs housing~~ special needs and supportive housing, shared housing and shelter/emergency housing as permitted uses in residential or other suitably zoned lands where appropriate in area-local municipal zoning by-laws.
- ~~5.8.6.2.3~~
[5.9.53](#) Encourage the area-local municipalities to review their requirements for minimum distance and maximum number of boarding houses, group homes, lodging houses, rooming houses, and other similar types of homes to ensure the development of housing which meets the social, health and well- being requirements of current and future residents.
- ~~5.8.6.2.4~~
[5.9.54](#) Encourage the area-local municipalities to identify additional areas where ~~special-needs housing~~ special needs and supportive housing is permitted, to ensure they are in close proximity to amenities, support *services* and other existing *services*, such as transit.
- ~~5.8.6.2.5~~
[5.9.55](#) Explore, *jointly* with the area-local municipalities, strategies to encourage the incorporation of *universal accessibility* features in existing residential *development*.
- ~~5.8.6.2.6~~
[5.9.56](#) Work with the area-local municipalities, building industry and Regional and area-local municipal accessibility advisory committees to develop and implement guidelines to include *universal accessibility* features in all new residential *development, redevelopment and intensification*.
- ~~5.8.6.2.7~~
[5.9.57](#) Implement Regional guidelines requiring the incorporation of ~~accessible~~ accessibility features in existing and new Regionally funded or managed *affordable housing development*.
- ~~5.8.6.2.8~~
[5.9.58](#) Encourage and facilitate the development of partnerships among housing providers, service providers, community organizations and other stakeholders to provide ~~special-needs housing~~ special needs and supportive housing and related *services*.
- ~~5.8.6.2.9~~
[5.9.59](#) Develop, in collaboration with the area-local municipalities, measures to provide opportunities to meet the housing needs of *diverse populations*.
- ~~5.8.6.2.10~~

[5.9.60](#) Consider preferences and values of *diverse populations* in the design and construction of ~~social~~ subsidized housing.

~~5.8.7.2.1~~

[5.9.61](#)

Identify actions based on a broad collaborative approach with stakeholders and encourage all levels of government to address and remove barriers to housing through various means, including public education strategies.

~~5.8.7.2.3~~

[5.9.62](#)

Encourage and facilitate the involvement of service providers, community organizations and stakeholders to address identified issues related to housing barriers.

~~5.8.7.2.4~~

[5.9.63](#)

Facilitate the development of new and improved income supports for households affected by economic housing barriers.

~~5.8.7.2.5~~

[5.9.64](#)

Encourage and facilitate a greater community awareness of key issues related to socio-economic housing barriers.

Housing Policy Implementation

~~5.8.2.7~~

[5.9.65](#)

Develop an implementation plan, in collaboration with ~~human services~~ stakeholders and local municipalities, for the *Regional Housing Strategy and Peel Housing and Homelessness Plan* by setting priorities and timeframes among various housing needs of residents and identifying and implementing programs and actions to address these needs.

~~5.8.2.8~~

[5.9.66](#)

Monitor and evaluate activities undertaken in support of the *Regional Housing Strategy and Peel Housing and Homelessness Plan* to revise and set new priorities on an ongoing basis as the housing needs of Peel residents change.

~~5.8.2.9~~

[5.9.67](#)

Evaluate the need to update the *Regional Housing Strategy* in conjunction with future Regional Official Plan reviews.

~~5.8.2.10~~

[5.9.68](#)

~~Encourage the area municipalities to establish minimum new housing unit targets that are affordable in secondary plans where appropriate, to ensure a diverse mix of housing type and tenure. Direct the local municipalities to prepare an affordable housing assessment in consultation with the Region in order to include policies in new or~~

revised secondary plans, block plans and area specific neighbourhood plans to ensure a diverse mix of housing types and tenure, and the provision of affordable housing.

~~5.8.3.2.11~~

5.9.69

Encourage residential *development, redevelopment* and *intensification* to include an *affordable housing* component by promoting incentives or funding from different levels of government.

5.9.70

Implement policies and programs that provide incentives to support affordable housing development to achieve targets in Table 4.

~~5.8.3.2.1~~

5.9.71

Explore, in collaboration with the ~~area local~~ municipalities, the feasibility of implementing incentives such as waivers, deferrals or grants in-lieu of *development* charges, other municipal planning and building fees and charges, and ~~regional~~ property taxes to promote the *development of affordable housing*.

~~5.8.3.2.2~~

5.9.72

Work with the ~~area local~~ municipalities to explore opportunities to coordinate the fast-tracking of planning approvals for *affordable housing* projects.

~~5.8.3.2.3~~

5.9.73

Encourage the ~~area local~~ municipalities to develop *alternative development and design standards for, where appropriate, to encourage affordable housing development including reduced setbacks, narrower lot sizes, reduced parking standards, and on street parking.* ~~Examples include reduced setbacks, narrower lot sizes, reduced road allowance, cash-in-lieu of parking, reduced parking standards, and on-street parking.~~

~~5.8.3.2.4~~

~~Encourage the area municipalities to add a *density bonusing* provision in their respective official plans and develop detailed implementation guidelines and protocols.~~

5.9.74

Collaborate with the local municipalities and the development industry to provide *affordable housing* units that contribute toward achieving the annual minimum new housing unit targets in Table 4, housing targets in the Peel Housing and Homelessness Plan, and other Regional and local municipal housing needs through land use planning and *development* approvals processes.

~~5.8.3 Supply of Affordable Housing [moved, edited or deleted within Section 5.9]~~

~~5.8.3.1 Objective~~

~~5.8.3.2 Policies~~

~~5.8.4.2 Policies~~

~~5.8.4 Retention of Existing Rental Housing Stock [moved, edited or deleted within Section 5.9]~~

~~5.8.4.1 Objective~~

~~5.8.5 Energy Efficient Housing~~

~~5.8.5.1 Objective~~

~~5.8.5.2 Policies~~

~~5.8.6 Housing Options for Persons with Special Needs and Diverse Populations~~

~~5.8.6.1 Objective~~

~~5.8.6.2 Policies~~

~~5.8.7 Barriers to Access Housing~~

~~5.8.7.1 Objective~~

~~5.8.7.2 Policies~~

5.9 5.10 The Transportation System in Peel

The Growth Plan identifies where growth will occur by the 2051 planning horizon. The Region of Peel is expected to grow by about 500,000 residents and 250,000 jobs to a total of approximately 2 million and 970,000, respectively. Translating this growth onto the Region's transportation network, if current travel trends continue, traffic congestion is expected to increase by 45 per cent in the morning peak period, the equivalent of 303,000 additional vehicle trips on roads across the Region. Where traditionally, the Region has addressed growth through road widenings, the transportation network can no longer manage congestion through this approach. To accommodate this forecasted growth, the Region of Peel is focusing on providing a network that balances the needs of all road users through road improvements and *sustainable transportation infrastructure*. Moving forward, the Region of Peel has adopted the 50 per cent *sustainable* mode share target that offers viable travel options to pedestrians, cyclists, transit-users, and motorists.

The transportation policies guide the development and strengthening of a regional network to accommodate current and projected travel demands of the people who live, work or travel within or through the Region. In light of a rapidly changing planning landscape, the policies draw from both Provincial and Regional Plans and studies such as, the Provincial Policy Statement, the Growth Plan, the Long Range Transportation Plan, the Sustainable Transportation Strategy, the Vision Zero Road Safety Strategic Plan, and the Goods Movement Strategic Plan to foster increased resilience of the transportation system in Peel.

The transportation system in Peel is comprised of the network of *freeways, major roads, local roads, High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes, public transit systems, airports, rail lines, intermodal terminals, sidewalks, bikeways cycling lanes* and trails, and transportation services that serves the communities in Peel Region. The transportation system in Peel is part of the larger network of transportation systems in of the *Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA)*.

~~The transportation system in Peel serves both residents and employers in the region. In addition to those trips that have an origin and/or destination in Peel, the transportation system must also serve those trips that pass through the region.~~

~~The transportation system is intended to accommodate current and projected travel demands. To do so, planning for the transportation system must be undertaken concurrently with land use planning (i.e., the determination of where growth will occur). Planning for the transportation system in the region Peel Region must also be is coordinated with land use planning, in order to protect existing and future rights-of-way, to ensure integration with local municipalities and develop strategies to reduce transportation-related air pollutants and greenhouse gas emissions to address impacts of climate change as direction through the Provincial Policy Statement and Growth Plan., in order to protect existing rights-of-way and rights-of-way for future improvements and to ensure integration with area and adjacent municipalities.~~

~~The intention of the collective set of policies that follows is to provide a transportation system that serves the needs of the people who reside or work in Peel or who travel through the region. To this end, the policies are intended to foster increased sustainability of the transportation system in Peel by:~~

- ~~▪ Considering all modes of travel and promoting the efficient movement of people and goods (with a focus on moving people by modes other than single-occupant automobiles);~~
- ~~▪ Maximizing the use of existing transportation infrastructure;~~
- ~~▪ Increasing travel choices to meet diverse needs;~~
- ~~▪ Minimizing the environmental and health impacts of transportation;~~
- ~~▪ Supporting economic development;~~
- ~~▪ Considering social and cultural objectives;~~
- ~~▪ Promoting the integration of transportation planning and land use planning; and~~
- ~~▪ Developing predictable and sustainable funding for a multi-modal transportation system.~~

5.9.1

General Objectives

5.9.1.1

5.10.1

~~To achieve the safe, convenient and efficient movement of people and goods develop an integrated and multi-modal transportation system in the Region to support complete communities in the Region and help to support the same within the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area GTHA.~~

~~in cooperation with area municipalities, the Province, the Federal government and the private sector.~~

~~5.9.1.2 To develop and promote a *sustainable*, safe, efficient, effective and integrated multi-modal transportation system.~~

~~5.9.1.3 To *support* the provision of improved transportation mobility and choice to all residents, employees and visitors.~~

~~5.9.1.4 To promote and encourage the increased use of *public transit* and other *sustainable* modes of transportation.~~

5.10.2 To promote *sustainable* modes of transportation, barrier (environmental or physical) free mobility, and improved mobility choices for people of all ages and abilities.

~~5.9.1.5~~

5.10.3 To optimize the use of existing *the Region's* Regional transportation infrastructure and services by prioritizing the safe and efficient movement of people and goods by all modes, rather than the movement of single occupancy vehicles.

~~5.9.1.6 To maximize the capacity of the transportation system by focusing on moving people and goods rather than on moving vehicles.~~

~~5.9.1.7 To minimize adverse environmental and human health impacts caused by transportation and *support* transportation alternatives that foster improved health and well-being in *the Region*.~~

5.10.4 To avoid, or if avoidance is not possible, minimize and mitigate transportation related air pollutants and greenhouse gas emissions, impacts on the natural environment and agriculture, and improve public health outcomes by supporting transportation alternatives that optimize quality of life for all in the Region of Peel.

~~5.9.1.8~~

5.10.5 To *support* a transportation system that enhances economic vitality and growth in *the Region*.

~~5.9.1.9~~

5.10.6 To ensure that practices and performance measures are in place to maintain a safe and efficient *Regional* transportation network.

~~5.9.1.10~~

5.10.7 To *support* the integration of transportation planning, transportation investment and land use planning, in collaboration with local and municipalities, the Province, the Federal government and the private sector.

5.10.8 To strengthen the multi-modal function of Regional Roads and, to support first and last mile connections in Peel.

5.9.2

General Policies

It is the policy of *Regional Council* to:

5.9.2.1

5.10.9

Work with the Province, the local municipalities and adjacent municipalities to avoid, or if avoidance is not possible, minimize and mitigate ~~Minimize~~ adverse social, environmental, health and resource impacts when developing and planning for transportation ~~facilities~~ services, by ensuring consistency with the objectives and policies in this Plan.

5.9.2.2

5.10.10

Work with the Province, ~~area-local~~ municipalities and adjacent municipalities to provide transportation systems that address projected transportation needs and:

- a) Are safe, ~~sustainable~~ and energy efficient and accessible, and equitable;
- b) Facilitate the ~~efficient~~ movement of people and goods ~~while reducing fatal and injury collisions~~;
- c) Offer travellers a variety of mobility choices; and
- ~~d) Address projected needs; and~~
- e)d) Encourage the most financially and environmentally appropriate mode for trip-making.

5.10.11

Work with the Province, the local and adjacent municipalities, relevant agencies, and stakeholders to implement and regularly update the Long Range Transportation Plan for Peel.

5.9.2.3

5.10.12

Work with the Province, ~~and area local~~ municipalities and relevant stakeholders to ~~support~~ the integration of transportation system planning, ~~land use planning and~~ transportation infrastructure investment and local municipal land use planning at all stages of the planning process.

5.9.2.4

5.10.13

Provide policy direction, where appropriate and in consultation with the ~~area~~ local municipalities, on matters that cross municipal boundaries.

5.9.2.5

5.10.14

Optimize the use of existing and ~~new~~ planned Regional transportation *infrastructure*, to support growth in ~~an~~ a safe, efficient, and compact form, and encourage the ~~area~~ local municipalities to do the same for *infrastructure* under their jurisdiction.

5.9.2.6

5.10.15

Work with provincial and federal agencies and ministries to identify and secure *sustainable* and, predictable funding to support the provision of transportation *infrastructure* and *services* for the movement of people and goods in the Region.

5.9.2.7

5.10.16

~~In planning~~ To support the achievement of complete communities, plan for the development, optimization and/or expansion of new or existing Regional transportation corridors:

- a) Support opportunities for accessible multi-modal use, ~~where~~ feasible;
- b) Prioritize ~~transit, carpooling, active transportation~~ sustainable modes of transportation and goods movement needs over those of single-occupant vehicles; and
- c) Consider the separation of modes within corridors, where appropriate, to promote the safe mobility of all road users.

5.9.2.8

5.10.17

Consider, as part of the *development* review ~~approval~~ process, the magnitude and timing of *development* proposals relative to the anticipated transportation demand of the proposed *development*, and anticipated inter-regional and cumulative transportation effects, on Regional facilities.

5.9.2.9

5.10.18

Work with the ~~area~~ appropriate municipalities and the Province to develop enhanced tools and techniques for assessing the impacts of new *development* on *sustainable* modes of transportation and on *transportation demand management* measures.

5.9.2.10

5.10.19

Identify, in cooperation with the ~~area~~ local municipalities and the Province, transportation improvements to the provincial, Regional and ~~area~~ local municipal systems required to support future *development* or *redevelopment*, and determine region-wide impacts through comprehensive transportation studies.

~~5.9.2.11~~

5.10.20

Ensure, in accordance with the requirements of the Region and the ~~area~~ local municipalities, that *development* only proceed with adequate existing or committed improvements to regional *transportation capacity* and, if necessary, *development* be phased until that capacity is or will be available.

~~5.9.2.12~~

5.10.21

Work with the ~~area municipalities, adjacent~~ appropriate municipalities, other levels of government and non-governmental agencies to develop and implement *transportation demand management* programs to reduce trip distance and travel time and increase the *modal share* of alternatives to single-occupant automobiles.

~~5.9.2.13~~

5.10.22

Pursue, in cooperation with the appropriate agencies, the improvement of connections to Toronto ~~—Lester B.~~ Pearson International Airport from all parts of the ~~Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area~~ GTHA and particularly from Peel.

~~5.9.2.14~~

~~Work with the area municipalities and adjacent regions and municipalities to identify inter-regional and provincial transportation implications of development proposals.~~

~~5.9.2.15~~

5.10.23

Work with Metrolinx, other Provincial agencies and ministries, ~~area~~ local municipalities, and other regions and municipalities in the ~~Greater Golden Horseshoe Toronto and Hamilton Area~~ to implement the Metrolinx Regional Transportation Plan (~~RTP~~) and contribute to ~~the ongoing development of the RTP~~ future updates of the Regional Transportation Plan.

~~5.9.2.16~~

5.10.24

Work with the Province, ~~area~~ local municipalities and adjacent regions and municipalities to ensure that road linkages across municipal boundaries will accommodate the intra- and inter-regional multi-modal movement of people and goods.

~~5.9.2.17~~

5.10.25

Work with the Province and other levels of government to improve the ~~coordination and~~ standardization and collection of transportation data to support:

a) the development of performance measures;

b) the development, maintenance and application of models;
and

c) collaboration on relevant transportation projects. ~~collection, forecasting and modelling to support transportation projects, and to support the development of performance measures.~~

~~5.9.2.18 Monitor the efficiency and effectiveness of the *Regional* transportation system on a regular basis.~~

Appealed

~~5.9.2.19~~

5.10.26

Work with the ~~area~~ local municipalities to ensure that *development in planned transportation corridors* does not preclude or negatively affect the use of the corridor for the purpose(s) for which it was identified.

(Adopted ROPA 22)

~~5.9.2.20~~

5.10.27

Work with the Province and ~~area~~ local municipalities to *support* long-term economic prosperity by optimizing the long-term availability and use of transportation *infrastructure*.

~~5.9.2.21~~

5.10.28

Where appropriate, examine the feasibility of using hydro corridors, and of preserving and reusing abandoned corridors, as future transportation facilities.

~~5.9.2.22~~

5.10.29

~~Promote the use of~~ Build on advances in innovative technologies (e.g. *Intelligent Transportation Systems*) to improve the efficiency, reliability and safety of the *Regional* transportation system, where feasible, while mitigating exposure to traffic-related pollutants. (~~Adopted and approved ROPA 22~~)

~~5.9.2.23~~

~~Work with the Province and area municipalities to encourage increased public and business awareness of activities and actions which will lead to increased use of *sustainable transportation* alternatives.~~

5.10.30

Identify, plan and implement improvements for first and last mile connections across the transportation network, including *infrastructure*, innovative technologies, in collaboration with the local municipalities, other levels of government and non-government agencies.

5.10.31

Promote the use of innovative strategies to mitigate exposure to transportation related air pollution.

5.10.32 Sustainable Transportation

As outlined through the policy directions of the Provincial Policy Statement and the Growth Plan, the Region of Peel will need to provide transportation choices that expand transit, *active transportation*, and *transportation demand management* strategies to ensure the needs of all road users are considered and appropriately accommodated. The forecasted growth in

population and employment in Peel Region has led, and will continue to lead, to increased travel demand. A sustainable transportation system is an important component of the range of solutions that will be needed to accommodate this future growth and travel demand.

As part of this sustainable transportation system, through the Long Range Transportation Plan and the Sustainable Transportation Strategy, the Region of Peel is implementing the 50 per cent sustainable mode share by focusing on balancing the needs of all road users, including pedestrians, cyclists, transit-users, and motorists. The policies draw upon these Plans to facilitate transportation demand management strategies which are a suite of interventions that support sustainable modes of travel, enhanced inter- and intra-regional transit, and a comprehensive and continuous active transportation network using a complete streets approach where the roadway design, refurbishment, or reconstruction of roadways ensures the need and safety of all users.

Sustainable transportation is also a crucial component of achieving climate change adaptation and environmental protection goals and reducing traffic-related air pollutant and greenhouse gas emissions, which are further addressed in the Environmental Impact Section 5.10.37.

Objectives

5.9.9.1.1

5.10.32.1

To reduce auto dependency by promoting *sustainable* modes of transportation.

5.9.9.1.2

5.10.32.2

To provide a range of transportation *services* to meet the diverse needs of the population.

5.9.9.1.3

5.10.32.3

~~To maximize the capacity of the transportation system to move both people and goods.~~

5.10.32.3

To achieve a 50 per cent *sustainable* mode share in the Region of Peel by 2041.

5.9.5.1.2

5.10.32.4

To support and encourage ~~the development of an economically feasible, effective, efficient, sustainable and safe inter- and intra-regional transit network and encourage the~~ connectivity and coordination between transit *services*.

5.9.5.1.3

5.10.32.5

To encourage the provision of improved transit service to Toronto—~~Lester B.~~ Pearson International Airport and the surrounding *Employment Area*.

5.9.5.1.4

5.10.32.6

To *support* and encourage *transit-supportive development* densities and patterns, particularly along *rapid transit* corridors and at designated

nodes such as transit terminals, Urban Growth Centres, GO stations Major Transit Station Areas, and mobility transportation hubs, consistent with direction in the latest provincial plans.

5.10.32.7 To optimize existing transportation infrastructure by utilizing innovative transportation technologies and strategies.

~~5.9.10.1.2~~

5.10.32.8

To encourage and *support* the development of a safe, attractive, accessible and integrated network of ~~bicycle and pedestrian facilities~~ active transportation facilities on Regional roads that enhances the quality of life, and promotes the improved health, of Peel residents of all ages and abilities.

~~5.9.8.1.2~~

5.10.32.9

~~promote~~ To promote a transportation system that encourages sustainable mode choices, reduced emissions, and energy conservation.

Policies

It is the policy of *Regional Council* to:

~~5.9.9.2.1~~

5.10.32.10

Encourage ~~area~~ local municipalities to:

- a) Promote land uses and site design which foster the safe and efficient use of *sustainable* modes of transportation;
- b) ~~Promote infrastructure to encourage teleworking;~~ Work with the appropriate agencies to promote infrastructure that encourages implementation of transportation demand management strategies;
- c) Promote a balance of jobs and housing in *communities* to reduce the need for long distance commuting; ~~and~~
- ~~d)~~ Prioritize transit and active transportation to support future travel demand; and
- ~~e)~~ For new development in *Designated Greenfield Areas* and redevelopment, create street-complete streets configurations, densities and an urban form that:
 - i) *support* walking, cycling and the early integration and sustained viability of transit services; and

- ii) create high quality public open spaces with site design and urban design standards that *support* opportunities for transit, walking and cycling.

5.9.9.2.2

[5.10.32.11](#)

Work with the Province, ~~Metrolinx, area~~ local municipalities and the private sector to plan and implement a network of *carpool* parking lots in Peel Region.

5.9.9.2.3

[5.10.32.12](#)

Work with all levels of the public and private sectors and non-government organizations to develop programs that place primary consideration on the reduction or elimination of trips and the increased use of *sustainable* modes of transportation and to develop programs for implementing these and other travel demand management strategies.

5.9.9.2.4

[5.10.32.13](#)

Work with the area local municipalities, relevant agencies local ~~Transportation Management Associations~~ and school boards to evaluate and measure the progress of *TDM* programs and to develop new innovative strategies and initiatives.

5.9.9.2.5

[5.10.32.14](#)

Work with the public and private sectors and non-government organizations to develop and *support* outreach and marketing programs that promote *sustainable transportation* alternatives, ~~such as~~ inclusive of active transportation and transit, to affect changes in change peoples' travel behaviour and to encourage increased use of these alternatives.

5.9.9.2.6

[5.10.32.15](#)

Work with the area local municipalities to promote and *support* the development and implementation of ~~TDM~~ transportation demand management strategies and programs within the Regional and area local municipal governments.

5.9.9.2.7

[5.10.32.16](#)

Encourage area local municipalities, relevant agencies local ~~Transportation Management Associations~~ and the private sector to develop parking management strategies that make more efficient use of parking resources and that encourage the use of *sustainable* modes of transportation.

5.9.9.2.8

[5.10.32.17](#)

Encourage area local municipalities to update their parking and zoning by-laws to *support* and facilitate *transportation demand management* measures, inclusive of electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

5.9.9.2.9

[5.10.32.18](#)

Encourage parking operators at mobility transportation hubs, Major Transit Station Areas and major commercial and Employment Areas to

provide priority spaces for *carpool*, ~~and~~ car-share vehicles and low or zero-emissions vehicles. ~~(Adopted and approved ROPA 22)~~

5.10.32.19 Work with the local municipalities and the *GTHA* municipalities to develop tools to integrate *transportation demand management* requirements into the planning and development approvals process.

5.10.32.20 Work with Metrolinx, other Provincial agencies and ministries, local municipalities, and other regions and municipalities in the *Greater Golden Horseshoe* to implement the Metrolinx Regional Transportation Plan and contribute to future updates of the Regional Transportation Plan.

~~5.9.10.2.1~~

5.10.32.21

Work with the Province, Metrolinx, the ~~area local~~ municipalities and adjacent municipalities to integrate *pedestrian and bicycle networks comprehensive and continuous active transportation networks* into transportation and development planning to:

- a) Provide safe, ~~attractive~~ and accessible travel for pedestrians and bicyclists within ~~unities and existing communities~~ new development; and
- b) Provide linkages between *intensification* areas, adjacent neighbourhoods and transit stations.
- c) Support the achievement of complete communities to ensure the safety and needs of all users are appropriately accommodated.

~~5.9.10.2.2~~

5.10.32.22

Work with the Province, ~~Metrolinx~~, the ~~area local~~ municipalities, adjacent municipalities and stakeholders ~~the private sector to develop and implement and regularly update the an Active Transportation Plan Sustainable Transportation Strategy~~ for Peel that builds on ~~area local~~ municipal pedestrian and cycling plans. ~~(Adopted ROPA 26)~~

~~5.9.10.2.3~~

5.10.32.23

Support the use of Regional roads and other Regional land as part of a safe, attractive and accessible ~~active transportation~~ *active transportation* network.

~~5.9.10.2.4~~

5.10.32.24

Encourage ~~Work with~~ the ~~area local~~ municipalities to promote land uses which foster and *support* the use of *active transportation* and encourage building and site designs that provide safe, convenient

access for *public transit* users, pedestrians, cyclists and persons with disabilities.

5.9.10.2.5

5.10.32.25

Develop ~~Work with the area municipalities to develop~~ performance indicators for the implementation and usage of *active transportation* and use these indicators to monitor the impact and effectiveness of the ~~active transportation plan~~ *Sustainable Transportation Strategy*.

5.9.10.2.6

5.10.32.26

Work with the local municipalities and relevant agencies to encourage school boards and the private sector to promote the use of *active transportation* by students and ~~to support the Peel Safe and Active Routes to School program and other new initiatives~~ and increase the number of children who walk and bike to school through programs and targeted safety improvements.

5.9.10.2.7

~~Encourage school boards to select school site locations, define catchment areas and design school campuses to maximize walking and bicycling as the primary means of travel to school.~~

5.9.10.2.8

5.10.32.27

Work with all levels of government, ~~non-governmental community groups~~ community groups and the private sector to increase the *active transportation modal share* through educational education, promotion, and outreach programs that target the needs of residents and employees in the Region of Peel.

5.10.32.28

Work with Peel Public Health, local municipalities, government agencies and Police *services* to enhance safety for pedestrians and cyclists through the implementation of the Vision Zero Road Safety Strategic Plan.

5.10.32.29

Work with the local municipalities and all relevant agencies to achieve a balanced approach that reduces reliance upon the automobile and increases use of transit and *active transportation* through a complete streets approach in the design, refurbishment, or reconstruction of the planned or existing network.

5.10.32.30

Work with the local municipalities and the appropriate agencies to provide the appropriate *infrastructure* for integrating *active transportation* trips with transit trips, community destinations, and commercial properties.

5.10.32.31

Work with the Province, local municipalities, and all relevant agencies to improve bicycle and pedestrian connectivity at and around *existing and planned highway interchanges, designated truck routes,*

waterways, railways, major Regional intersections, and grade separations, where feasible.

~~5.9.5.2.1~~

5.10.32.32

Support the implementation and protection of *rapid transit* corridors, as shown on Schedule ~~G~~ Y4, as well as those additional *higher order transit*, ~~bus rapid transit~~ or priority transit corridors proposed on Regional roads by the ~~area~~ local municipalities or Provincial transit authorities. Any changes to *rapid transit* corridors shown on Schedule ~~G~~ Y4 will require an amendment to this Plan.

~~5.9.5.2.2 — Work with Metrolinx, other Provincial agencies and ministries, the area municipalities, and adjacent municipalities in the planning and implementation of an inter-regional transit system.~~

~~5.9.5.2.3~~

5.10.32.33

Support the provision of transit *services* to rural communities by the Province, ~~area~~ local municipalities and/or privately run transit *services* where feasible and functional.

~~5.9.5.2.4 — Support the coordination of inter-municipal and inter-regional transit services.~~

~~5.9.5.2.5~~

5.10.32.34

Encourage ~~transit-supportive~~ transit priority measures on Regional roads, where deemed necessary and feasible to the satisfaction of the Region. major roads and highway corridors in Peel through the use of HOV lanes, Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) and granting preferential treatment to transit, when and where necessary and justified.

~~5.9.5.2.6~~

5.10.32.35

Support Metrolinx the Ministry of Transportation and the ~~area~~ local municipalities in the expeditious planning, ~~and~~ implementation of, ~~and support Metrolinx and the federal government in the expeditious funding of,~~ a GTHA-wide and GGH-wide *rapid transit* network and, in particular, of:

- a) *Rapid transit* projects in Peel included in the Metrolinx Regional Transportation Plan and the Greater Golden Horseshoe Transportation Plan; and
- b) *Rapid transit* projects in the City of Brampton, the Town of Caledon and the City of Mississauga ~~and the City of Brampton~~ not included in the Metrolinx Regional Transportation Plan and the Greater Golden Horseshoe Transportation Plan.

~~5.9.5.2.7~~

5.10.32.36 Work with Metrolinx and the ~~area~~ local municipalities to expeditiously implement the priority transit project improvements GO Transit rail and bus service improvements described in the Metrolinx Regional Transportation Plan, and in particular including, but not limited to:

- ~~a) To provide all day two-way GO commuter rail service on the Milton and Georgetown lines as soon as possible;~~
- ~~b) To expedite the identification and protection of a new GO Rail station site in Bolton and the provision of GO commuter rail service to and from this station;~~
- ~~c) To improve the frequency of service on the Lakeshore, Georgetown and Milton GO commuter rail lines;~~
- ~~d) To provide increased inter-municipal/inter-regional express GO bus service in corridors where there is sufficient demand; and~~
- ~~e) To improve connections to Toronto – Lester B. Pearson International Airport from Peel.~~
- a) provide two-way, all day commuter rail GO service on the Milton and Kitchener lines;
- b) provide two-way, all day commuter rail GO service on the Kitchener lines, between Union Station and Bramalea and further to Mount Pleasant GO Station;
- c) improve the frequency of service of the Lakeshore West, Kitchener and Milton commuter rail GO lines and in particular the provision of a minimum two-way, all-day, 15-minute service;
- d) expedite the identification and protection for a new GO Rail Station site in Bolton and the provision of commuter rail GO service to and from this station;
- e) provide increased inter-municipal/inter-regional express GO bus service in corridors where there is sufficient demand or demonstrated demand;
- f) provide inter-municipal / inter-regional express GO transit service in Caledon;



g) implement the Eglinton Crosstown West LRT Extension from Mount Dennis Station to Renforth Station, and further to Toronto Pearson International Airport; and

h) improve connections to Toronto Pearson International Airport from Peel.

5.10.32.37 Work with Metrolinx, local municipalities, and the local municipal transit agencies to improve multimodal access to GO Stations and transit hubs.

~~5.9.5.2.8~~

5.10.32.38 ~~Support~~ Encourage the efforts by Metrolinx to study and implement the electrification of the GO Transit rail system.

~~5.9.5.2.9~~ ~~Work with Metrolinx and other levels of government to investigate the potential use of existing underused and abandoned rail lines for future passenger service.~~

~~5.9.5.2.10~~

5.10.32.39 Encourage the *intensification* of residential and non-residential development at nodes, Major Transit Station Areas, and mobility transportation hubs and along rapid transit corridors, as shown on Schedule Y4, to support a higher level of transit service and other sustainable modes, consistent with direction in the latest provincial plans.

~~5.9.5.2.11~~

5.10.32.40 Encourage the ~~area~~ local municipalities, in cooperation with the Region and having regard for the Provincial Guidelines for Transit Supportive Transit Supportive Land Uses, to plan for intra-regional transit connections, to integrate transit plans into secondary plans and, when planning for Designated Greenfield Areas, to plan for compact, *transit-supportive urban development*.

~~5.9.5.2.12~~

5.10.32.41 ~~Support~~ Work with Metrolinx and the ~~area~~ local municipalities and relevant stakeholders in:

a) The development of a network of mobility hubs (as identified in the Metrolinx Regional Transportation Plan) and other transportation hubs (as identified by the area municipalities and the Region);

- b) *Promoting* transit stations and terminals in urban nodes and corridors, as identified in this Plan and the ~~area municipal official plans~~ local municipal official plans; ~~and~~
- c) Providing safe and efficient first and last mile connections to transit stations and stops;
- d) Improving inter-regional transit connections, in coordination with appropriate municipalities; and
- e) ~~The integration of transportation modes at these hubs.~~

~~5.9.5.2.13~~

~~5.10.32.42~~ ~~Support~~ ~~gateways and~~ interconnections between the local bus network And ~~existing planned rapid transit corridors~~ ~~future transitways~~, especially at Urban Growth Centres and other mobility and transportation hubs.

~~5.9.5.2.14~~ ~~Support improved transit connectivity to Toronto — Lester B. Pearson International Airport and the surrounding employment area.~~

~~5.10.32.43~~ ~~Work with Metrolinx, the Greater Toronto Airport Authority, and local municipal transit agencies to establish a multi-modal transportation hub at Toronto Pearson International Airport.~~

~~5.9.5.2.16~~

~~5.10.32.44~~ Work with the ~~area~~ local municipalities to plan for and protect Regional corridors and rights-of-way for transit as shown in Schedule Y4 to meet current and projected need, where justified and feasible.

~~5.9.5.2.17~~ ~~Support the use of innovative transit technologies by area municipalities, such as transit signal priority and the provision of real-time information to transit riders, and support the identification by area municipalities of transit priority zones where transit priority measures will be put in place.~~

~~5.9.5.2.18~~

~~5.10.32.45~~ Encourage the ~~area~~ local municipalities and Metrolinx to work with the health and human *services* sectors when developing transit *services*.

~~5.9.8.2.4~~

~~5.10.32.46~~ Encourage efficient fuel use and conservation by promoting *transportation demand management* programs, linked trips, the use of *Intelligent Transportation Systems* and the use of *public transit* and *active transportation*.

5.9.3—5.10.33 The Provincial Freeway Network

The Provincial *Freeway* Network provides for the movement of people and goods throughout Peel and the remainder of the [Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area \(GTHA\)](#). The network is comprised of controlled-access *freeways* (the 400-series *freeways*, the Queen Elizabeth Way and the 407 Express Toll Route). Continuing improvement of the Provincial *Freeway* Network, and of the integration of *freeways* with other roads in Peel and adjacent municipalities, are *essential* for the efficient movement of people and goods.

Appealed

~~In order~~ As required by Provincial policy to plan ~~for~~ and protect a strategic corridor and rights-of-way for transportation and transit facilities, in advance of future development, the Region is establishing policies to protect the corridor shown ~~conceptually~~ as the Conceptual GTA West Corridor and the Northwest GTA Transmission Corridor on Schedule ~~E~~ Y2.

The provincial Growth Plan ~~June 2006~~ May 2019, identifies a conceptual ~~Future~~ future Transportation Corridor in Peel between the urban areas of the northwest GTA and the western Greater Golden Horseshoe. The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has initiated an Environmental Assessment which will more specifically define the need, location and details of the GTA West Transportation Corridor.

5.9.3.1 Objectives

5.9.3.1.1

5.10.33.1

To advocate for the provision and maintenance of an adequate, reliable, efficient and safe Provincial *Freeway* Network to facilitate the movement of people and goods within and through Peel.

5.9.12.1.1

5.10.33.2

To plan ~~for~~ and protect for a ~~Future~~ future GTA West Transportation Corridor in the Region of Peel as conceptually shown on Schedule ~~D-Z1~~ and Y2.

5.9.3.1.2

~~To continue to implement the transportation and related infrastructure objectives and policies of the Parkway Belt West Plan.~~

5.10.33.3

To work with the Province to incorporate *transportation demand management* measures into Provincial highway initiatives.

5.9.3.2 Policies

It is the policy of Regional Council to:



5.9.3.2.1 ~~Encourage the Province, in cooperation with the GTHA municipalities and adjacent municipalities, to provide an efficient and safe Provincial Freeway Network in Peel that can accommodate regional and inter-regional travel demands at an acceptable level of service.~~

Appealed

5.9.3.2.3
5.10.33.4

Work cooperatively with the Province and other GTA and Greater Golden Horseshoe municipalities in planning and implementing *freeway* and *higher order transit* improvements identified in the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe and the Metrolinx Regional Transportation Plan. (Adopted ROPA 16 and 22)

Appealed

5.9.3.2.2
5.10.33.5

Work with the Province and affected municipalities to take appropriate actions to ensure that planned transportation corridors are not precluded. (Adopted ROPA 22)

Appealed

5.9.3.2.4
5.10.33.6

Encourage and work with the Province and affected municipalities to identify and plan for the following future multi-modal transportation corridors and to take appropriate actions to ensure that these corridors are not precluded: (Adopted ROPA 22)

- a) A transportation corridor linking the GTA West Transportation Corridor and the Mid-Peninsula (Niagara to GTA)-Corridor; and
- b) The planned extension of Highway 427 linking to the GTA West Transportation Corridor; and
- b)c) The further extension of Highway 427 to highway 9 and beyond to Highway 9 and beyond. (Adopted ROPA 22)
(Provincial Modification in bold)

Appealed

5.9.3.2.5
5.10.33.7

Encourage the study and protection of a north-south transportation corridor ~~and related Bram West Parkway facility along in the boundary of~~ Brampton and Halton Hills boundary area, until such time as the need for and long term role of this major transportation facility one or both of these major transportation facilities can be evaluated and approved through the completion of one or more Environmental Assessment studies. (Adopted ROPA 16)

Appealed

5.9.3.2.6

5.10.33.8

Participate in and *support*, in consultation with the affected municipalities, the Province's environmental assessment study for the GTA West transportation corridor and its links to the transportation network, and encourage and work with the Province and affected municipalities to take appropriate actions to ensure that the corridor is not precluded. Participate in the Province's Environmental Assessment Study for the GTA West Transportation Corridor and work with the Province and affected municipalities to ensure links between the GTA West Corridor and the transportation network are not precluded. (Adopted ROPA 22)

5.10.33.9

Encourage the Ministry of Transportation to undertake detailed analysis of the impacts of Provincial *freeway* planning on the Region of Peel, including but not limited to a Transportation Network Assessment, a Health Impact Assessment and *agricultural impact assessment*.

Appealed

5.9.12.2.1

5.10.33.10

Plan ~~for~~ and protect for the **Future** GTA West **Transportation** Corridor and rights-of-way for transportation and transit facilities to meet current and projected needs and ~~not permit prohibit~~ development in such *planned corridors* that could preclude or negatively affect the use of the corridor for the purpose(s) for which it was identified or actively being planned.

Appealed

5.9.12.2.2

5.10.33.11

Ensure that transportation and land use considerations ~~be are~~ integrated and coordinated at all stages of the planning and Environmental Assessment process.

Appealed

5.9.12.2.3

5.10.33.12

Work with the Province and **area local** municipalities to plan for and protect for the GTA West **Transportation** Corridor and its connections to the existing highway network including Highway 410 in the Mayfield West area of Caledon (as identified on Schedule E-Y2).

Appealed

5.9.12.2.4

5.10.33.13

Direct the **area local** municipalities, in consultation with and to the satisfaction of the Province, ~~to develop official plan policies~~

to implement official plan amendments or zoning by-laws that provide corridor protection to ensure that development applications will not predetermine or preclude the planning and/or implementation-development of the GTA West Transportation Corridor.

Appealed

5.9.12.2.5

5.10.33.14

Recognize that as the **GTA West Transportation Corridor Environmental Assessment Act-process Study** progresses, ~~any related Official Plan or Secondary Plan may, in consultation with the proponent, include~~ provisions for the phased release of lands that are appropriate to the **environmental assessment Environmental Assessment process, be made, in consultation with the Ministry of Transportation.** (Provincial modification to Adopted ROPA 26 in bold)

5.10.33.15

Encourage the Province to expeditiously complete the Environmental Assessment Study for the GTA West Transportation Corridor.

5.10.33.16

Encourage the Province to explore alternative transportation solutions to a freeway that would support complete communities and sustainable transportation through the GTA West Transportation Corridor Environment Assessment process.

Appealed

5.9.7.2.4 f)

~~Participate in the Province's Environmental Assessment study of the GTA West Transportation Corridor, in recognition of the potential role of this transportation corridor for the movement of goods. (Adopted ROPA 22)~~

5.10.33.17

Plan and protect for a potential future Northwest GTA Transmission Corridor and rights-of-way for electricity generation facilities and transmission systems to meet current and projected needs, and prohibit development in such planned corridors for the purpose(s) for which it was identified or actively being planned.

5.9.3.2.7

5.10.33.18

Encourage and *support* the planning, corridor protection and the early construction of the following facilities:

- a) The widening of Highway 410 from ~~Highway 401 Queen Street~~ to Mayfield Road;

- b) The widening of Highway 401 between Highway 403/410 and Trafalgar Road in Halton Region;
- c) [The planned extension of Highway 427 linking to the GTA West Transportation Corridor; and,](#)
- d) The extension of Highway 427 to [Highway 9 and beyond.](#) ~~Major Mackenzie Drive in York Region;~~
- ~~d) The completion of the Courtney Park Drive/Highway 410 interchange; and~~
- ~~e) The completion of the Bramalea Road/Highway 407 interchange.~~

~~5.9.3.2.8~~

[5.10.33.19](#)

Encourage the Ontario Ministry of Transportation and 407 ETR to develop and enhance *carpool* lots at interchanges along major *freeways* and highways.

~~5.9.3.2.9~~

[5.10.33.20](#)

Encourage the Ontario Ministry of Transportation to continue to study and implement the *High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lane Network Plan* for the 400-Series Highways in the Greater Golden Horseshoe and to update the [Plan](#) in cooperation with [Regional](#) and local municipalities.

[5.10.33.21](#)

[Encourage the exploration of alternatives to overhead transmission lines in urban community areas and near airport infrastructure in order minimize impacts of the a potential future Northwest GTA Transmission Corridor and explore opportunities for transmission infrastructure to support district energy efforts.](#)

~~5.9.4—5.10.34~~ The Major Road Network

The *Major Road Network* in [Peel](#) provides for inter- and intra-municipal travel within [Peel](#) and for connections to other regions/municipalities and the Provincial *Freeway Network*. The network is comprised of *major roads* under the jurisdiction of the Province of Ontario (Highways 9 and 10 in Caledon), [the Region](#) and the ~~area~~ [local](#) municipalities. [The Regional](#) roads are designed to provide a high level of inter-municipal *transportation capacity*. [The Region](#) works with the ~~area~~ [local](#) municipalities to plan for transportation on a region-wide basis. The provision of a safe, efficient and reliable *major road* network plays an important role in the movement of people ~~(by automobile, transit, and bicycle~~ [and walking, as well as\)](#) ~~and~~ goods.

Opportunities for additions and expansions to the *major road* network in Peel are limited. With sustainable transportation infrastructure investments, additions and expansions can be made to the network to improve efficiency of the system and increase alternative mobility options. There are opportunities, however, to make selected additions and expansions to the network, to improve the efficiency of the network and to provide for the accommodation of transit and transportation demand management supportive infrastructure.

5.9.4.1 Objectives

5.9.4.1.1

5.10.34.1

To work with the ~~area~~ local municipalities and the Province to provide, optimize, maintain and operate a *Major Road* Network to facilitate the safe, efficient and reliable movement of people and goods. ~~(Adopted and approved ROPA 22)~~

5.10.34.2

To control access to Regional Roads through the planning and development process so as to:

- a) Optimize traffic safety;
- b) Optimize pedestrian safety;
- c) Optimize road carry capacity; and
- d) Reduce the number and location of intersections along Regional Roads in greenfield and brownfield developments through consolidation of neighbouring accesses.

5.9.4.1.2

5.10.34.3

To achieve a *Major Road* Network as shown on Schedule E Y2.

5.10.34.4

To avoid, or if avoidance is not possible, minimize and mitigate impacts of transportation on the community, natural environment and the Agricultural System consistent with the objectives and policies of this Plan.

5.9.4.2 Policies

It is the policy of Regional Council to:

5.9.4.2.1

5.10.34.5

Support the provision, in conjunction with the Province and the local municipalities, of the *Major Road* Network shown on Schedule E, regardless of road jurisdiction. A jurisdictional transfer between ~~area~~ local municipal and Regional roads will

not require an amendment to Schedule ~~E~~ Y2 and Schedule Y3 of this Plan.

5.10.34.6 A jurisdictional transfer from local municipal to Regional roads will not require an amendment to Schedule Y3 provided that the Region maintain the right-of-way depicted in the local Plan from which the road is being transferred.

~~5.9.4.2.2~~

5.10.34.7

Work with the Province, 407 ETR and the ~~area~~ local municipalities to identify, prioritize and resolve;

- a) Gaps, bottlenecks and jogs in the Regional and local road networks; ~~and~~
- b) Opportunities for new or improved highway interchanges; ~~and~~
- c) Impediments to transit and active transportation on the Regional and local road networks.

~~5.9.4.2.3~~

5.10.34.8

Work with the Ontario Ministry of Transportation, Region of York, City of Brampton, City of Vaughan and Town of Caledon to identify and implement road network improvements in the Highway 427 Extension area.

~~5.9.4.2.4~~

5.10.34.9

Ensure that, where possible, adequate *transportation capacity* on Regional roads is based on a “*Level of Service*” Policy² adopted and periodically reviewed by Regional Council.

5.10.34.10

Investigate a multi-modal *Level of Service* methodology in consultation with the local municipalities and external agencies, as appropriate.

~~5.9.4.2.5~~

~~Within 245 metres (804 feet) of a Regional Road intersection, protect an additional 5.5 metres (18 feet) over that identified on Schedule F for a single left turn configuration, right turn lanes, multi-purpose pathways or transit related improvements. Intersection right-of-way requirements shall be confirmed by a Traffic Impact Study and/or functional design acceptable to the Region.~~

~~5.9.4.2.6~~

~~Within 245 metres (804 feet) of a Regional Road intersection, protect an additional 9 metres (30 feet) over that identified on Schedule F for a dual left turn configuration, right turn lanes,~~

~~multi-purpose pathways or transit-related improvements. Intersection right-of-way requirements shall be confirmed by a Traffic Impact Study and/or functional design acceptable to the Region.~~

~~5.9.4.2.7 — Protect the designated *Regional* road rights-of-way, as shown on Schedule F, to accommodate future road widenings and improvements consistent with Section 7.7 of this Plan.~~

~~Protect additional rights-of-way where necessary to provide for turning lanes, multi-purpose pathways, or transit related improvements at the intersection of all designated rights-of-way. Accordingly, within 245 metres (804 feet) of an intersection (on either side of the intersection and starting at the center line of the intersection) the rights-of-way may be up to a total 13.5 metres (44.3 feet) wider than the designated *Regional* road rights-of-way as shown on Schedule F.~~

~~5.9.4.2.8~~

5.10.34.11

Protect the designated *Regional* rights-of-way requirements, as shown on Schedule Y3, to accommodate future road widenings and improvements consistent with Section 7.10 of this Plan.

5.10.34.12

Generally locate *Regional* two lane roads within 25-36 metre (82-118 feet) rights-of-way, four lane roads within 36-45 metre (118-148 feet) rights-of-way and six lane roads within 45-55 metre (148-180 feet) rights-of-way in urban and rural settings, in accordance with Section 7.10 of this Plan.

~~5.9.4.2.9~~

5.10.34.13

Notwithstanding the right-of-way widths identified on Schedule ~~F~~ Y3, ensure that future road widenings within the Greenbelt, *Niagara Escarpment Plan Area*, *Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan Area*, *Protected Countryside* and the *Parkway Belt West Plan Area* are consistent with the policies of the Greenbelt Plan, *Niagara Escarpment Plan*, *Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan* and the *Parkway Belt West Plan*.)

~~5.9.4.2.10~~

~~Protect and preserve the natural environment, consistent with the objectives and policies in this Plan, the *area municipal official plans*, the Environmental Assessment procedures, and if applicable, the Greenbelt Plan, *Niagara Escarpment Plan*, the *Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan* and the *Parkway Belt West Plan* where *Regional* roads are proposed to be widened, reconstructed or improved. Where portions of *Regional* roads have scenic, environmental, *cultural heritage* or *archaeological*~~

~~resources, this policy is intended to retain and protect the unique features of the road section.~~

~~Within urban areas consideration will be given when planning and constructing *Regional* roads to provide and accommodate an urban arterial cross section and the *Region* will continue to support the area municipalities in the provision of sidewalks, lighting, bus bays/shelters, multi-use paths and other required street furniture appropriate to the planned adjacent land uses.~~

~~For rural villages and settlements in the *Region* appropriate exceptions have been made and will be considered for reduced *Regional* rights-of-way to maintain historic streetscapes and heritage characteristics of the village or settlement.~~

~~5.9.4.2.11~~

~~5.10.34.14~~

~~Control frontage *development* and vehicular access onto *Regional* roads consistent with relevant *Regional* By-laws, including the Controlled Access By-law, and the Regional Roads Characterization Study, as amended from time to time.~~

~~5.9.4.2.12~~

~~5.10.34.15~~

~~Control access to *Regional* roads so as to optimize traffic road safety and carrying capacity, and control ~~the~~ number and location of intersections with *Regional* roads in consultation with the affected area local municipality. Where feasible, and consistent with context, access to developments should be obtained via municipal roadways and not *Regional* roads.~~

~~5.9.4.2.13~~

~~5.10.34.16~~

~~Protect residential *development* adjacent to *Regional* roads from vehicular noise through appropriate noise mitigation, planning and design, and by ensuring the provision of noise attenuation measures at the time of *development* for outdoor living areas that have reverse frontage (rear or side lot abutting a *Regional* road).~~

~~5.9.4.2.14~~

~~5.10.34.17~~

~~Determine the priority for improvements to the *Regional* road system periodically in the context of monitoring and inspection reports, system status reports, studies on growth and other indicators related to the *Regional Structure*, in consultation with the area local municipalities.~~

~~5.9.4.2.15~~

~~5.10.34.18~~

~~Support the efforts by Metrolinx the Province to study the development of an interconnected regional network of multi-purpose reserved lanes that build on existing plans for *High*~~

Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes to improve the efficiency of highways and arterial roads for transit and multi-occupant vehicles.

~~5.9.4.2.16~~

5.10.34.19

Work with the ~~area~~ local municipalities, adjacent municipalities and the Province to study the feasibility of developing an arterial *High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV)* system in Peel to complement the Province's *freeway HOV* system.

~~5.9.4.2.17~~

5.10.34.20

Develop and utilize asset management systems and practices including regular inspections, testing and condition surveys to accurately and effectively assess, plan and budget for necessary road asset rehabilitation or replacement works.

~~5.9.4.2.18~~

5.10.34.21

Ensure that new or improved Regional roads *support* the viability of existing or planned *rapid transit services* where feasible and encourage the ~~area~~ local municipalities to do the same for roads under their jurisdiction.

5.10.34.22

Support the development of a connected and accessible network of sustainable transportation facilities on new or improved Regional roads, where feasible.

~~5.9.5—The Inter and Intra-Regional Transit Network [moved, edited or deleted within Section 5.10.3 Sustainable Transportation]~~

~~5.9.5.1 Objectives~~

~~5.9.5.2 Policies~~

~~5.9.6~~

5.10.35 Airports

Toronto ~~—Lester B.~~ Pearson International Airport, Canada's busiest airport, is an important element in the *GTHA's* transportation and economic systems. It provides national and international transportation linkages, creates a substantial number of employment opportunities and is a large generator of direct and indirect economic benefits for the Region of Peel and the *GTHA*.

The presence of Toronto ~~—Lester B.~~ Pearson International Airport within the Region of Peel creates both opportunities and responsibilities. Because of its significance, it is a priority of this Plan to ensure that new *development* is compatible with Airport operations and allows the Airport to function efficiently while recognizing existing and approved land uses and other considerations.

In addition to the role of Toronto ~~–Lester B.~~ Pearson International Airport in Peel and the *GTHA*, consideration should also be given to the potential increased significance of the Brampton Flying Club Airport over the next 30 years.

5.9.6.1

Objectives

5.9.6.1.1

5.10.35.1

To optimize the economic potential of Toronto ~~–Lester B.~~ Pearson International Airport and the Brampton Flying Club Airport to the Region of Peel and the *GTHA*, having regard for:

- a) Existing and future industry, business and employment opportunities; and
- b) The interests of existing and future residents.

5.9.6.1.2

5.10.35.2

To support the recreational opportunities of airports in Peel where appropriate.

5.10.35.3

To support the development and redevelopment opportunities around the Toronto Pearson International Airport Area.

5.9.6.2

Policies

It is the policy of Regional Council to:

5.9.6.2.1

5.10.35.4

Support the improvement and enhancement of the facilities, access to and capacity of Toronto ~~–Lester B.~~ Pearson International Airport, taking into account the concerns of existing and future residents, industries, businesses and employees of Peel Region, to maintain the importance of the Airport to the Region of Peel, the *Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area* *GTHA*, the Province and Canada.

5.9.6.2.2

5.10.35.5

Study jointly, with the Town of Caledon, and in consultation with the City of Brampton, the potential role of the Brampton Flying Club Airport and develop policies to protect this role.

5.9.6.2.3

5.10.35.6

Work with the Greater Toronto Airports Authority and the ~~area~~ local municipalities to identify ways to protect the long-term



operational role of Toronto ~~–Lester B.~~ Pearson International Airport by ensuring that *development* and *redevelopment* adjacent to the Airport is compatible with airport operations and the needs of residents and by discouraging land uses which may cause a potential aviation safety hazard.

~~5.9.6.2.4~~

5.10.35.7

Prohibit the *development*, *redevelopment* and infill of new residential and sensitive land uses such as hospitals, nursing homes, daycare facilities and public and private schools in the Toronto Pearson International Airport Operating Area as shown on Schedule ~~H~~ Y5. The Airport Operating Area uses existing geographical features such as roads, land use boundaries and natural features to represent the boundaries of Transport Canada's 30 NEF/NEP contour.

~~5.9.6.2.5~~

5.10.35.8

Direct the Cities of Mississauga and Brampton, in consultation with the Greater Toronto Airports Authority and the Region to include in their official plans:

- a) Airport Operating Area policies consistent with Policy ~~5.9.6.2.4~~ 5.10.35.7;
- b) Definitions and illustrations of the areas to which the Airport Operating Area policies apply; and
- c) Definitions of the terms sensitive land uses, *redevelopment* and infill.

~~5.9.6.2.6~~

5.10.35.9

Direct the Cities of Mississauga and Brampton, in consultation with the Greater Toronto Airport Authority and the Region, to define specific exceptions to Policy ~~5.9.6.2.4~~ 5.10.35.7 within the Toronto ~~–Lester B.~~ Pearson International Airport Operating Area in their municipal official plans, provided however, that:

- a) such exceptions are limited to *redevelopment* of existing residential use and other sensitive land uses or infilling of residential and other sensitive land uses or infilling of residential and other sensitive land uses;

- b) *development* proponents demonstrate that there will be no negative impacts to the long-term function of the airport;
- c) the Cities of ~~Mississauga and Brampton~~ Brampton and Mississauga define the areas to which the exception would apply;
- d) MOE acoustical design standards are met; and
- e) development proponents may be required to demonstrate that proposed new sensitive land uses are appropriately designed, separated and/or buffered from major facilities to prevent adverse effects from noise and other contaminants and minimize risk to public health and safety. The need to satisfy this requirement shall be determined in consultation with the Region.

~~5.9.6.2.7~~

5.10.35.10 Update ~~Figure 6~~ Figure Y4 in the Appendix with the latest Provincially issued Aircraft Noise Exposure Contours, as they become available.

~~5.9.7~~

5.10.36 Goods Movement

~~To support goods movement in the Region of Peel, there is a need for a coordinated network linking major road network, the provincial freeway, areas of significant employment activity and major goods movement corridors. With an increase traffic congestion, there is a resulting delay in the movement of goods in the GTHA which is contributing to diminishing productivity, wasted energy, environmental degradation, and lowering of standard of living. Economically, delay in the movement of goods is costing billions of dollars in lost GDP every year. An integrated transportation network, inclusive of road, rail, air, marine, and pipeline, is needed to ensure that goods are transported in an efficient and timely manner. In the Region of Peel, the safe and efficient movement of goods is plays an important role in to regional the Regional economy, is an important factor in attracting and retaining a range of industries and businesses, and directly impacts the competitiveness of the businesses and the availability of high-quality jobs in Peel. The provision of integrated transportation networks (including road, rail, air, marine and pipeline networks) is needed to ensure that goods are transported in an efficient and timely manner. The goods movement system developed in Peel needs to be will be advanced in balance with the system requirements of the entire GTHA.~~

5.9.7.1

Objectives

5.9.7.1.1

5.10.36.1

To facilitate the development and maintenance of a safe and efficient goods movement network within Peel and between Peel and adjacent municipalities that *supports the Regional economy* while minimizing adverse impacts ~~and that minimizes impact to the environment.~~

5.9.7.1.2

5.10.36.2

To optimize the use of existing goods movement *infrastructure* and capacity.

5.9.7.2

Policies

It is the policy of Regional Council to:

5.9.7.2.1

5.10.36.3

~~Work with other levels of government, agencies and the private sector to develop a comprehensive, integrated and effective multimodal goods movement system that encourages the safe and efficient movement of goods by road, rail or air in the Region.)~~ Work with other levels of government, agencies and ministries, the private sector and local municipalities to develop, maintain and implement a comprehensive, integrated and effective goods movement system that encourages the safe and efficient movement of goods by road, rail or air within and through the Region.

5.10.36.4

Work with the Province, the local municipalities, adjacent municipalities relevant agencies and stakeholders to implement and regularly update the Goods Movement Strategic Plan for Peel.

5.9.7.2.2

5.10.36.5

Establish strong partnerships with ~~public and private~~ stakeholders to develop a vision for goods movement in Peel, determine priorities, and implement action plans for advancing a *sustainable* goods movement system in Peel.

5.9.7.2.3

5.10.36.6

Work with other levels of government and agencies to develop and implement a multi-modal goods movement transportation

system for the *GTHA*, building on the strategic framework found in Schedule 6 of the Growth Plan ~~for the Greater Golden Horseshoe~~.

5.9.7.2.4

5.10.36.7

~~Define a~~ Periodically review the strategic goods movement network *strategic goods movement network* shown in Figure Y6 in Peel and related studies, in consultation with the Province and appropriate municipalities in the *GTHA*, local municipalities and other stakeholders, ~~the other regions in the *GTHA*, area municipalities, adjacent municipalities and other public and private stakeholders~~. In so doing, undertake the following:

- a) ~~Initiate the review~~ Review and update ~~of~~ the existing and future transportation network to ensure the safe and efficient movement of goods throughout Peel. As a part of this effort, ~~continue working work~~ with the Province and the ~~area~~ local municipalities to identify and update priority goods movement routes in Peel;
- b) Acknowledge the importance of and promote inter-modal facilities, airports, rail corridors and terminals ~~(and of with~~ linkages to these facilities)~~)~~ as key components of an efficient goods movement system; and
- c) Encourage the development of air, pipeline and marine transport in *support* of the efficient movement of goods;
- ~~d) Investigate the feasibility of truck-only lanes on selected roads in Peel;~~
- ~~e) Encourage the Province and 407 ETR, in recognition of the role of the 400-series highways as vital transportation corridors for the movement of goods, to study the following highway improvements:~~
 - ~~i) Highway 401 widening between Highway 403/410 and Trafalgar Road in Halton Region;~~
 - ~~ii) Highway 407 completion of the Bramalea Road/Highway 407 interchange.~~
 - ~~iii) Highway 410 widening between Highway 401 and Mayfield Road and the completion of the Highway 410/Courtney Park Drive interchange; and~~

~~iv) Highway 427 — extension beyond Major Mackenzie Drive in York Region; and~~

Appealed

~~f) Participate in and encourage the Province's study of the GTA West Transportation Corridor, in recognition of the potential role of this transportation corridor for the movement of goods. (Adopted ROPA 22)~~

~~5.9.7.2.5 Work with the private and public sectors to plan for growth in goods movement activity. When doing so, consider ways to optimize the use of existing and planned goods movement infrastructure and capacity.~~

~~5.9.7.2.6~~

~~5.10.36.9~~

Support a safe and efficient railway network by:

- a) Evaluating, prioritizing and securing grade separation of railways and *major roads*, in cooperation with Transport Canada and the railways; and
- b) Ensuring that noise, vibration and safety issues are addressed for *development* adjacent to railway corridors and terminal facilities.

~~5.9.7.2.7~~

~~5.10.36.10~~

Work with the railways, the trucking industry, the Greater Toronto Airports Authority, the Province, ~~Metrolinx~~ and the ~~area~~ local municipalities to improve access to freight terminals and to Toronto ~~—Lester B.~~ Pearson International Airport and its surrounding *Employment Areas* in order to integrate these into surrounding land uses and to maximize their economic potential.

~~5.9.7.2.8~~

~~5.10.36.11~~

Work with other levels of government, and the private sector to develop and implement a comprehensive freight data program for strategic planning, operational analysis and performance measurement purposes. As a part of this, encourage the development and implementation of a goods movement origin-destination survey for the *GTHA* and an analysis of the cost of congestion to goods movement.

~~5.9.7.2.9~~

~~5.10.36.12~~

~~Promote better~~ Increase coordination, communication and improved efficiency of goods movement using Freight Transportation Demand Management measures such as through truck-rail and truck-air operations for the movement of goods.

- ~~5.9.7.2.10~~ ~~Support, and participate in, the efforts of Metrolinx to develop and implement a Goods Movement Strategy for the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area, as outlined in the Regional Transportation Plan.~~
- ~~5.9.7.2.11~~ ~~Support provincial and federal government studies on the movement of goods in Southern Ontario (e.g., the Quebec-Windsor Gateway Study).~~
- ~~5.9.7.2.12~~
- 5.10.36.13 Promote ~~improvements to, and~~ the harmonization of, the goods movement policies of all levels of government ~~(federal, provincial, regional and local).~~
- ~~5.9.7.2.13~~
- 5.10.36.14 Encourage ~~the location~~, where possible, ~~of~~ activities generating substantial goods movement traffic to strategically locate near highways, *major roads*, rail yards, Toronto ~~—Lester B.~~ Pearson International Airport and inter-modal facilities.
- ~~5.9.7.2.14~~ ~~Work with the Province and the area municipalities to develop and implement freight-supportive land use guidelines.~~
- ~~5.9.7.2.15~~
- 5.10.36.15 Work with the Province to facilitate the efficient movement of goods, link major goods movement facilities and corridors and by making goods movement the first priority of highway ~~investment~~ investments.
- ~~5.9.7.2.15~~ ~~Work with the Province to develop a program of transportation supply and demand management measures to facilitate goods movement.~~
- 5.10.36.16 Work with the appropriate levels of government and agencies to improve border crossings for the efficient movement of goods.
- 5.10.36.17 Work with the Province and local municipalities to maximize the transportation network to accommodate Long Combination Vehicles, where feasible, to promote goods movement efficiencies and direct connections from *Employment Areas* to Provincial Highways for Long Combination Vehicles, while avoiding sensitive areas, where feasible.
- 5.10.36.18 Work *jointly* with local municipalities, appropriate levels of government, and private agencies to review and update by-laws,

development requirements and policies to encourage Off-Peak Deliveries, where appropriate.

- 5.10.36.19 Work with the Province, the local municipalities, relevant agencies, and transportation service providers to plan, design and implement a transportation system which can safely accommodate the movement of agricultural vehicles and equipment, where appropriate.

~~5.9.8~~

5.10.37 Environmental Impact

Addressing environmental impacts is an important consideration in planning the transportation network system in Peel. Measures to shift travel towards *sustainable* modes, adapting *infrastructure* to be more resilient, improving vehicle technologies, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and traffic-related air pollution, and reducing impacts on the natural environment and natural resources must be considered. Through improved planning and design approaches, adverse impacts can be avoided or, where avoidance is not possible, minimized and mitigated.

The transportation system interacts with, and impacts, the environment. The transportation sector accounts for approximately 25% of Canada's total greenhouse gas emissions, 59% of Canada's carbon monoxide emissions and 53% of Canada's nitrogen oxide emissions. Poor air quality has serious health, social, economic and environmental impacts.

Strong population and employment growth in *Peel* has led to a rapid increase in the number of vehicle trips made on the highways and roads in *the region*. The resultant traffic congestion, with its associated stops, starts and lower speeds, is a large contributor to higher levels of emissions. Additional impacts of the increase in number of vehicle trips include higher noise levels and adverse impact on water quality.

It is important to continue to recognize the impact of transportation on the environment so that any adverse impacts can be minimized. If the transportation sector is to contribute in a meaningful way to a reduction in environmental impact, measures to address transportation activity and behaviour (along with measures to improve vehicle technologies) must be considered.

5.9.8.1

Objectives

- ~~5.9.8.1.1 To improve air quality and reduce the greenhouse gas emissions produced by vehicles using *Peel's* transportation system.~~



5.10.37.1 ~~To reduce environmental impacts such as greenhouse gas emissions, traffic-related and other air pollutants produced by vehicles using Peel's transportation system.~~

5.10.37.2 ~~To avoid or, if avoidance is not possible, minimize and mitigate, negative transportation impacts on Peel's natural environment including water resources, the Greenlands System and the Agricultural System.~~

5.9.8.2 Policies

It is the policy of Regional Council to:

5.9.8.2.1

5.10.37.3

Work with ~~Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area~~ GTHA municipalities, the Province and stakeholders groups to minimize traffic congestion, air pollution and noise pollution from ~~automobiles and other modes of transportation.~~ vehicles by encouraging and facilitating the increased use of sustainable modes of travel.

~~5.9.8.2.2~~

~~Work with the Province, Metrolinx, the area municipalities, school boards, transit providers and non-profit organizations, to educate the public, through new initiatives, on the relationship between vehicles, air pollution and impacts on the natural environment.~~

~~5.9.8.2.3~~

5.10.37.4

~~Promote~~ Develop and implement strategies to avoid, or if avoidance is not possible, minimize and mitigate intended to reduce and prevent impacts on the environment and resources through appropriate design of the transportation system ~~and,~~ specific to addressing matters such as water pollution, the treatment of urban runoff, stormwater management and the protection, restoration and enhancement of the Greenlands System and the Agricultural System in accordance with the policies of this Plan.

5.10.37.5

~~Promote energy-conservation strategies such as~~ transportation demand management and Intelligent Transportation Systems measures to reduce traffic-related emissions and environmental impacts.

~~5.9.8.2.5~~

- [5.10.37.6](#) Increase the number of hybrid and alternative fuel vehicles in the [Regional](#) fleet, thereby reducing both the amount of conventional fuel used and the emissions resulting from its use.
- ~~[5.10.37.7](#) Work with our local municipalities to include storm drainage from Regional roads (ultimate width) in the development of Master Environmental Servicing Plans and the Stormwater Master Plan.~~
- ~~[5.10.37.8](#) Implement [green infrastructure](#) approaches in the planning, design, construction, and operations and maintenance of [Regional infrastructure](#) projects, where feasible.~~
- ~~[5.10.37.9](#) Work with other levels of government, agencies and ministries, the private sector and local municipalities to investigate and implement strategies for minimizing the impact of traffic-related air pollutants and greenhouse gas emissions.~~
- ~~[5.10.37.10](#) Promote the use of innovative technology to mitigate traffic-related pollutants.~~

~~**5.9.9—Transportation Demand Management [moved, edited or deleted within Section 5.10.3 Sustainable Transportation]**~~

~~**5.9.9.1 Objectives**~~

~~**5.9.9.2 Policies**~~

~~**5.9.10—Active Transportation [moved, edited or deleted within Section 5.10.3 Sustainable Transportation]**~~

~~**5.9.10.1 Objectives**~~

~~**5.9.10.2 Policies**~~

~~**5.9.11**~~

5.10.38 Accessible Transportation

The Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act and the Ontario Human Rights Code place considerable responsibility on municipalities to identify, remove and prevent barriers for persons with *disabilities* (including planning for and implementing improvements to transportation services). ~~In Peel Region, a substantial amount of travel for persons with disabilities is provided by community-based agencies such as the Canadian Red Cross, Alzheimer's Society and Canadian Cancer Society. Peel Region's TransHelp service offers a parallel specialized door-to-door public transit service for persons who, due to their disability functional mobility problems, cannot use conventional public transit services for some or all of their trips. Additionally, the Region's Accessible Transportation Coordination Office helps provide transportation for persons or trip purposes not served by TransHelp. Additionally, the~~

~~Brampton Transit and Mississauga Transit fleets include a growing number of accessible low floor buses.~~

Peel's conventional public transit: Brampton Transit and MiWay, also offer a high level of accessibility for residents with physical, cognitive, visual, sensory and mental health disabilities. Conventional transit's accessibility features include:

- Ramps
- Low floors
- Ability to kneel the bus for easy boarding
- Two wheelchair/scooter areas
- Voice and visual announcements for all stops
- Large entrance openings and platform areas at accessible shelters

The demand for accessible transportation for persons with *disabilities* in Peel is forecast to grow at a high rate as the population ~~both increases and~~ ages (the incidence of *disability* increases significantly with age). ~~At present approximately 8% of Peel's population is age 65 or older. By 2021 this segment is forecast to be approximately 15%. The estimated demand for specialized transit trips in Peel is forecast to roughly double (from approximately 525,000 to 1,020,000) between 2001 and 2021.~~

5.9.11.1

Objective

5.9.11.1.1

5.10.38.1 To provide ~~accessible and~~ affordable and accessible transportation services for persons with *disabilities*.

5.9.11.2

Policies

~~It is the policy of Regional Council to:~~

5.9.11.2.1

5.10.38.2 *Support* increased coordination of transportation *services* among TransHelp, ~~the Accessible Transportation Coordination Office, the area~~ local municipalities, community-based agencies and for hire taxi companies to provide a collaborative, integrated and equitable transportation *services* for persons with *disabilities*.

5.9.11.2.2

5.10.38.3 Work with the Province, ~~Local Health Integration Networks relevant~~ Ontario Health Teams, human *services* agencies and transit providers to

coordinate and facilitate inter-regional transportation for persons with *disabilities*.

~~5.9.11.2.3~~

5.10.38.4

Support the coordination of eligibility criteria between and among all providers of transportation *services* for persons with *disabilities* in the GTHA.

~~5.9.11.2.4~~

5.10.38.5

Encourage conventional *public transit* providers to ~~make service accessible to~~ improve accessibility for people with *disabilities* as identified in the Ontarians with Disabilities Act and the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act.

~~5.9.11.2.5~~

5.10.38.6

Encourage ~~area~~ local municipalities and GO Transit to ~~introduce a great number of accessible low floor bus routes and other transit accessibility improvements~~ make all buses, routes and transit facilities accessible to accommodate the travel needs of persons with *disabilities* in Peel Region.

~~5.9.11.2.6~~

5.10.38.7

Ensure that TransHelp eligibility criteria is AODA compliant and are designed to accommodate the mobility needs of those unable to use conventional public transit.

~~5.9.11.2.7~~

5.10.38.8

~~Develop and implement programs and services~~ Support a Family of Services approach to service delivery that meet the transportation needs of persons with *disabilities* who do not qualify for ~~TransHelp~~ TransHelp's door-to-door service.

~~5.9.11.2.8~~

5.10.38.9

Support public education and outreach efforts that promote and improve ~~to educate the general public about the~~ transportation needs and issues of persons with *disabilities* ~~disabilities through collaboration with such groups as Local Health Integration Networks, accessible taxi service providers and colleges and universities~~.

~~5.9.11.2.9~~

5.10.38.10

Work with ~~the~~ area local municipalities, transit providers and the private sector to provide and maintain a built environment that *supports* trips made using ~~accessible transportation services~~ conventional public transit ~~(such as through the provision of curb cuts and accessible entrances to buildings)~~.

~~5.9.11.2.10~~

5.10.38.11

Work with the Province and other appropriate agencies to identify and secure *sustainable*, predictable funding to *support* the provision of transportation for persons with *disabilities*.

~~5.9.11.2.11~~

5.10.38.12

Work with Metrolinx, appropriate GTHA municipalities and local municipalities on matters related to universal access and to develop region-wide and local implementation strategies to improve specialized public transit coordination and delivery.

Appealed

5.9.12. Future GTA West Transportation Corridor (Provincial modification to Adopted ROPA 26 in bold) [moved to Section on The Provincial Freeway Network]

5.9.12.1 Objective

5.9.12.2 Policies

6

Chapter 6: Regional Services

6.1 Purpose

6.1.1 Purpose

This chapter of the Plan deals with the wide range of *services* the Region provides, either directly or through funding, under the authority of various provincial statutes.

Regional services currently include:

Ambulance and Emergency Programs

- Land Ambulance Services
- 9-1-1 emergency number services
- Emergency measures planning
- Regional fire co-ordination

Health Services

- Health protection
- Health promotion [and active living](#)
- Disease [and injury](#) prevention
- Long-term care facilities

Public Works

- Water supply and distribution
- Sewage collection and treatment
- Waste management
- Regional road construction and maintenance

Police Services

- Emergency and call response
- Investigation
- Highway Traffic Act enforcement
- Community partnerships and problem solving
- Community education
- Funding OPP in Caledon

Financial contributions to:

- Conservation authorities
- Hospitals
- Children's aid societies

- GO Transit
- Assessment Services
- GTA Pooling

Social Services

- Social assistance and employment programs
- Management of [licensed](#) child care system, including [child-care fee](#) subsidies
- [Management of EarlyON Child and Family Centres](#)
- TransHelp for people unable to access regular transit
- Homelessness outreach program
- Intake screening services for Ontario Works in Centre West Ontario
- Special needs resourcing for children
- Community programs funding

Regional Planning

- Planning policy
- Planning research
- Development review
- Transportation planning

Housing and Property Services:

- Social Housing funding/administration
- Social Housing development and property management
- Promotion and support of Affordable Housing
- Homelessness and housing initiatives
- Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives programs

Other Services

- Capital borrowing and financial services

Changes to update this list of *services* will be made as part of Regional Official Plan reviews. An amendment to this Plan will not be required for the Region to add or delete responsibility to a change in *services*. There are certain other *services* allowed for in legislation which the Region does not currently provide.

A growing population with a changing age structure (see Figure 7 in the Appendix) and a diverse multicultural composition (see Figure 8 in the Appendix) necessitates careful planning to ensure that public *services* will be able to meet the needs of future residents and workers at an acceptable cost. *Infrastructure* elements such as roads, treatment plants, water and sewer mains, police stations, and hospitals, serve the Regional Structure established in Chapter 5, and require careful planning in terms of timing, location and capital cost. The financial implications of population growth and change for the operating budgets of health, police and social services are also compelling reasons for long-term planning. The Region will also need to consider how Regional services and infrastructure can be designed in a more equitable manner while reducing greenhouse gases and vulnerability to a changing climate.

6.1.2 Goal

To have an adequate, efficient, planned and cost-effective system of Regional services which ensures that services, service levels and service delivery are consistent with public needs and financial realities.

6.32 Regional Human Services

Individual's needs in Peel Region vary with by age, income, ability, skills, background, and interests. People's expectations for basic material needs (e.g., housing), public safety, health and social supports vary throughout their lives.

The Region is responsible for planning, delivering and/or contributing to the funding of a wide range of human *services*, including health services, social services, housing, paramedic *services* and emergency programs and police.

Collectively, human services constitute a major component of the Region's responsibilities and budgets, and therefore human services need to be appropriately addressed in Regional planning policy.

Because of the relationship between safe, accessible and *healthy communities*, development growth and human services, the co-ordination of the provision of human services should include

consideration of the objectives and policies in this Plan focused on improving the quality of life of all people in Peel.

6.2.1 Objectives

6.2.1.1

6.3.1

To provide human *services* in an efficient, planned and cost-effective manner consistent with public needs and financial realities.

6.2.1.2

6.3.2

To contribute to safe, accessible and *healthy communities* where people of all ages, backgrounds and capabilities can meet their needs throughout the various stages of their lives by providing opportunities for emotional, physical and socio-economic well-being.

6.2.1.3

6.3.3

To foster the creation of *community* identity and *community* self-reliance.

6.2.2 Policies

It is the policy of Regional Council to:

6.2.2.1

6.3.4

Ensure Regional human service facilities and programs are provided in a manner consistent with the needs of present and future populations in Peel, based on a changing population age structure, multicultural and ethnic diversity, *disability* and in keeping with *the Region's* financial objectives.

6.2.2.2

6.3.5

Plan for and provide coordinated access, where appropriate, for Regionally funded or delivered services.

6.2.2.3

~~Develop a strategy, to facilitate the co-ordination and planning of Regional human services and Regional finances with the relevant objectives and policies in this Plan, such as Regional Structure and Implementation policies, through a collaborative and consultative process that includes all of the appropriate stakeholders, such as senior governments, the area municipalities, school boards, appropriate agencies and commissions, and which is consistent with Regional and area municipal growth management initiatives.~~

6.2.2.4

- [6.3.6](#) Encourage the [area-local](#) municipalities to take into account the availability and location of existing and future human services and access to [public transit](#) when considering and revising secondary plans, and to have regard for the impact of such plans, on the provision of human services in an effective, efficient and logical fashion, by the Region of Peel.
- ~~6.2.2.5~~
[6.3.7](#) Ensure that Regional human services facilities are located and designed to be accessible to all people in Peel and are supportive of the Regional Structure policies of this Plan.
- ~~6.2.2.6~~
[6.3.8](#) Advance health promotion and disease prevention as the primary means of achieving people's best health status.
- ~~6.2.2.7~~
[6.3.9](#) Close the significant gap between the current Public Health service levels and the health needs of Peel residents.
- ~~6.2.2.8~~
[6.3.10](#) Encourage the [area-local](#) municipalities, as part of their site plan and subdivision plan approval process, to consult with Peel Regional Police [and Ontario Provincial Policy Caledon Detachment](#) to promote safety and security.
- ~~6.2.2.9~~
[6.3.11](#) Encourage the [area-local](#) municipalities to develop appropriate accessibility policies and regulations in their Official Plans, Zoning By-laws, Urban Design Guidelines, and Site Plan Manuals, in accordance with the Ontarians with Disabilities Act and the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act.
- ~~6.2.2.10~~
[6.3.12](#) Review the Regional Accessibility Plan [and report on progress](#), as required by the Ontarians with Disabilities Act, and make the Plan available to the public.
- ~~6.2.2.11~~
[6.3.13](#) Maintain, monitor, evaluate and refine the centralized waiting list for all ~~social housing~~ [subsidized housing](#) units in Peel Region.
- ~~6.2.2.12~~

- 6.3.14 Request developers of *affordable housing*, including ~~social~~ *special needs*, *subsidized* and ~~special needs housing~~ *supportive housing*, and their funding partners to consult with the Region and ~~area~~ *local* municipalities when making locational decisions, to ensure an appropriate and equitable distribution of *affordable housing* throughout Peel.
- ~~6.2.2.13~~
6.3.15 Encourage and support the ~~area~~-*local* municipalities in creating and maintaining appropriate opportunities for the provision of *affordable housing*, including ~~social~~ *special needs*, *subsidized* and ~~special needs housing~~ *supportive housing*.
- ~~6.2.2.14~~
6.3.16 Utilize the ~~Develop a Peel Housing Strategy, Regional Housing Strategy and Peel Housing and Homelessness Plan to plan for housing~~, including ~~affordable housing~~-*affordable*, ~~social~~ *housing special needs*, *subsidized housing* and ~~special needs housing~~ *supportive housing* components, in collaboration with appropriate stakeholders, ~~including and~~ the ~~area~~ *local* municipalities. ~~This strategy should include a component on advocacy to promote housing issues and to address housing needs.~~
- ~~6.2.2.15~~
6.3.17 Ensure that housing growth is co-ordinated with the delivery of the necessary physical and human services to support such growth, through the joint implementation of appropriate growth management strategies by the Region, the ~~area~~-*local* municipalities, school boards, appropriate agencies and commissions.
- ~~6.2.2.16~~
6.3.18 Through the use of various initiatives, including the Region of Peel Municipal Housing Facility By-law, develop policies and programs to facilitate partnerships with the ~~area~~-*local* municipalities and the private and non-profit housing sectors to develop new *affordable housing* in Peel Region.
- ~~6.2.2.17~~
6.3.19 Encourage the provision and maintenance of an adequate supply of affordable rental and ownership housing to meet the diverse needs of all Peel residents, in partnership with the ~~area~~-*local* municipalities, non-profit and private providers, and through the effective use of all available and appropriate *affordable housing* programs and housing rehabilitation funding sources

~~6.2.2.18~~

6.3.20

Facilitate the provision of ~~rent-geared-to-income~~ rent supplement components within housing program initiatives and develop a plan for the allocation of ~~rent-geared-to-income~~ rent supplements subsidies.

~~6.2.2.19~~

6.3.21

Promote and encourage housing and shelter initiatives that offer residents stability through life-skills training and development programs.

~~6.2.2.20~~

6.3.22

Create and implement a comprehensive support plan to help those who are homeless or ~~on the verge of being homeless~~ at risk of homelessness.

~~6.2.2.21~~

6.3.23

Promote public awareness and understanding of human services issues to address all related needs.

~~6.2.2.22~~

6.3.24

Provide a level of police services appropriate to meet community needs and to fulfil the statutory requirements for the provision of adequate and effective policing.

~~6.2.2.23~~

6.3.25

In addition to the policies in this section, support the adequate provision of human services through the Housing policies as set out in Section ~~5.5~~ 5.9, the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design policies as set out in Section ~~7.4~~ 7.7 and the Emergency Measures policies as set out in Section ~~7.4~~ 7.8 of this Plan.

6.3.26

Consider minimizing vulnerabilities related to a changing climate when locating, designing, constructing and managing the funding of human services facilities including those related to communications, energy, and water infrastructure.

6.3-6.4 Age-friendly Planning

Peel Region's demographic profile will change substantially in the coming years with the seniors population defined as those aged 65 and older doubling in size by 2031. While demographic changes in Peel are already being experienced, the strongest impacts will be felt over the next several decades as the baby boom population ages. It is important that the Region and the area-local municipalities plan, prepare and adapt our programs and services to meet the needs of the growing and changing senior population.

The increase in the senior population will impact the planning and delivery of Regional and [area-local](#) municipal *services* including *affordable housing*, accessible transportation, *recreation*, physical *infrastructure* and *community* health. The Region and the [area-local](#) municipalities recognize the challenges and opportunities posed by an aging population and will better plan for age-friendly *communities* that enable residents to age actively through supportive policies, *services* and *infrastructure*.

The Region of Peel supports the planning of age-friendly *communities* and will work collaboratively with the [area-local](#) municipalities to work towards this outcome. This includes providing access to a range of *housing options* that are affordable, transit that is accessible and the use of *universal accessibility* design in the physical environment. Resources to support the planning of age-friendly communities will include Provincial Guidelines and other relevant documents. The vision is to plan for more age-friendly *communities* throughout Peel Region where seniors have access to supports that enable them to age safely and with dignity, while maximizing their quality of life.

6.3.1 Objectives

6.3.1.1

6.4.1

To recognize the diversity of Peel's aging population in terms of age, ability, gender, ethnicity, support needs, and income.

6.3.1.2

6.4.2

To provide for the needs of Peel's aging population and allow opportunities for seniors to age within their *community* including the integration of community facilities and services with residential land uses.

6.3.1.3

6.4.3

To promote the use of *universal accessibility* design in Peel Region's built environment to enhance safety, mobility, and independence of seniors.

6.3.1.4

6.4.4

To promote *active aging* for older adults by establishing healthy, complete, and accessible *communities* that are in close proximity to amenities, support services, and transit.

6.3.2 Policies

~~It is the policy of Regional Council to:~~

6.3.2.1

[6.4.5](#) Encourage the [area-local](#) municipalities to develop policies in their official plans to support seniors to age within their *communities*, as provided for in the objectives of the Urban and Rural System sections of this Plan including the integration of [community](#) facilities and services with residential land uses.

~~6.3.2.2~~

[6.4.6](#)

Encourage the use of *universal accessibility* design in the built environment to create a safe, barrier-free, and more inclusive environment that will enhance the mobility and independence of all residents including seniors.

~~6.3.2.3~~

[6.4.7](#)

In accordance with policies in [Section 7.4 7.5](#) of this Plan, require the [area-local](#) municipalities to implement the *Healthy Development Framework* to support independent, active and healthy aging for all residents in [Peel](#) by creating healthy, walkable *communities* close to amenities, green spaces, programs and *services*.

~~6.3.2.4~~

[6.4.8](#)

Work with the [area-local](#) municipalities to assess supporting *services* and the built environment in neighbourhoods where there is a predominance of seniors to identify gaps with respect to *universal accessibility* and opportunities to better support [Peel](#) residents.

~~6.3.2.5~~

[6.4.9](#)

In accordance with policies in [Section 5.8 5.9](#) of this Plan, encourage the [area-local](#) municipalities to develop Official Plan policies to increase the supply of affordable, accessible, adequate and appropriate housing of all types, sizes, densities and tenures, to support seniors to age within their community.

[6.4-6.5](#) Water and Wastewater Services

The [Region](#) is responsible for the supply and distribution of water and the collection and disposal of sanitary sewage (see Figure 9 [in the Appendix](#)). In the southern urban areas of [Peel](#), water and sanitary sewer *services* are provided in cooperation with the Province through the South Peel Servicing Agreement. The Province builds and operates major facilities upon three years notification of need from [Regional Council](#). The [Region](#) covers the construction and operation costs of all major water and sanitary sewage facilities under the South Peel Servicing Agreement. Outside the area covered by the South Peel Servicing Agreement, the [Region](#) operates and maintains a number of independent municipal water systems serving smaller communities as well as certain areas in the Rural System.

6.4.1 Objective

- 6.5.1 To provide water supply and sanitary sewer *services* to appropriate areas of [the Region](#) in an adequate, efficient, planned and cost-effective manner consistent with public needs and financial realities.

6.4.2 Policies

It is the policy of *Regional Council* to:

6.4.2.1

6.5.2

Require and provide full municipal sewage and water *services* to accommodate growth in the Urban System to the [horizon of this Plan year 2031, and the three Rural Service Centres to the year 2021](#). The provision of full municipal sewage and water *services* in the Urban System [and the three Rural Service Centres](#) will be subject to the Regional financial and physical capabilities.

6.4.2.2

6.5.3

Ensure that no *development* requiring additional or new water supply and/or sanitary sewer *services* proceeds prior to the finalization of a Servicing Agreement with [the Region](#), confirming the responsibility for, and ability to provide, appropriate facilities for water supply and sewage disposal. In the case of plans of subdivision, confirmation will be required prior to draft approval, that servicing is or will be available.

6.4.2.3

6.5.4

Provide municipal water *services* to accommodate growth in the Palgrave Estate Residential Community, the [Rural Settlement Areas](#) and the [rural area Rural Lands](#), *as appropriate*, consistent with the policies of this Plan. ~~Communal sewage disposal systems will be the preferred means of servicing multiple new lots where site conditions are suitable over the long term. If a communal sewage disposal system is not feasible, individual on-site sewage disposal facilities may be considered, where site conditions are suitable over the long term.~~

6.4.2.4

~~Continue to have water and/or sewer *services* provided by private or communal systems where appropriate, for existing and committed development as designated in the [area municipal official plan](#).~~

6.5.5

[Identify municipal sewage *services* and municipal water *services* as the preferred form of servicing in \[Rural Settlement Areas\]\(#\). Within \[Rural Settlement Areas\]\(#\) with existing municipal sewage *services* and municipal](#)

water services, intensification and redevelopment shall be promoted wherever feasible to optimize the use of the services.

6.5.6 Direct the local municipalities to require, as appropriate, the proponent of a proposed development in the Rural System, in the absence of municipal sewage services and/or municipal water services, to provide a comprehensive assessment of alternative methods of providing sewage and water services for the development. The preferred servicing option will ensure that:

- a) ground water quality and quantity will be protected;
- b) natural heritage features and areas, ground water and surface water features and areas, and hydrologic functions and the linkages among them will be protected or improved;
- c) the servicing method will be the most suitable option for the characteristics of the site, the natural environment and existing and planned land uses;
- d) the servicing will be financially feasible and sustainable for the Region; and
- e) where the Region has conducted an assessment of private communal sewage services and private communal water services and has determined that this option is not an acceptable servicing option, private communal sewage services and private communal water services will not be considered as a servicing option.

6.5.7 Direct the local municipalities to require that, where it has been determined that a proposed development is to be on private communal sewage services and/or private communal water services, the proponent of the development:

- a) establish, to the satisfaction of the Region, a governance structure to be responsible for the ongoing operation, maintenance, repair and replacement of the services; and
- b) enter into a Municipal Responsibility Agreement with Peel Region which is to be registered on title and is to include provisions requiring that:

- i. planning, design, and construction of the services meet the Region's standards and provide a comparable level of service to the Region's systems;
- ii. an asset management plan be established in accordance with the Region's requirements;
- iii. operation and maintenance of the services meet the Region's standards;
- iv. the Region's right of access be granted to inspect the services;
- v. easements be provided, where required;
- vi. operational and financial reports be submitted to the Region;
- vii. in the event of default, services be transferred to the Region at no cost to the municipality; and
- viii. financial security be provided to the Region's satisfaction.

~~6.4.2.5~~

6.5.8

Consider the financial, operational and environmental impacts and long-term suitability of communal wastewater systems.

~~6.4.2.6~~

6.5.9

Pursue, in cooperation with the area-local municipalities, the public and businesses, water conservation and other strategies designed to improve the efficiency of the Region's systems and resiliency of the natural environment.

6.5.10

Assess and address climate change risks and vulnerabilities when developing new, and replacing existing infrastructure. Infrastructure will be developed to be environmentally sustainable and assist with climate change adaptation to lessen environmental impact.

6.5.11

Consider opportunities when designing, planning, and implementing water and wastewater services to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in accordance with Provincial and Regional objectives.

~~6.4.2.7~~

~~Ensure that the planning, construction, expansion, extension, operation and maintenance of water and sanitary sewer services protects the environmental systems and natural resources of Peel in a manner consistent with the objectives and policies in this Plan, the Niagara Escarpment Plan, the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan and the Greenbelt Plan.~~

6.4.2.8**6.5.12**

Reduce loads to the sanitary sewers and sewage treatment plants through the Region's sewer use by-law, education and the proper disposal of household hazardous waste.

6.4.2.9**6.5.13**

Pursue a water efficiency strategy with a goal to reducing per capita consumption by 10-15% over the next 20 years.

6.5 6.6 Waste Management

The municipal waste generated in Peel is managed by means of reuse, recycling, anaerobic digestion, composting, thermal treatment and alternative resource recovery, and disposal landfill. In keeping with the sustainability theme of this Plan (environmental, social, and economic, and cultural imperatives) the Region promotes reductions in material resource consumption and waste generation, and the recognition of waste as a valuable resource that, if fully utilized, can have minimal negative impacts on the environment. The Region will continue to focus on reduction, reuse, and recycling programs (3Rs), examine and implement waste management alternatives that recover resources from the residual waste stream, explore the resource potential of waste, strive for a cost-effective waste management system, and recognize waste as a valuable source resource of alternative energy. Waste will be managed so as to minimize environmental impacts and emphasize the responsibility of waste generators to reduce the amount and type of waste generated and bear the costs of collection and management.

The Region is responsible for waste the management of waste generated by residents, eligible small businesses, and municipal and institutional facilities in Peel and is committed to maintaining implementing the long-term waste management strategy in the Region of Peel Waste Reduction and Resource Recovery Strategy to appropriately plan for and accommodate the present and future needs of citizens and businesses.

Waste management sites in Peel are shown on Figure 10 Y7 in the Appendix. The Caledon landfill site is the only active public landfill site in Peel was, until recently, the only active public landfill site in Peel but is now closed. The establishment and operation of any new landfill site at another location will require an amendment to this Plan. The expansion of an existing landfill site will require an amendment to a local official plan. Changes to Figure Y7, Waste Management Sites, includes the addition of the anaerobic digestion facility, removal of the Caledon Composting Facility, closure of the Caledon Landfill Site, and the addition of the Heart Lake Community Recycling Centre.

6.5.1 Objectives

6.5.1.1

6.6.1 To recognize the need for sustainability in the use of the earth's resources and the essential role **the Region** plays in reducing the impact that *waste* management activities have on the environment.

6.6.2 To minimize *waste* generation from residents, including consumers, businesses, and governments, designing spaces to be adaptable to changing uses, and enabling materials to be optimally circulated as resources in the *circular economy*.

~~6.5.1.2~~

6.6.3 To promote and support zero waste from residential sources and climate initiatives (e.g. reduced greenhouse gas emissions) from residential waste management, and the integration of the *circular economy* principle and waste management hierarchy (reduce, reuse, and recycle) of reduction, reuse, and recycling into the purchases and decisions made by decision-making of residents, including consumers, businesses, and governments.

~~6.5.1.3~~

6.6.4 To maximize the reduction and recovery of resources and waste materials from residential and non-residential residual *waste* prior to landfill disposal.

~~6.5.1.4~~

6.6.5 To establish and maintain an environmentally responsible and cost-effective system for managing municipal *solid waste*, including *municipal hazardous or special waste*, generated by residents, eligible small businesses, and municipal and institutional facilities within Peel Region.

6.5.2 Policies

It is the policy of *Regional Council* to:

6.5.2.1

6.6.6 Locate and design *waste* management sites and facilities in accordance with local, regional, provincial and federal policies, plans, legislation and standards.

6.5.2.2

6.6.7 Plan and develop *waste* management sites and facilities to ensure sensitive land uses are buffered and/or separated to prevent adverse effects from odour, noise and other contaminants, and to minimize risk to public health and safety.

~~6.5.2.3~~

6.6.8

Maintain, in cooperation with the ~~area~~ local municipalities, the Region's long-term waste management strategy ~~Waste Reduction and Resource Recovery Strategy~~ to achieve the *waste* management objectives by focusing on reduction, reuse, and recycling programs, and recovering resources of residual waste prior to ~~landfill disposal~~.

~~6.5.2.4~~

6.6.9

Actively encourage, promote and *support* the efforts of government, the ~~area~~ local municipalities, the private sector and the general public ~~which to reduce, waste, or emphasize~~ reuse, or recover resources recycling, (3Rs), source-separated organics processing and the policies and concepts that support these efforts which other minimization options including include extended producer responsibility and a circular economy principle.

6.6.10

Work with the local municipalities to require that new developments provide infrastructure to facilitate participation in waste diversion programs and convenient source separation of blue box, food and organic waste, and other divertible materials.

~~6.5.2.5~~

6.6.11

Require new eligible developments and redevelopments, including intensification, to comply with the Peel Waste Collection Design Standards Manual, unless other requirements are imposed by Regional Council, to ensure safe and efficient *waste* collection and diversion through consultation with the ~~area~~ local municipalities and applicants.

~~6.5.2.6~~

6.6.12

As it relates to waste reduction and resource recovery, require the area local municipalities to plan for the future and develop, review, and amend official plan policies, zoning by-laws, other by-laws and prescribed instruments related to waste reduction and resource recovery where necessary to permit *waste* management sites and facilities, including processing and storage in appropriate locations so that the policies do not present unreasonable barriers to the development of *waste* management sites and facilities and to protect such waste management sites and facilities from incompatible uses.

~~6.5.2.7~~

6.6.13

Ensure that the location of any new *waste* management facility is consistent with the objectives and policies in this Plan and the ~~area~~ local municipal official plans.

6.5.2.8

6.6.14

~~In partnership with the area municipalities, use~~ Use sustainable procurement in partnership with the local municipalities as a method to promote *source reduction* ~~and the~~ circular economy through the significant purchasing power of the Region and the ~~area~~ local municipalities.

6.5.2.9

6.6.15

Develop specifications where practical for all Regionally and local municipality funded projects to incorporate materials from *waste diversion* programs where viable to help create stable, sustainable markets for materials from Regional diversion programs.

6.5.2.10

6.6.16

~~Encourage~~ Require the ~~area~~ local municipalities to work with ~~require~~ developers and contractors to incorporate materials from *waste diversion* programs into construction projects where practical.

Food and Organic Waste

6.6.17

Promote resource recovery of food and organic waste.

6.6.18

Collaborate with the local municipalities, other upper tier municipalities and other public agencies to develop and implement coordinated approaches to facilitate the efficient and effective collection and resource recovery of food and organic waste.

6.6.19

Protect existing and planned resource recovery systems from incompatible uses and plan for new systems to meet projected needs.

6.6.20

Encourage local municipalities to include policies in their official plans supporting the resource recovery and recycling of food and organic waste by requiring eligible new developments and redevelopments including but not limited to residential buildings, retail establishments, institutions, to include facilities for the collection and source separation of food and organic waste that provide convenient access to waste collection vehicles.

Thermal Treatment and Alternative Resource Recovery Energy from Waste

6.5.2.11

- 6.6.21 Recognize ~~thermal treatment and other alternative energy from waste facilities and other~~ technologies as options for recovering resources from residual waste generated within Peel Region prior to landfill.
- ~~6.5.2.12~~
- 6.6.22 Maximize to the extent reasonably practical, the recovery of resources from the waste stream such as extracting energy from the residual waste stream prior to final disposal.
- ~~6.5.2.13~~
- 6.6.23 Monitor and evaluate technology developments and consider options for recovering resources, including energy, from waste on an on-going basis.
- ~~6.5.2.14~~ — ~~The Region and the area municipalities will consult with the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks' Renewable Energy Approvals Section regarding possible Renewable Energy Approval requirements prior to the expansion of an existing, or the development of a new, waste management facility that produces energy from renewable sources.~~
- ~~6.5.2.15~~ — ~~Request the provincial government to recognize energy from waste as a method of waste diversion to ensure that the maximum resources are extracted from all municipal waste prior to final disposal.~~
- ~~6.5.2.16~~
- 6.6.24 Encourage the area local municipalities to develop guidelines to permit energy thermal treatment and other alternative resource recovery from waste facilities where appropriate.

Industrial, Commercial & Institutional Waste and Construction & Demolition Waste

- ~~6.5.2.17~~
- 6.6.25 Encourage the area local municipalities to use their authority to issue site approvals and building permits as a means to require materials generated at construction and demolition sites to be diverted and reused.
- ~~6.5.2.18~~
- 6.6.26 Develop sustainable procurement specifications, where possible, for all new construction and demolition projects which the Region funds to maximize diversion and reuse requirements and encourage the reuse use of circular construction materials through economic and other incentives.
- ~~6.5.2.19~~
- 6.6.27 Encourage the area local municipalities to adopt sustainable procurement specifications ~~for to maximize~~ maximizing diversion and reuse of construction and demolition waste for all new construction and

demolition projects which the ~~area~~ local municipalities fund. ~~Economic and other incentives~~ Incentives should be considered to encourage high reuse of construction and demolition waste and circular products and services.

~~6.5.2.20~~

6.6.28

Explore and consider options to address industrial, commercial and institutional waste diversion including but not limited to ~~such as~~ mandatory recycling plans, pay-as-you-throw, and waste hauler reporting programs.

Intensification

~~6.5.2.21~~

6.6.29

~~Consider~~ Encourage local municipalities to consider economic and policy tools for all multi-residential buildings to encourage waste diversion.

Partnerships and Collaboration

~~6.5.2.22~~

6.6.30

When exploring the development of new *waste management infrastructure*, consider potential partnerships with neighbouring municipalities and private industry. The partnership can involve a contribution of land, capital, or a commitment to tonnage which will improve the economics of a new facility.

Maintaining ~~Existing and~~ Closed Landfill Sites

~~6.5.2.23~~

6.6.31

Recognize that the Caledon landfill site, as shown on Figure ~~10~~ Y7 of the Appendix, was, until recently, as the only active open landfill site in Peel Region but is now closed.

~~6.5.2.24~~

6.6.32

Maintain the operating closed landfill site in a manner which protects the environment, public health and adjacent land uses.

~~6.5.2.25~~

6.6.33

View the use of land for landfill during the operational life of the site as an interim land use, until such time the landfill is deemed by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and Regional Council to be closed and the land is suitable for other uses.

~~6.5.2.26~~ — Review proposed *development* in proximity to the Caledon landfill site for consistency with the objectives and policies in this Plan, the Town of Caledon Official Plan, and any applicable provincial legislation, policies, standards and guidelines.

6.5.2.27

6.6.34

Carefully manage those closed landfill sites which the Region owns and rehabilitate them to appropriate uses, determined *jointly* with the ~~area~~ local municipalities.

6.5.2.28

6.6.35

Direct the ~~area~~ local municipalities to develop policies for development including land use compatibility within or on lands ~~in close proximity to~~ near active and closed waste management facilities including, but not limited to, landfills.

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Chapter 7: Implementation

7.1 Introduction Purpose

7.1.1 Purpose

There are many initiatives needed to fulfil the intent of this Plan. This chapter identifies the general means by which the goals, objectives and policies in this Plan will be implemented.

7.1.2 Goal

To successfully implement the objectives and policies in this Plan.

7.2 Interpretation

It is important that this Plan is clearly understood by readers and users. The following provides policies for the interpretation of this Plan.

7.2.1 Objective

7.3.1 To provide a guideline for the interpretation of this Plan.

7.2.2 Policies

It is the policy of *Regional Council* that:

7.2.2.1

7.3.2 The text, tables, schedules and glossary together form this Plan and should be read and interpreted together and not be considered in isolation.

7.2.2.2

7.3.3 Any changes to the text, tables, schedules and glossary, except as expressly noted in ~~Policy~~ the policies of this Plan, including policies 7.3.4, 7.2.2.7 7.3.8 and 7.2.2.9 7.3.10, will require an amendment to this Plan.

7.2.2.3

7.3.4 The exact lines and boundaries for the information contained in the generalized schedules will be defined in the ~~area municipal official plans~~ local municipal official plans, where applicable. The boundaries of the Core Areas of the Greenlands System

shown on Schedule [A-Y1](#) and [Water Resource System features and areas shown on Schedule X1](#) are intended to be general in nature. More detailed mapping of the Core Areas of the Greenlands System [and Water Resource System](#) will be provided in the ~~area-local~~ [municipal official plans](#) and will be further determined on a site specific basis through studies, as may be required by the ~~area-local~~ municipalities through the local planning approval process, in consultation with the [Region](#) and relevant agencies. Due to the general nature of the ~~Core Areas~~ boundaries [shown on Schedules ~~Schedule A-Y1~~ and X1](#), an amendment to the Plan is not required for minor boundary adjustments to the Core Areas of the Greenlands System [or Water Resource System](#) as determined through required studies or field investigations.

~~7.2.2.4~~

[7.3.5](#) The policies contained in this Plan seek to provide the full intentions of [Regional Council](#) in planning for [the Region](#). Where differences of opinion arise as to the meaning of any part of the Plan, or in determining the significance of any action and the appropriate reaction required under the policies in this Plan, an interpretation will be made by [Regional Council](#).

~~7.2.2.5~~

[7.3.6](#) The text, including the glossary, will take precedence in a case of any discrepancy between the text and the schedules.

~~7.2.2.6~~

[7.3.7](#) When interpreting the application of policy, the Regional Official Plan shall be read in its entirety, together with the policies of [provincial plans](#) that are in effect, including the Growth Plan, Niagara Escarpment Plan, Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, Greenbelt Plan, Lake Simcoe Protection Plan and [Parkway Belt West Plan](#), ~~and~~ the Provincial Policy Statement, [and other provincial policy statements issued \(PPS\)](#). The Regional Official Plan has been amended to conform with the Growth Plan, Niagara Escarpment Plan, Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, Greenbelt Plan, ~~and Parkway Belt West Plan~~ and [the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan](#) ~~and~~ to be consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement. The Regional Official Plan implements provincial policy and may be more restrictive than the [provincial plans](#) and [PPS Provincial Policy Statement](#), unless otherwise stated in the [provincial plans](#) or [PPS Provincial Policy Statement](#). In the event of conflict, the [provincial plans](#) take precedence over the Regional Official Plan.

~~7.2.2.7~~

[7.3.8](#) ~~The 2031 Regional Urban Boundary and the boundary of a Rural Service Centre, as shown on Schedule D, may be adjusted without an amendment to this Plan only if the adjustment is coincident with a minor realignment to a road or other linear infrastructure that defines the location of a boundary, or is coincident with more detailed environmental mapping of an environmental feature that defines the location of a boundary provided such mapping is derived from approved studies or~~

~~site investigations/inspections and that such a refinement in mapping is satisfactory to the area municipality and other relevant agencies. Settlement area boundaries as shown on Schedule Z1, may be updated without an amendment to this plan to reflect greater precision as a result of minor realignments to a road or other linear infrastructure that defines the location of a boundary, or is coincident with more detailed environmental mapping of an environmental feature that defines the location of a boundary provided such mapping is derived from approved studies or site investigations/inspections and that such a refinement in mapping is satisfactory to the local municipality and other relevant agencies.~~

7.2.2.8

7.3.9 None of the policies in this Plan shall be interpreted as an assumption by or on behalf of the Region, or the ~~area-local~~ municipalities, of responsibility for the identification, evaluation, *remediation*, monitoring, or control of contaminated or possibly *contaminated sites* beyond that for which it is otherwise responsible at law.

7.2.2.9

7.3.10 An update to this Plan to correct minor errors shall be permitted without an official plan amendment, provided that the purpose, effect, intent, meaning and substance of the Plan are in no way affected. The Region is permitted to make the following revisions without the need for a Regional Official Plan Amendment:

- a) changing the numbering, cross referencing, and arrangement of the text, Tables, Schedules, Figures, associated captions, or appendices;
- b) revising or updating the base map information in Schedules and Figures;
- c) altering punctuation or language for consistency;
- d) correcting clerical, grammatical, typographical or technical mapping errors; ~~and~~
- e) adding explanatory or descriptive text, sidebars and images which are included for information purposes to assist users; ~~and~~
- f) adjusting a Major Transit Station Area station or stop location or delineation to reflect the actual built infrastructure or applicable information regarding location from technical studies.

The Planning Act, the Regional Municipality of Peel Act, the Regional Municipalities Act and the Municipal Act establish in general terms, the division of planning responsibilities.

The Region of Peel Official Plan provides Regional Council with a policy framework for decision making and sets the regional context for more detailed planning and implementation by the ~~area~~ local municipalities. Within this framework, an effective planning process is established within which the Region and the ~~area~~ local municipalities can achieve autonomous but mutually supportive roles.

7.3.1 General Objectives

~~7.3.1.1~~

~~7.4.1~~ To provide Regional Council with a policy framework for decision making.

~~7.3.1.2~~

~~7.4.2~~ To set a regional context for more detailed planning and implementation by the ~~area~~ local municipalities.

7.3.2 General Policies

It is the policy of Regional Council to:

~~7.3.2.1~~

~~7.4.3~~ Continue to be involved in:

- a) matters in which the Region has a direct legislated or delegated responsibility as established by Provincial Acts and policies; and
- b) issues which have been identified in provincial policy requiring Regional involvement.

~~7.3.2.2~~

~~7.4.4~~ Support those development proposals, official plan and zoning by-law amendments that are in conformity with the objectives and policies in this Plan.

~~7.3.2.3~~

~~7.4.5~~ Encourage the Federal and Provincial governments to consult with the Region and the ~~area~~ local municipalities, and to have consideration for this Plan when initiating programs or undertaking projects within Peel Region.

~~7.3.2.4~~

~~7.4.6~~ Facilitate cooperative planning within the Region and with the planning efforts of the surrounding municipalities.

7.3.3 7.4.7 Conformity of ~~Area~~ Local Municipal Official Plans

The Planning Act requires that the official plans of the ~~area-local~~ municipalities be amended to conform with this Plan.

7.3.3.1 Objective

7.4.7.1 To bring the ~~area-local~~ municipal official plans into conformity with this Plan.

7.3.3.2 Policy

7.4.7.2 It is the policy of Regional Council to require that the ~~area-local~~ municipal official plans conform with this Plan and amendments thereto.

7.3.4 7.4.8 Planning Approvals

The Region of Peel has been assigned by the Minister of Municipal Affairs powers of approval for ~~area-local~~ municipal official plans and amendments. The power to approve plans of subdivision and condominium, land severances, and local official plan amendments that conform with the Regional Official Plan have been delegated to the ~~area-local~~ municipalities, as well as authority for part lot control by-laws and road closing by-laws.

7.3.4.1 Objective

7.4.8.1 To establish an effective and efficient planning process.

7.3.4.2 Policies

It is the policy of Regional Council to:

7.3.4.2.1

7.4.8.2 Ensure consistency with this Plan through:

- a) the exercise of its delegated approval powers under the Planning Act and in review of, and when providing comments on, *development* proposals and policy and planning initiatives; and
- b) planning for the development and expansion of the Region's infrastructure.

7.3.4.2.2

7.4.8.3 Facilitate and streamline *jointly*, with the ~~area local~~ municipalities and commenting agencies, the *development* approval process so that procedures are complementary, avoid duplication and provide for timely notification and response measures.

7.3.4.2.3

7.4.8.4 Delegate to the area local municipalities subdivision and condominium approval authority.

7.4.9 Lot Creation and Lot Adjustments**Objective**

7.4.9.1 To ensure that consents respecting lot creation and lot adjustments comply with provincial and Regional plans and policies and are consistent with the proper and orderly development of the municipality.

Policies

7.4.9.2 Require local municipalities to include policies in their official plans that creation of lots by consent will only be considered where a plan of subdivision is not necessary to achieve the objectives and implement the policies of the Region's official plan and the local municipality's official plan.

7.4.9.3 Direct the local municipalities to include policies in their official plans requiring that consents comply with the provisions of the Planning Act, including the requirement to be consistent with Provincial Policy Statements, and are in conformity with the Region of Peel Official Plan; the local municipal official plan; and provincial plans where applicable.

7.4.9.4 Support creation of lots by consent only if the following conditions are met:

- a) the lots can be serviced by municipal water and wastewater systems or, if such services are not available, the local municipality has confirmed that the lots can be appropriately serviced by private water and wastewater systems that are sustainable, financially feasible, protect health and safety, and have no negative impacts;
- b) existing and planned *infrastructure* facilities, rights-of-way and *infrastructure* corridors will be protected and will be adequately buffered from sensitive land uses in accordance with the policies of this Plan and local municipal official plans;
- c) access to Regional roads is controlled as required by the Region in accordance with the policies of Section 5.10 of this Plan; and
- d) lands and easements are dedicated to the Region as required in accordance with Section 7.10 of this Plan.

7.4.9.5 Support consents to enable the securement of lands for natural heritage conservation purposes by a public authority or a non-government conservation organization, provided that:

- a) the consent will avoid fragmentation of the Greenlands System's natural heritage features and areas, where possible;
- b) in the Prime Agricultural Area, the consent will not create a lot permitting an additional residential dwelling or other additional non-farm development beyond that which was permitted on the original lot to be severed prior to the consent;
- c) the acquired and retained lots are in compliance with the local municipal official plan and zoning by-law; and
- d) when deemed necessary, a restrictive covenant or conservation easement is placed on title of the land to be held for conservation purposes prohibiting development of the land for non-conservation uses in perpetuity.

7.4.9.6 Encourage the local municipalities to include appropriate lot standards and provisions in their official plans and zoning by-laws to recognize and permit non-complying lots to be created as a result of an acquisition of land by a public authority or a non-government conservation organization for natural heritage conservation purposes.

7.4.9.7 Direct the local municipalities to include policies in their official plans permitting lot line adjustments provided that such adjustments are for legal or technical reasons, are minor in nature, do not conflict with the policies of this Plan, and do not result in the creation of an additional lot.

7.3.5-7.4.10 Public Consultation & Indigenous Engagement

Public involvement is a vital part of the planning process and decision making. Consultation occurs across a spectrum, with varying levels of engagement, and the following can be employed at various stages in the planning process:

- informing or educating;
- consulting or gathering ideas;
- involving or gathering input; or
- collaborating or partnering.

Effective, inclusive, purposeful and meaningful public consultation with clear outcomes enables people to influence decisions about planning issues that affect the place in which they live and work. Hearing from and bringing together a diversity of perspectives and lived experiences supports better decision-making, a sense of belonging and improved quality of

life for everyone. Segments of Peel's diverse communities face complex challenges including varying degrees of access to housing, food, transit, community spaces and services. The need to apply an accessible and inclusive lens is not a point in time exercise and not limited to specific planning matters.

The Region supports ongoing and sustained efforts to hear diverse perspectives and foster greater inclusion and equity through the Region's planning process, in an aim to create more liveable communities for all residents. Regional Council recognizes its responsibility to inform the residents and respond to their concerns. The Region supports creating opportunities for meaningful consultation and engagement of people with various lived experiences and building and nurturing partnerships for ongoing dialogue and feedback from community members.

Another important aspect of consultation is the rights of Indigenous communities. Indigenous communities are unique with distinct cultures, constitutional rights, histories, governance, traditions and languages, and it cannot be assumed that there is a singular Indigenous point of view. Aboriginal and treaty rights are recognized and affirmed by Section 35 of the Constitution Act. Consultation requirements with Indigenous communities differ from public consultation and arise because of Section 35 of the Constitution Act. The duty to consult is triggered when the Federal or provincial governments contemplate decisions or actions that may adversely impact *Section 35 Aboriginal and treaty rights*. While procedural aspects of the duty can be delegated, the Federal and provincial governments retain oversight and the responsibility to ensure that the duty is discharged. Municipalities are required to engage with Indigenous communities under circumstances legislated by the Province in the Planning Act, Provincial Policy Statement, Environmental Assessment Act and Ontario Heritage Act. The Region aims to maintain an ongoing respectful relationship with Indigenous communities throughout the planning process.

7.3.5.1 Objective

7.4.10.1 To ~~establish an~~ encourage and support effective and inclusive method for involving the public consultation in the planning review process and engage with Indigenous communities.

7.3.5.2 Policies

It is the policy of *Regional Council* to:

7.3.5.2.1

7.4.10.2 Provide opportunities for public ~~consultation on regional issues~~ engagement and consultation on regional issues to ensure informed, purposeful and meaningful involvement.

7.3.5.2.2

7.4.10.3 Coordinate public meetings on regional matters with ~~area~~ local municipal public meetings if opportunities arise.

~~7.3.5.2.3~~

7.4.10.4 Support the Region's long-term commitment to ensure engagement of *diverse populations*, by examining opportunities for ~~investigate~~ more effective and inclusive consultations ~~ways to consult with the public~~ on planning matters.

7.4.10.5 Conduct research on equity and inclusivity related to public engagement and consultation, land use policy and infrastructure distribution to inform decision making in the planning process.

~~7.3.5.2.4~~

7.4.10.6 ~~Consult with First Nations on land use planning matters in order to create healthy and sustainable regional communities.~~ Engage with Indigenous communities and consider their interests on land use planning matters at a Regional and local municipal level when protecting and managing cultural heritage resources or archaeological resources in their territory that may affect Section 35 Aboriginal and treaty rights.

7.4.10.7 Encourage opportunities to build relationships and knowledge sharing with interested Indigenous communities in the planning and infrastructure development processes.

7.4.10.8 Develop internal guidelines or training for matters requiring engagement with Indigenous communities, informed by Indigenous community protocols that may exist.

7.3.6-7.4.11 Pre-consultation and Complete Applications

Applications to amend the Regional Official Plan shall be subject to the requirements for pre-consultation as described below. Applications to amend the Regional Official Plan must be complete applications as described below.

7.3.6.1 Objectives

~~7.3.6.1.1~~

7.4.11.1 To require pre-consultation for all applications to amend the Regional Official Plan.

~~7.3.6.1.2~~

7.4.11.2 To require that all applications to amend the Regional Official Plan be complete applications as described below.

7.3.6.2 Policies

It is the policy of *Regional Council* to:

7.3.6.2.1

7.4.11.3 Require a pre-consultation meeting between applicants and Regional staff prior to the submission of an application to amend the Regional Official Plan. Applications that require both a Regional Official Plan Amendment and an ~~area~~-local municipal official plan amendment may request a joint pre-consultation meeting between the applicant, the Region and the ~~area~~-local municipality.

7.3.6.2.2

7.4.11.4 Require the following studies, reports and documents when determining if an application to amend the Regional Official Plan is complete:

- a completed Regional Official Plan Amendment application;
- the current application fee;
- a draft of the proposed amendment, including the proposed text and all proposed schedules;
- at least one pre-consultation meeting to determine the required studies, reports and documents; and
- other studies, reports and documents as required through the pre-consultation meeting or meetings.

The following list includes studies that may be required to evaluate an application to amend the Regional Official Plan:

- [air quality report](#)
- [alternative and renewable energy feasibility study](#);
- ~~affordable housing report~~ [affordable housing assessment](#);
- agricultural impact study;
- archaeological assessment;
- [climate change adaptation planning study](#);
- [community energy and greenhouse gas emissions reduction planning study](#);
- community infrastructure needs evaluations;
- cultural heritage impact assessment;
- earth science heritage evaluation;
- environmental impact statement;
- environmental site assessment;
- functional servicing report;
- geotechnical and hydrologic/*flood* studies;
- Greenbelt [Plan](#) conformity *study*;

- health assessment, in accordance with the *Healthy Development Framework*;
- human-made hazards including oil, gas and salt hazards;
- hydrogeological evaluation;
- Lake Simcoe Protection Plan conformity study;
- landform conservation area study;
- mineral aggregate resource impact;
- minerals and petroleum resources [study-assessment](#);
- [municipal comprehensive review](#);
- natural *hazard land* studies including the delineation of *hazard lands*;
- natural heritage evaluation;
- Niagara Escarpment Plan conformity study;
- noise and/or vibration study;
- Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan conformity study;
- [Odour assessment](#)
- planning justification report;
- servicing [options and](#) feasibility report;
- [source water disclosure reports](#);
- stormwater management report;
- [subwatershed study](#);
- traffic impact study;
- transportation study; ~~and~~
- water and wastewater servicing study; ~~and~~
- [wildland fire assessments and related studies](#).

The Region will consult with the relevant [area-local](#) municipality, to determine the scope of requirements to support an application for an amendment to the Regional Official Plan.

Other studies, reports or documents may be requested when an application to amend the Regional Official Plan is received.

7.4-7.5

Healthy Communities and the Built Environment

[A healthy community is one in which all residents have access to a quality education; affordable, safe and healthy housing suited to their needs; adequate employment; transportation; physical activity; and healthy, affordable food; improved mental health and wellbeing; and quality health care. Section 3.3 of this Plan addresses access to healthy, affordable, local food, and Section 5.10 addresses housing needs.](#)

The Region of Peel is committed to creating pedestrian, cyclist and *transit supportive infrastructure*, which are key components of a *healthy community*. This commitment is supported through this Plan

including Section ~~5.9.5 The Inter and Intra-Regional Transit Network~~, ~~5.9.10 Active Transportation~~ ~~5.10 Transportation in Peel~~, and all other relevant policies. The outcomes of a *healthy community* are increased rates of *active transportation*, and physical activity, improved air quality and greater social connectivity. Resources to support the planning of *healthy communities* will include Provincial guidelines and other relevant documents.

Healthy communities are impacted by the following interconnected elements of the built environment: Density, Service Proximity, Land Use Mix, Street Connectivity, Streetscape Characteristics, and Efficient Parking. Health assessments take such elements into consideration when determining the health promoting potential of a community.

Health assessments will be incorporated into the *development* and review process. To achieve this, the Region will partner with area-local municipalities and engage development stakeholders to:

- Identify appropriate health assessment tools
- Operationalize the implementation of such tools, including relevance assessments
- Monitor, evaluate and report on assessment results

~~7.4.1~~ Objective

~~7.5.1~~ To create built environments that facilitate physical activity and optimize the health promoting potential of *communities*.

~~7.4.2~~ Policies

~~It is the policy of Regional Council to:~~

~~7.4.2.1~~

~~7.5.2~~ Approve the *Healthy Development Framework*, which supports the implementation of the policies in this Plan, Section ~~7.4.7.5~~. This Framework contains the Region's Healthy Development Assessment tool and identifies health assessment tools that were developed by the area-local municipalities to address their specific development contexts; in consultation with the Region.

~~7.4.2.2~~

~~7.5.3~~ Direct the area-local municipalities to incorporate policies in their official plans that endorse and align with the *Healthy Development Framework*, in consultation with the Region.

~~7.4.2.3~~

~~7.5.4~~ Ensure the Region integrates the elements as defined in the *Healthy Development Framework* into its policies, plans, standards and design guidelines to optimize their health promoting potential.

~~7.4.2.4~~

~~7.4.2.5~~
7.5.5 Direct the [area-local](#) municipalities to integrate the elements as defined by the *Healthy Development Framework* into their policies, plans, standards, and design guidelines to optimize their health promoting potential.

~~7.4.2.5~~

7.5.6 Direct the [area-local](#) municipalities to incorporate a policy in their respective official plans to require a health assessment, in accordance with the *Healthy Development Framework*, as part of a complete application for planning and *development* proposals. The [area-local](#) municipalities should require proposals to address the results of the health assessment by working towards achieving minimum requirements and to contribute to *healthy communities*.

~~7.4.2.6~~

7.5.7 Require a health assessment, in accordance with the *Healthy Development Framework*, to be completed to the satisfaction of the [area-local](#) municipalities for planning and development proposals and that results are reported to local council in consultation with the Region.

~~7.4.2.7~~

7.5.8 Require Regional and [area-local](#) municipal staff to conduct health assessments in accordance with the *Healthy Development Framework* on Regionally or municipally developed, owned and operated public buildings, public squares and open space project applications.

~~7.4.2.8~~

7.5.9 Work with the [area-local](#) municipalities to assess the community health and wellbeing of developed areas to inform development, policies, strategies and/or studies, that will ensure communities are age-friendly, walkable, provide access to transit services where such services exist or are planned, and contain a mix of *housing options*.

7.6 **Sustainability**

The Region of Peel has adopted *sustainability* as an overarching theme and promotes a *sustainable development* framework that integrates consideration of environmental, economic, social and cultural imperatives. Incorporating *sustainable development* in planning occurs at different scales and may utilize policy, tools, and guidelines to minimize the impact on the environment, and promote low-carbon, compact, complete communities, sustainable modes of transportation, the efficient use of resources, a culture of conservation, and other social and economic objectives.

Direct Regional interests associated with *sustainable development* include water efficiency, waste management, climate change, air quality, natural environment, energy efficiency, renewable energy *sustainable transportation*, public health, and housing. Achieving effective implementation of *sustainable development* requires collaboration and coordination and the support of [local](#) municipal

implementation of policy, tools and guidelines at the local level. Policies that support *sustainable development* are incorporated throughout this Plan. The policies below provide specific direction for the development and implementation of sustainability policy through guidelines and tools in collaboration with the *local* municipalities and agency partners.

Objective

7.6.1 To create complete, healthy and *sustainable* communities, while minimizing the use of resources and the impacts to the environment.

Policies

7.6.2 Work collaboratively with the *local* municipalities and conservation authorities to develop Regional programs that support the implementation of *sustainable* community design and building practices at the local level.

7.6.3 Work collaboratively with the *local* municipalities to develop model policies and guidance to implement sustainability requirements through local official plan policies, guidelines and tools and relating to Regional interests including climate change, water conservation, waste management, energy, stormwater management, *affordable housing*, and public health.

7.6.4 Direct the *local* municipalities to include policies in their official plans to implement *sustainable development* requirements, guidelines and tools through the local land use planning process in collaboration with the Region, conservation authorities and other agencies. The *local* municipalities are encouraged to develop policy, guidelines and tools to comprehensively address *sustainable development* requirements at the municipal, neighbourhood, site and building scales and provide direction related to planning that achieves complete, compact communities; promotes *sustainable transportation*, walkability and physical activity; *protects*, enhances, restores and expands the *natural heritage system*, tree canopy, and open space; *protects and conserves resources*; reduces, reuses and recycles waste, conserves water, conserves energy, and promotes renewable and *alternative energy systems*; mitigates and adapts communities to climate change; and encourages a mix and range of housing including *affordable housing*.

7.6.5 Encourage the *local* municipalities to include policies in their official plans that reduce the urban heat island effect through planning approvals which require the use of green and cool roofs, vegetation that provides shade, light coloured surface materials, or other measures.

7.6.6 Encourage the *local* municipalities to consider innovative practices and tools to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions and reduce vulnerability by adapting communities to the impacts of a changing climate, including through official plans, zoning by-laws,

plans of subdivision, site plan control, community development permit green building standards by-laws, parking by-laws, standards for electric vehicle charging, and tree protection by-laws.

7.5 7.7 Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design

The proper design and effective use of the built environment can lead to a reduction in the fear and incidence of crime and an improvement in the quality of life. Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles provide one such conceptual framework to create a better designed physical environment that reduces the possibility of a crime. This approach will be implemented through the area-local municipal official plans.

7.5.1

Objective

7.7.1 To create a better designed physical environment that reduces the possibility of crime.

7.5.2

Policies

It is the policy of Regional Council to:

7.5.2.1

7.7.2 Direct the area-local municipalities to include policies in their official plans that *support* the design of communities to minimize crime by the use of such approaches as CPTED principles.

7.5.2.2

7.7.3 Encourage the area-local municipalities to achieve improved design and effective use of the built environment for crime reduction.

7.5.2.3

7.7.4 Encourage the area-local municipalities, *as appropriate*, to implement the CPTED principles.

7.6 7.8 Regional Emergency Management

The Region of Peel is responsible for the Region of Peel Emergency Plan which must be coordinated with all regional, municipal and provincial emergency plans to ensure consistency of content and application.

7.6.1**Objective**

7.8.1 To ensure that the resources and *infrastructure* of the Region and the ~~area~~ local municipalities are fully coordinated to permit the rapid deployment of emergency assistance to those in need within the Region and to avoid unnecessary duplication of emergency *services*.

7.6.2**Policies**

It is the policy of *Regional Council* to:

~~7.6.2.1~~

7.8.2 Maintain a Region of Peel Emergency Plan and Regional Emergency Management Program which ensures the provision and coordination of necessary *services* in the event of a major emergency or disaster, and coordinate such efforts with the ~~area~~ local municipalities and emergency response agencies and provincial authorities.

~~7.6.2.2~~

7.8.3 Foster compliance and consistency with the requirements of Provincial and Federal legislation regarding emergency management.

~~7.6.2.3~~

7.8.4 Review all existing and planned *infrastructure* to ensure coordination in the rapid deployment of emergency assistance.

7.7 7.9 Regional Planning Initiatives

Specific Regional planning initiatives that need to be in place to achieve the goals, objectives and policies in this Plan are described below.

7.7.1**Objective**~~7.7.1.1~~

7.9.1 To achieve the goals, objectives and policies in this Plan.

7.7.2**Policies**

It is the policy of *Regional Council* to:

Sustainability

- ~~7.7.2.1 — Apply best corporate *sustainability* practices in its own operations and corporate decision-making that embodies *sustainability* values and principles.~~
- ~~7.7.2.2 — Prepare a *sustainability* strategy that provides for the most effective and efficient use of Regional resources. As part of the strategy, the Region will develop a *sustainable development* framework to be utilized in reviewing the Region's programs and services and establish targets where appropriate.~~
- ~~7.7.2.3 — Prepare in consultation with the Conservation Authorities, the area municipalities, and stakeholders, a climate change strategy to address both mitigation and adaptation aspects of climate change, including the establishment of targets, policies and programs, to reduce the effects of climate change and minimize adverse impacts.~~
- ~~7.7.2.4 — With the goal of promoting *sustainable development*, creating healthy communities and a culture of conservation, prepare green development standards in consultation with the area municipalities and Conservation Authorities that address Regional interests including the optimum and effective use of Regional infrastructure, human services and transportation, protection and enhancement of natural heritage, water conservation and efficiency measures, waste reduction and recycling and other innovative waste management technologies and practices, the use of advanced energy-efficient technologies for Regionally-owned buildings and infrastructure, impacts of climate change, contribution towards health and walkability and working towards a culture of conservation.~~
- ~~7.7.2.5 — Encourage the area municipalities to prepare green development standards, with the goal of creating healthy, sustainable communities and a culture of conservation, addressing land use and transportation issues, including stormwater management, energy efficiency and district heating as well as other renewable energy opportunities, innovation in the area of planning for green spaces and addressing issues related to the impacts of climate change.~~
- ~~7.7.2.6 — Encourage the area municipalities to require proponents to submit a *sustainability design brief* as part of an application for development or redevelopment in order to address the Region and area municipal green development standards.~~

Climate Change and Air Quality

- 7.9.2 Support climate change mitigation and greenhouse gas emissions reduction planning by working collaboratively with the local municipalities, Province, conservation authorities, stakeholders and the public to implement actions including the completion of greenhouse gas emission inventories, Community Energy and Emissions Reduction Plans, sustainable development guidelines, and electric vehicle charging infrastructure to achieve the development of low carbon communities.
- 7.9.3 Support climate change adaptation planning by working collaboratively with the local municipalities, Province, conservation authorities, stakeholders and the public to implement actions that reduce the risk and vulnerability of communities, infrastructure, public health, natural heritage and water resources from a changing climate.
- 7.9.4 Prepare and adopt guidelines as appropriate for evaluating selected climatic and air quality impacts of this Plan, jointly with area municipalities and other agencies.

The Natural Environment

~~7.7.2.7~~

~~Prepare and adopt guidelines as appropriate for evaluating selected climatic and air quality impacts of this Plan, jointly with area municipalities and other agencies.~~

~~7.7.2.8 Support the preparation and implementation of watershed management strategies.~~

~~7.7.2.9 Encourage jointly, with the area municipalities and applicable government agencies, the exploration of funding options to finance watershed and subwatershed plans.~~

~~7.7.2.10~~

7.9.5 Work collaboratively with the ~~area~~ local municipalities, conservation authorities, neighbouring municipalities, Indigenous communities, other government agencies, stakeholders and the public to ~~review the Region's natural heritage systems policy framework; identify policy gaps; and~~ develop a Regional Greenlands Strategy outlining tools, actions and resources to support the implementation of the Greenlands System policy framework and to address future natural heritage systems planning needs in the Region.

- ~~a) development of a workplan describing the project organization and management, process, consultation methods and intended outcomes to be endorsed by Regional Council;~~
- ~~b) the need to identify a Regional natural heritage systems based on modelling which considers the Region's future ecological requirements and targets;~~

- ~~e) the consideration of natural heritage systems studies, watershed plans and tools being completed by the conservation authorities and Province; and~~
- ~~e) the consideration of approaches contained in existing natural heritage systems within the region including the Greenlands System, Niagara Escarpment Plan, Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, Greenbelt Plan, Lake Simcoe Protection Plan and area municipal official plans.~~
- a) undertaking mapping studies to further refine the boundaries of the Greenlands System features and areas, and monitor changes to the extent of Greenlands System area;
- b) undertaking technical studies to further understand the implications of a changing climate and other environmental changes affecting the Greenlands System and recommended responses;
- c) reviewing technical guidance, tools and approaches to protect, restore and enhance the Greenlands System through the development process; and
- d) identifying and coordinating programs to support stewardship and securement of the Greenlands System.

~~7.7.2.11 Direct the area municipalities, in consultation with the conservation authorities, to develop measures and procedures to address risks associated with flood, erosion and slope instability.~~

~~7.7.2.12~~

7.9.6 Support the joint efforts of the conservation authorities and area local municipalities in further interpreting and identifying the Greenlands System and its components and the linkages among and between the components of the Greenlands System and the Water Resource System. to continue to refine mapping with respect to Environmentally Sensitive or Significant Areas and ravine, valley and stream corridors, including headwater areas and setbacks from the water course and/or valley walls and the other components of the natural environment in Peel, as appropriate.

7.9.7 Work collaboratively with the local municipalities and conservation authorities to initiate studies and regional mapping reviews of components of the natural heritage system to enable the local municipalities to more accurately implement the Regional Greenlands Strategy.

~~7.7.2.13~~

- 7.9.8 Assist the area local municipalities, *as appropriate*, in the preparation of guidelines for environmental impact studies to ensure that areas of Regional interest are suitably addressed.
- 7.9.9 Direct the local municipalities, in consultation with the conservation authorities, to develop measures and procedures to address risks associated with flood, erosion and slope instability.

Resources

~~7.7.2.14~~

~~7.9.10 Prepare, in cooperation with the area municipalities, the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and other relevant agencies, a groundwater protection strategy. In collaboration with the local municipalities develop a Regional Agriculture and Agri-food Strategy to sustain and enhance the *Agricultural System*, identify actions and coordinate initiatives to support and enhance the long-term prosperity and viability of the agri-food sector, including the maintenance and improvement of the *agri-food network, urban agriculture* and access to healthy, local, and affordable food.~~

~~7.7.2.15~~

~~7.9.11 Study *jointly* with the area local municipalities the Province, hydro utilities and private power generating companies, the potential of coordination and partnerships to broadening the role of the Region to own and/or operate facilitate and support the implementation of alternative and renewable energy systems, including district energy systems.~~

~~7.9.12 Work *jointly* with the local municipalities to complete an assessment to identify opportunities for enhancing and delivering growth-related broadband services within the Region of Peel, including partnerships and collaboration between the Public Sector Network and private sector, *as appropriate*.~~

~~7.7.2.16 Promote and support measures to restore or enhance, *as appropriate*, degraded water resources *jointly* with the area municipalities, the Province and conservation authorities.~~

~~7.7.2.17 Undertake *jointly* with the Town of Caledon, a Land Evaluation Area Review (LEAR) to review the identification of *prime agricultural areas* and to help ensure the protection of the *Prime Agricultural Area* for long term use for agriculture and to undertake research with the Town to review and assess the application of the *minimum distance separation (MDS) formulae in Peel*.~~

Housing

~~7.7.2.18 Continue to support cost-effective development standards for new residential development or redevelopment.~~

Transportation

~~7.7.2.19~~

7.9.13 Coordinate, when appropriate, one or more *joint* planning studies in cooperation with the Region of York, City of Brampton, Town of Caledon and City of Vaughan, to establish mutual long term transportation and transit implementation strategies and servicing *infrastructure* requirements respecting designated and proposed *development* in the vicinity of Regional Road 50 in Brampton and Vaughan.

Waste Management

~~7.7.2.20~~

7.9.14 Prepare, in cooperation with the ~~area-local~~ municipalities, a Waste Management Strategy which may include, but is not limited to, the following measures:

- a) reducing adverse impacts of *waste* to the natural environment;
- b) integrating the principle and hierarchy of the 3Rs into the decision making of consumers, businesses and governments;
- c) establishing and maintaining an environmentally responsible and cost-effective system for managing *waste*;
- d) establishing targets for the diversion, reduction and potential elimination from landfill of *waste* within **the Region**, and recommending programs and plans, including financial considerations, for achieving such targets; and
- e) establishing public education and promotion programs on various concepts of *waste* management.

Public Consultation

~~7.7.2.21~~

7.9.15 Work *jointly* with the ~~area-local~~ municipalities and other relevant agencies to prepare guidelines and/or protocols regarding public consultation on Regional initiatives.

Land Division

~~7.7.2.22 Prepare, in cooperation with the area municipalities, and as appropriate, the conservation authorities and the Niagara Escarpment Commission, new Regional severance policies for inclusion in this Plan by way of an amendment to this Plan, consistent with the objectives and policies in this Plan, and within the Niagara Escarpment Plan Area, the provisions of the Niagara Escarpment Plan, and provincial policies.~~

~~7.7.2.23~~

7.9.16 Recognize the right of area-local municipalities to adopt official plan policies directing the establishment of local appeal bodies to hear appeals of municipal decisions of minor variance and consent (land severance) applications, in accordance with applicable Provincial Regulations. No amendment to the Regional Official Plan shall be required in order for one or more area-local municipalities to establish a local appeal body.

Community Improvement Plans

~~7.7.2.24~~

7.9.17 Designate in collaboration with the area-local municipalities, Community Improvement Project Areas and prepare Community Improvement Plans to further the goals, objectives and policies of this Official Plan. Community Improvement Plans may be prepared for:

- a) *infrastructure* that is within the Region's jurisdiction;
- b) land and buildings within and adjacent to existing or planned transit corridors that have the potential to provide a focus for higher density mixed-use development and *redevelopment*;
- c) *affordable housing*; and
- d) other matters as the Province may prescribe in accordance with the Planning Act.

~~7.7.2.25~~

7.9.18 Designate the entire or any part of the Region as a Community Improvement Project Area and enact a Regional Community Improvement Plan, which may include incentive programs that provide grant based and/or reduced fee incentives to registered property owners within the Project Area.

~~7.7.2.26~~

7.9.19 Adopt community improvement strategies/programs to guide and facilitate the Region's participation in implementing area-local municipal Community Improvement Plans.

~~7.7.2.27~~

7.9.20 Support the Region's participation in an [area-local](#) municipal Community Improvement Plan subject to the Region's community improvement strategies/programs and capital budgets.

Intensification Incentives

~~7.7.2.28~~

7.9.21 Provide and *support*, where feasible, new, required improvements to, and upgrades of Regional *infrastructure* and *services* in urban growth centres, *intensification* corridors, urban nodes, *Major Transit Station Areas*, [mobility-transportation hubs](#), and other *intensification* areas identified in Regional and [area-local municipal official plans](#), and the Metrolinx Regional Transportation Plan.

~~7.7.2.29~~

7.9.22 Develop and implement, in collaboration with the [area-local](#) municipalities, planning and financial tools, incentives and arrangements to promote and *support intensification* in urban growth centres, *intensification* corridors, urban nodes, *Major Transit Station Areas*, [mobility-transportation hubs](#), and other *intensification* areas identified in Regional and [area-local municipal official plans](#), and the Metrolinx Regional Transportation Plan.

~~7.7.2.30~~

7.9.23 Work in collaboration with different levels of government, to raise awareness and showcase the different ways in which *intensification* can occur.

~~7.7.2.31~~

7.9.24 Work in collaboration with different levels of government to provide incentives to attract high-density employment uses such as government and office buildings, and institutional, cultural, and entertainment facilities to urban growth centres, *intensification* corridors, urban nodes, *Major Transit Station Areas*, [mobility-transportation hubs](#), and other *intensification* areas identified in Regional and [area-local municipal official plans](#), and the Metrolinx Regional Transportation Plan.

~~7.7.2.32~~

7.9.25 Work in collaboration with the [area-local](#) municipalities to encourage and support *affordable housing* in *intensification* areas.

~~7.7.2.33~~

7.9.26 Consider locating new Regional administration buildings, if feasible, in *intensification* areas.

~~7.7.2.34~~

- [7.9.27](#) Consider the financial implications to the Region including the impact on current and capital budgets when evaluating incentive programs to support or encourage *intensification*.

7.8 7.10 Regional Road Right-of-Way Requirements Widening

Consistent with relevant sections of the Planning Act, the Region may require a gratuitous dedication of land for road widening and sustainable transportation infrastructure purposes where the *development* and *redevelopment* abuts a Regional road. The Planning Act also requires that roads to be widened be described and identified in this Plan in order to require the land owner to convey part of the land to the Region for road widening purposes.

7.8.1

Objective

7.8.1.1

- [7.10.1](#) To ensure that adequate land, free and clear of all encumbrances, including environmental contamination, is dedicated for Regional road widening, road improvement, and sustainable transportation infrastructure purposes.

7.8.2

Policies

It is the policy of Regional Council to:

7.8.2.1

- [7.10.2](#) Require, as a condition of approval, the proponent of a *development* application to convey to the Region, land for Regional road widening, consistent with Schedule ~~F~~ Y3 in this Plan.

7.8.2.2

- [7.10.3](#) Identify land for future purchase by the Region for Regional road widening where dedication is not a condition of approval.

7.8.2.3

- [7.10.4](#) Require the gratuitous dedication of land, free and clear of all encumbrances, including environmental contamination, to the Region ~~of land~~ for Regional road widening equally from the *centre line* of the roadway, subject to Policy ~~7.8.2.4~~ 7.9.2.4.

7.8.2.4

- [7.10.5](#) Require the gratuitous dedication of land, free and clear of all encumbrances, including environmental contamination, to the Region ~~of land~~ for unequal Regional road widening or widening in excess of that shown on Schedule ~~F~~ Y3 where necessitated by unique conditions.

7.8.2.5

- 7.10.6 Require the gratuitous dedication of additional land, free and clear of all encumbrances, including environmental contamination, to the Region ~~of additional land~~, if needed, where an existing at-grade railway crossing of a Regional road or an *active transportation* facility is anticipated to be grade-separated in the future.
- ~~7.8.2.6~~
- 7.10.7 Require the gratuitous dedication of additional land, free and clear of all encumbrances, including environmental contamination, to the Region ~~of additional land~~ to provide buffer blocks and 0.3 metre reserves, 15 metre by 15 metre daylight corner triangles (or as otherwise required by the design), bus bays and additional traffic or bus lanes at intersections, at roadway grade separations, or where acceleration or deceleration or active transportation facilities lanes are required.
- 7.10.8 All gratuitous dedication of land to the Region, within Section 7.9 of this Plan, must complete a Phase One and Phase Two in compliance with O. Reg. 153/04: Records of Site Condition – Part XV.1 of the Act, unless the requirement is waived in writing by the Region.
- 7.10.9 Enter into agreements with the local municipalities with respect to private infrastructure in the Regional right-of-way.
- ~~7.8.2.7~~
- 7.10.10 Reduce the right-of-way requirements, as shown on Schedule ~~F~~ Y3, for a specific road section where special circumstances warrant and long-term requirements are not compromised.
- 7.10.11 For rural villages and settlements in the Region, appropriate exceptions have been made and will be considered for reduced Regional rights-of-way to maintain historic streetscapes and heritage characteristics of the village or settlement.
- ~~7.8.2.8~~
- 7.10.12 Allow an interim use for landscaping or other purposes, of land conveyed to the Region or identified for future purchase by the Region for Regional road widening and multi-use path, upon application and, where appropriate, through an agreement between the Region and the applicant, provided that the future road widening is not compromised and the ~~area~~ local municipality is in agreement.
- 7.10.13 Within 245 metres (804 feet) of any intersection of a Regional Road intersection (on either side of the intersection, and starting at the centre line of the intersection), protect an additional 5.5 metres (18 feet) over that identified on Schedule Y3 for a single left turn configuration, right turn lanes, multi-use path or transit-related improvements. Intersection right-of-way requirements shall be confirmed by a Transportation Impact Assessment and/or functional design acceptable to the Region.
- 7.10.14 Within 245 metres (804 feet) of any intersection of a Regional Road intersection (on either side of the intersection, starting at the centre line of the intersection), protect

an additional 9 metres (30 feet) over that identified on Schedule Y3 for a dual left turn configuration, right turn lanes, multi-use path or transit- related improvements. Intersection right-of-way requirements shall be confirmed by a Transportation Impact Assessment and/or functional design acceptable to the Region.

7.10.15 Protect the designated Regional road rights-of-way, as shown on Schedule Y3, to accommodate future road widenings and improvements consistent with Section 7.10 of this Plan.

Protect additional rights-of-way where necessary to provide for turning lanes, multi-use path, or transit related improvements at the intersection of all designated rights-of-way. Accordingly, within 245 metres (804 feet) of an intersection (on either side of the intersection and starting at the center line of the intersection) the rights-of-way may be up to a total 13.5 metres (44.3 feet) wider than the designated Regional road rights-of-way as shown on Schedule Y3.

7.10.16 Recognize Industrial Connectors identified through the Regional Road Characterization Study as being of strategic importance to the movement of goods in and around Peel Region and restrict access to and from these corridors accordingly.

7-9 7.11

Regional Finances

The successful implementation of this Plan requires careful financial planning and decision making on the part of the Region. It is essential that long-term financial management strategies be implemented and that financial implications be monitored on an ongoing basis.

~~As stated in the Strategic Plan,~~ The Region has a role in coordinating and streamlining service delivery, maintaining adequate service levels, ensuring duplication does not occur and seeking innovative and efficient approaches to Plan implementation.

Funding for Regional *infrastructure*, programs and *services* will reflect the Region's commitment to maintaining, or preferably improving, the standard of living and quality of life for those living and working in Peel. This will be accomplished through efficiently using existing Regional facilities and resources, efficient delivery of Regional *services*, provision of funds to implement the policies in this Plan and a long-term commitment to minimizing the tax burden on Peel residents and businesses.

Policies and objectives in this Plan including, but not limited to, those which ensure improved or at least *sustainable* employment to population ratios, efficient use and provision of *infrastructure* and human services, protection of agriculture, mineral aggregate and water resources, air quality enhancement/protection, efficient use of land and the protection of the environment, establish the foundation for a strong economic base. However, it is recognized that the economic and financial

health of [Peel](#) depends on the economic development efforts of each [area-local](#) municipality to encourage a diversity of economic activities and employment opportunities.

7.9.1

Objectives

7.9.1.1

[7.11.1](#) To provide Regional *services* in an efficient and financially prudent manner.

7.9.1.2

[7.11.2](#) To ensure the necessary funds will be available when required without creating the need for tax and rate increases above the rate of inflation.

7.9.1.3

[7.11.3](#) To deliver Regional *services* that maintain adequate service levels and that avoid duplication of service provision.

7.9.1.4

[7.11.4](#) To maintain and if possible improve the standard of living and the quality of life for those living and working in [Peel](#).

7.9.1.5

[7.11.5](#) To identify [significant](#) negative financial trends and to determine those measures needed to correct or modify such trends.

7.9.1.6

[7.11.6](#) To promote the philosophy that new *development* should be self supporting.

7.9.2

Policies

It is the policy of [Regional Council](#) to:

7.9.2.1

[7.11.7](#) Ensure that Regional *services* and capital works are provided, consistent with the objectives and policies in this Plan.

7.9.2.2

[7.11.8](#) Ensure that public works are undertaken in a manner that is consistent with the objectives and policies in this Plan.

7.9.2.3

[7.11.9](#) Work *jointly* with the [area-local](#) municipalities to coordinate the provision and timing of capital works.

7.9.2.4

7.11.10 Encourage the [area-local](#) municipalities' school boards, appropriate agencies, boards and commissions to plan their capital expenditures consistent with the objectives and policies in this Plan.

7.9.2.5

7.11.11 Review and coordinate the delivery of Regional *services* with the [area-local](#) municipalities, neighbouring municipalities and appropriate stakeholders, such as school boards, appropriate agencies and commissions to ensure capital and operational efficiencies.

7.9.2.3

7.11.12 Establish growth management strategies *jointly* with the [area-local](#) municipalities and other appropriate agencies to enhance or at least maintain the fiscal health of [the Region](#) including, but not limited to, phasing strategies and alternative financing mechanisms.

7.9.2.7

7.11.13 Direct the [area-local](#) municipalities to establish economic development policies in the [area-local municipal official plans](#).

7.9.2.8

7.11.14 Prepare, in cooperation with the [area-local](#) municipalities, a long-term [Master Plan master plans](#) for [transportation](#), water and wastewater *services*, including communal sewage treatment facilities, and integrate this information with [the Region's](#) budgeting process [taking into account the full life cycle costs of infrastructure and developing options to pay for these costs over the long-term](#).

7.9.2.9

7.11.15 Use financial mechanisms available to [the Region](#), such as the Regional Development Charges By-Law, to offset the financial impact of *development* and *redevelopment* so as not to create a financial burden on [the Region](#).

7.9.2.10

7.11.16 Consider innovative *infrastructure* financing initiatives such as public/private partnerships and front-end financing to ensure that *development* proceeds in a fiscally responsible manner.

7.9.2.11

7.11.17 Prepare and maintain, in consultation with the [area-local](#) municipalities and other agencies, a Regional financial model to analyze the fiscal impact of proposals to:

- a) expand the ~~2031~~ Regional Urban Boundary as shown on Schedule ~~DZ1~~;

- b) ~~expand the 2021 Rural Service Centres boundary~~; substantially change from non-residential land uses to residential land uses as designated in an ~~area~~-local municipal official plan;
- c) substantially change land use densities from those currently envisaged by each ~~area~~-local municipality; and
- d) substantially expand or change Regional *infrastructure* and human services systems.

This financial analysis will include:

- ia) an assessment of Regional servicing costs including transportation, water, wastewater, and community and human services;
- ii) the impact on Regional operating and capital budgets and Regional financing implications; and
- iii) other relevant Regional issues.

~~7.9.2.12~~

7.11.18 Put in place agreements, where appropriate, including front-end financing agreements, financial agreements and *development* agreements, to provide for the Regional *infrastructure* needed to accommodate the additional growth before any *development* proceeds.

7.10 7.12 Performance Measurement, Reviewing and Updating

The objectives and policies contained in this Plan set the direction for Peel for the planning horizon to the year ~~2031~~2051. The Regional Official Plan Performance Measurement Program (ROPPMP) is the mechanism for measuring performance and evaluating any changes in planning direction to identify emerging trends and related issues, analyze the effectiveness of the policies in this Plan and to support subsequent adjustments and updating of this Plan, where required.

The establishment of the ROPPMP led to a systematic approach to evaluating the goals, objectives, and policies in this Plan through the development of a performance measurement framework and set of indicators. The ROPPMP has provided the foundation for further work to measure the performance of policies in this Plan that conforms to various provincial plans, statutes and regulations Places to Grow. Measuring the performance of this Plan will lead to opportunities to share expertise and knowledge in developing systematic approaches that measure the progress of other Regional programs and *services*.

The performance measurement policies of this Plan will be reviewed and amended on a regular basis or when changing circumstances need to be reflected in the Plan. The policies in this Plan will provide a context for the review of this Plan and the area official plans, and amendments.

7.10.1

Objectives

7.10.1.1

[7.12.1](#) To continue the Regional Official Plan Performance Measurement Program (ROPPMP) for measuring and evaluating the effectiveness of the policies in this Plan.

7.10.1.2

[7.12.2](#) To provide a context for the review of this Plan and [area-local municipal official plans](#) and amendments.

7.10.1.3

[7.12.3](#) To develop objectives and indicators, measure performance and outcomes, and related metrics to support the [Region of Peel's](#) programs and *services*.

7.10.2

Policies

It is the policy of [Regional Council](#) to:

7.10.2.1

[7.12.4](#) Develop a strategy for [Region of Peel](#) programs and *services* that reflects corporate objectives, and measures, evaluates, and reports on progress and successes.

7.10.2.2

[7.12.5](#) Evaluate and update with the [area-local](#) municipalities, the conservation authorities, and other stakeholders the existing performance measurement framework and indicators and prepare the ROPPMP report regularly to evaluate the level of progress in meeting the goals, objectives and policies in this Plan.

7.10.2.3

[7.12.6](#) Collaborate and develop, with the [area-local](#) municipalities, conservation authorities, the Province, other government agencies, and the community, appropriate indicators to analyze the effectiveness of this Plan and to serve as a basis for any policy adjustments which results from this analysis.

Selected indicators are those that can be effectively measured in response to change and those that will yield meaningful results. Indicators selected may be within the following indicator categories, but are not necessarily limited to:

- [air quality](#)
- [greenhouse gas emissions](#)
- designated greenspace
- natural cover
- urban tree canopy
- indicator species
- surface and ground water quality and quantity
- water use and efficiency
- *transit modal share*
- transportation demand management
- *redevelopment to total development*
- residential and non-residential densities
- housing production
- industrial/commercial ratios
- employment to population ratios
- *employment land* area
- work force
- designated greenfield densities
- residential *development* in built-up area
- household waste
- energy use
- public health
- social trends

7.10.2.4

[7.12.7](#)

Monitor the cumulative effects of development, *intensification* and other land use changes to assess the effectiveness of environmental policies in Peel. Monitoring will be undertaken *jointly* with the [area-local](#) municipalities, conservation authorities and other government agencies through integrated *watershed* monitoring programs, watershed studies, [emissions inventories and modelling](#) or other performance measurement initiatives.

7.10.2.1

[7.12.8](#)

Work, jointly with the [area-local](#) municipalities and conservation authorities to identify data gaps when selecting indicators and establish consistent methodologies for data collection so that information can be compared and uniformed [ed](#) across [the Region](#).

7.10.2.6

[7.12.9](#)

Work *jointly* with the [area-local](#) municipalities, conservation authorities and other agencies to determine modifications needed to the official plans, policies and programs of [the Region](#), the [area-local](#) municipalities and the conservation

authorities which may be identified through *watershed* and *subwatershed plans* and other related studies.

~~7.10.2.7~~

~~7.12.10~~ Monitor, *jointly* with the [area-local](#) municipalities, aggregate resource extraction operations within [the Region](#) to determine their social, economic, and environmental impacts, the cumulative effects of resource extraction, the effects on transportation and road facilities, and the effectiveness of *rehabilitation* activities.

~~7.10.2.8~~

~~7.12.11~~ Work with the [area-local](#) municipalities to develop a consistent methodology to measure progress in meeting the population and employment forecasts and the *intensification*, density, and housing targets in this Plan. (~~Adopted and approved ROPA 25~~)

~~7.10.2.9~~

~~7.12.12~~ Monitor, *jointly* with the [area-local](#) municipalities the application of the *Healthy Development Framework* for Regional and [area-local](#) municipal policies, plans, standards, and design guidelines; and applications for planning and *development* proposals to determine its effectiveness in contributing to *healthy communities*.

~~7.10.2.10~~

~~7.12.13~~ Work *jointly* with the [area-local](#) municipalities to raise awareness of public health issues related to planning through partnerships with all levels of the public and private sector.

~~7.12.14~~ Work *jointly* with local municipalities, conservation authorities and other agencies to raise awareness of the local impacts of climate change and plans to adapt to and mitigate impacts.

~~7.10.2.11~~

~~7.12.15~~ Rely on the Federal and Provincial governments and their agencies to maintain technical standards and conduct monitoring which will ensure protection of the environment and public health from the effects of *contaminated sites*, without precluding the establishment of standards and performance measurement by the Region if deemed appropriate by [Regional Council](#).

~~7.10.2.12~~ Consider an expansion to the 2031 Urban Boundary, 2021 or 2031 Rural Service Centre boundary only through a Regional Official Plan Amendment which is based on *municipal comprehensive review* which demonstrates the following:

- ~~a) — that the proposed expansion is based on the population, household and employment growth forecasts contained in Table 3;~~

- b) — that sufficient opportunities, as determined by the Region, are not available in the area municipality to accommodate forecasted growth for the area municipality contained in Table 3, through *intensification* and in designated greenfield areas;
- c) — the timing of the expansion and the phasing of *development* within the designated greenfield area will not adversely affect the achievement of the intensification and density targets of this Plan;
- d) — that the proposed expansion makes available sufficient lands for a time horizon not exceeding 2031;
- e) — conformity with the Regional Official Plan ;
- f) — environmental and resource protection and enhancement including the identification of a natural heritage system, in accordance with the policies of this Plan;
- g) — that there are no reasonable alternative locations which avoid the *Prime Agricultural Area*;
- h) — Impacts of a proposed settlement areas boundary expansion on agricultural operations which are adjacent or close to the settlement areas, and if impacts are identified, the analysis is to identify mitigation of the impacts to the greatest extent feasible;
- i) — within the *Prime Agricultural Area* there are no reasonable alternative locations on lower priority agricultural lands;
- j) — impacts from expanding settlement areas on agricultural operations are mitigated to the greatest extent feasible;
- k) — compliance with the *minimum distance separation formulae*;
- l) — a fiscal impact analysis;
- m) — the ability to provide the necessary Regional infrastructure and services, including Regional and local transportation infrastructure, water and wastewater servicing, in a financially and environmentally sustainable manner;

- ~~n) — the sustainable development imperatives in Section 1.3.5 have been addressed;~~
- ~~o) — other relevant Regional interests as may be confirmed through pre-consultation;~~
- ~~p) — proposed expansion will meet the requirements of the Greenbelt Plan, Niagara Escarpment Plan, Lake Simcoe Protection Plan and the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan; and~~
- ~~q) — in determining the most appropriate location for expansions to the boundaries of settlement areas the policies of Sections 2 and 3 of the Provincial Policy Statement, 2005 are applied.~~

~~7.10.2.13 Consider the designation of a *Regional Intensification Corridor* on the basis of a *municipal comprehensive review* and a *Regional Official Plan Amendment*. In considering such designations, the *municipal comprehensive review* and *Regional Official Plan Amendment* must demonstrate that the applicable requirements of Section 7.9.2.12 have been met.~~

7.12.16 Undertake periodic reviews of this Plan in order to:

- a) ensure that policies remain realistic and responsive to changing environmental, social, economic, financial, technological and political circumstances;
- b) make policy adjustments to ensure that objectives and policies in this Plan are being met; and
- c) ensure the Plan conforms with any provincial plans that are in effect, has regard to matters of provincial interest, and is consistent with provincial policy statements.

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Note: Terms in *italicized* text throughout the Plan are defined in the Glossary. In addition, terms throughout the Plan in ***bold and italicized*** text are used for the purpose of achieving conformity with provincial plans and policies. The definition for these terms are not provided in the Glossary. The reader is referred to the relevant Provincial Plan(s) or legislation(s) for the definition. Provincial plans referenced include, but are not limited to, the Greenbelt Plan, the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan, the Niagara Escarpment Plan, the Growth Plan, the Provincial Policy Statement, Food and Organic Waste Policy Statement. Terms in the glossary marked with an asterisk (*), are also defined terms in provincial plans that may differ and should be referenced when interpreting and applying relevant policies of those plans (these terms appear as ***bold and italicized*** in the policies of the Regional Plan).

Glossary

Accessible Transportation: Transportation measures that enable residents with disabilities to travel without barriers and maintain independence.

Active aging: the process of optimizing opportunities for health, participation and security in order to enhance quality of life as people age.

~~**Active farming:** farmers engaged in on-going farming that can be clearly substantiated and demonstrated.~~

~~**Active transportation:** Any form of self-propelled transportation, such as walking and bicycling. Human-powered travel, including but not limited to, walking, cycling, inline skating and travel with the use of mobility aids, including motorized wheelchairs and other power-assisted devices moving at a comparable speed.~~

~~**Additional residential units:** a self-contained separate dwelling unit with full kitchen and bath facilities and separate entrance, as part of an existing detached, semi-detached or row house, or in a structure ancillary to a detached, semi-detached or row house (also referred to as second units or secondary suites).~~

Adjacent lands: those lands contiguous to a specific natural heritage feature or area where it is likely that *development* or *site alteration* would have a *negative impact* on the feature or area. The extent of the *adjacent lands* may be recommended by the Province or based on municipal approaches which achieve the same objectives.

Affordable housing:

a) in the case of ownership housing, the least expensive of:
housing for which the purchase price results in annual accommodation costs which do not exceed 30 percent of gross annual household income for low and moderate income households;
or housing for which the purchase price is at least 10 percent below the average purchase price of a resale unit in the regional market area;

b) in the case of rental housing, the least expensive of:

a unit for which the rent does not exceed 30 percent of gross annual household income for low and moderate income households; or a unit for which the rent is at or below the average market rent of a unit in the regional market area.

~~For the purposes of this definition: Low and moderate income households means, in the case of ownership housing, households with incomes in the lowest 60 percent of the income distribution for the regional market area, or in the case of rental housing, households with incomes in the lowest 60 percent of the income distribution for renter households for the regional market area.~~

Low Income:

In the case of ownership housing, households with incomes in the lowest 30 percent of the income distribution for the regional market area, or in the case of rental housing, households with incomes in the lowest 30 percent of the income distribution for renter households for the regional market area.

Moderate Income:

In the case of ownership housing, households with incomes between 30 to 60 percent of the income distribution for the regional market area, or in the case of rental housing, households with incomes between 30 to 60 percent of the income distribution for renter households for the regional market area.

Affordable housing assessment: a document that evaluates how a proposed development will contribute to the Region's annual new housing unit targets as listed in Table 4 and meets the affordable housing policies of the Regional Official Plan and local municipal official plans. The assessment will consider how an appropriate range and mix of housing unit types, densities, sizes, affordability and tenure will be provided through the development.

Agri-food network: Within the *Agricultural System*, a network that includes elements important to the viability of the agri-food sector such as regional infrastructure and transportation networks; on-farm buildings and infrastructure; agricultural services, farm markets, distributors, and primary processing; and vibrant, agriculture-supportive communities.

~~**Agri-food sector:** sector of the economy involved in the production, processing, assembly and sale of agriculture goods and services.~~

Agri-tourism uses: those farm-related tourism uses, including limited accommodation such as a bed and breakfast, that promote the enjoyment, education or activities related to the farm operation.

Agricultural impact assessment: a study, prepared in accordance with provincial and municipal guidelines, that evaluates the potential impacts of non-agricultural development on agricultural operations and the *Agricultural System* and recommends ways to avoid or, if avoidance is not possible, minimize and mitigate adverse impacts.

Agricultural System*: the system as mapped and issued by the Province and further refined as shown in this Plan, comprised of a group of inter-connected elements that collectively create a viable, thriving agricultural sector. It has two components: 1. An agricultural land base comprised of Prime Agricultural Areas, including specialty crop areas, and Rural Lands that together create a continuous productive land base for agriculture; 2. An agri-food network which includes infrastructure, services, and assets important to the viability of the agri-food sector.

Agricultural uses*: the growing of crops, including nursery, biomass, and horticultural crops; raising of livestock; raising of other animals for food, fur or fibre, including poultry and fish; aquaculture; apiaries; agro-forestry; maple syrup production; and associated on-farm buildings and structures, including, but not limited to livestock facilities, manure storages, value-retaining facilities, and accommodation for full-time farm labour when the size and nature of the operation requires additional employment.

Agriculture-related uses*: those farm-related commercial and farm-related industrial uses that are directly related to farm operations in the area, support agriculture, benefit from being in close proximity to farm operations, and provide direct products and/or services to farm operations as a primary activity.

~~**Agriculture-related uses**: those farm-related commercial and farm-related industrial uses that are small scale and directly related to the farm operation and are required in close proximity to the farm operation.~~

Airshed: the *airshed* for the Greater Toronto Area is defined as an atmospheric region stretching as far as Hudson Bay to the north, New Brunswick to the east, the Dakotas to the west, and central Georgia to the south (Royal Commission on the Future of the Toronto Waterfront, 1990). Larger weather systems may flush out, bring in, or trap polluted air. There are local lake effects on precipitation and temperature, and a cooler air flow down the major valley systems towards Lake Ontario. Across Peel, there are gradients of temperature, precipitation and growing season from Lake Ontario to Orangeville.

~~**Alternative development and design standards**: flexible planning and engineering standards that provide a range of alternatives to the current standards used for the design and construction of communities. Some standards include: reduced setbacks, narrower lot sizes, reduced road allowance, reduced parking standards, and on-street parking.~~

Alternative energy systems: ~~means a system that uses~~ sources of energy or energy conversion processes to produce power, heat and/or cooling that significantly reduce the amount of harmful emissions to the environment (air, earth and water) when compared to conventional energy systems. ~~Alternative Energy Systems undertakings do not include renewable energy undertakings as defined in the Green Energy Act, 2009.~~

Ancillary: uses that primarily serve the business functions on *employment land*.

Archaeological resources: the remains of a building, structure, activity or cultural feature or object which, because of the passage of time, is on or below the surface of land or water and is of significance to the understanding of the history of a people or place.

Areas of archaeological potential: means areas with the likelihood to contain *archaeological resources*. Criteria to identify archaeological potential are established by the Province. The *Ontario Heritage Act* requires archaeological potential to be confirmed by a licensed archaeologist.

~~**Area municipal official plan:** the Official Plan and any related planning documents of an area municipality in Peel.~~

Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest*: areas of land and water containing natural *landscapes* or features which the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry has identified as having ~~provincial and regional significance, possessing values related to natural heritage appreciation, scientific study or education~~ life science or earth science values related to protection, scientific study or education:

- Life Science *Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest* are those areas identified by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry for their high quality representation of important provincial biotic attributes.
- Earth Science *Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest* are those areas identified by the Ministry of Natural Resources for their high quality representation of important provincial geological attributes.

As appropriate: this term is used in the Plan to allow some flexibility in the approach used to successfully meet the objectives and implement the policies in the Regional Official Plan.

~~**Bioregion:** an area of land and water sharing climatic and ecological similarities. The Greater Toronto Bioregion is defined as the area of land bounded by Lake Ontario, the Niagara Escarpment and the Oak Ridges Moraine.~~

Buffer: an area of vegetated land adjacent to a natural heritage feature or area that helps to mitigate the *negative impacts of development or site alteration*. The extent and composition of a vegetated buffer is determined in accordance with provincial and municipal official plan policies or through a subwatershed study, environmental impact study or other equivalent study.

Built heritage resource: one or more buildings, structures, monuments, installations, or ~~remains associated with architectural, cultural, social, political, economic, or military history, and identified as being important to a community~~ any manufactured or constructed part of remnant that contributes to a property's cultural heritage value or interest as identified by a community, including an Indigenous community. Built heritage resources are located on a property that may be designated under Parts IV or V of the Ontario Heritage Act, or that may be included in local, provincial, federal and/or international registers.

Bus rapid transit: ~~Bus-based transit service able to maintain higher levels of speed, reliability and vehicle productivity than can be achieved by conventional transit service.~~

Car or van pooling: ~~the sharing of automobile transportation by a number of persons travelling together regularly.~~

Cemetery/cemeteries: land set apart or used for the interment of human remains which may include burial, mausolea and columbaria but does not include a funeral establishment or a facility providing funeral services as defined in the *Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002, S.O. 2002, c. 33* or any facilities for public assembly

Centre Line:

1. Original centreline of Right-of-Way; or
2. Where the road has deviated from original centreline, the centreline of the deviated roadway

Circular economy: an approach to continually circulate resources, materials and nutrients in such a manner as to retain their productive value in the economy for as long as possible through reuse, recycling, and remanufacturing.

Coastal wetland: any wetland that is located on one of the Great Lakes or their connecting channels (Lake St. Clair, St. Marys, St. Clair, Detroit, Niagara and St. Lawrence Rivers) or any other wetland that is on a tributary to any of the specified water bodies and lies, either wholly or in part, downstream of a line located 2 kilometres upstream of the 1:100 year floodline (plus wave run-up) of the large water body to which the tributary is connected.

Community: ~~a group of people with a common characteristic or interest living together within a larger society.~~

Community food centre: a non-profit community facility for the aggregation, preparation and/or distribution of food such as a food bank, food coop or community kitchen. A community food centre may also be engaged in growing food and in advocacy, education and outreach.

Commuter rail: ~~a passenger railroad service that operates within a metropolitan region that is usually part of the general regional railroad system. The service is primarily intended for medium to long distance travel.~~

Compact form: a more closely structured pattern of *development* or *redevelopment*, created to maximize the effective and efficient use of land and *infrastructure*.

Connectivity*: the degree to which natural heritage features or hydrologic features are connected to one another by links such as plant and animal movement corridors, hydrologic and nutrient cycling, genetic transfer and energy flow through food webs.

Conserved: means the identification, protection, management and use of *built heritage resources, cultural heritage landscapes* and *archaeological resources* in a manner that ensures their cultural heritage value or interest is retained. This may be achieved by the implementation of recommendations set out in a conservation plan, archaeological assessment, and/or heritage impact assessment that has been approved, accepted or adopted by the relevant planning authority and/or decision-maker. Mitigative measures and/or alternative development approaches can be included in these plans and assessments.

Contaminant management plan: a report that demonstrates how development proposals, involving the manufacturing, handling and storage of bulk fuels, chemicals or contaminants (significant threats prescribed under the *Clean Water Act*) will implement safety measures in order to help prevent contamination of ground water or surface water supplies. The *contaminant management plan* must include a list of all chemicals used on the subject lands and within any structures and demonstrate how the risk of release to the environment will be mitigated and managed.

Contaminated sites: property or lands that have not been rehabilitated and which, for reasons of public health and safety or environmental quality, are unsafe for use as a result of human activities that have left a chemical or radioactive residue. Such sites include some industrial lands, some transportation facilities, electrical facilities and some abandoned mine hazards.

Confluence: the point where two or more water bodies meet.

Cultural heritage landscapes: any discrete aggregation of features altered through human activity which has been identified as being important to a community. They can provide the contextual and spatial information necessary to preserve, interpret or reinforce the understanding of important historical settings and changes to past patterns of land use. *Cultural landscapes* include any heritage area perceived as an ensemble of culturally derived features such as a neighbourhood, townscape, farmscape, or waterscape that illustrates noteworthy relationships between people and their surrounding environment. a defined geographical area that may have been altered through human activity and is identified as having cultural heritage value or interest by a community including an Indigenous community. The area may include features such as buildings, structures, spaces, views, archaeological sites or natural elements that are valued together for their interrelationship, meaning or association. Cultural heritage landscapes may be properties that have been determined to have cultural heritage value or interest under the Ontario Heritage Act, or have been included on federal and/or international registers, and/or protected through official plan, zoning by-law, or other land use planning mechanisms.

Cultural heritage resources: ~~within a land use context, cultural heritage resources include archaeological sites, built resources, traditional use areas, cultural landscapes and shipwreck sites. More broadly, cultural heritage resources include everything produced and left by the people of a given geographic area, the sum of which represents their cultural identity. This means their handicrafts, tools, equipment, buildings, furnishings, folklore rituals, art, transportation, communications and places of dwelling, play, worship, and commercial and industrial activity.~~ built

heritage resources, cultural heritage landscapes and archaeological resources that have been determined to have cultural heritage value or interest for the important contribution they make to our understanding of the history of a place, an event, or a people. While some cultural heritage resources may already be identified and inventoried by official sources, the significance of others can only be determined after evaluation.

Cultural Heritage Master Plan: ~~a document that inventories cultural heritage resources (including known archaeological resources, built heritage and cultural heritage landscape units), identifies areas of potential for archaeological resources, provides policies and implementation measures for the protection and conservation of cultural heritage resources, and provides policies that encourage and support cultural heritage conservation activities at the local level including promotion, education and community involvement in cultural heritage. a strategy, plan or document that provides policies, including but not limited to, encouraging and supporting cultural heritage conservation, identifying cultural heritage resources, built heritage and cultural heritage landscapes, areas of potential for archaeological resources, and implementation measures for the protection and conservation of cultural heritage resources, including education and outreach.~~

Cultural savannahs: a treed vegetation community originating from, or maintained by, anthropogenic influences and culturally based disturbances; often containing a large proportion of non-native species and having 25 to 35 percent cover of coniferous or deciduous trees. *Cultural savannahs* may be second or third growth *woodlands* that occur on land where the forest was completely or partially removed at various points in time. These *woodlands* vary in composition and quality depending on the length of time that the forest has been re-establishing, the nature and duration of the land use while it was cleared, and the underlying environmental characteristics such as soil type, moisture, exposure and seed bank all of which influence natural succession processes and species composition.

Cultural woodlands: a treed vegetation community originating from, or maintained by, anthropogenic influences and culturally based disturbances; often containing a large proportion of non-native species and having 35 to 60 percent cover of coniferous or deciduous trees. *Cultural woodlands* may be second or third growth *woodlands* that occur on land where the forest was completely or partially removed at various points in time. These woodlands vary in composition and quality depending on the length of time that the forest has been re-establishing, the nature and duration of the land use while it was cleared, and the underlying environmental characteristics such as soil type, moisture, exposure and seed bank all of which influence natural succession processes and species composition.

~~**Density bonusing:** a local municipality may, in a by-law authorize increases in the height and density of development in return for the provision of such facilities, services or matters as are set out in the by-law. Examples of provisions may include affordable housing, underground parking, parkland, daycare facilities, and more.~~

Delineated Built Boundary: The limits of the developed urban area as defined by the Minister in consultation with affected municipalities for the purpose of measuring the minimum intensification target in this Plan.

Delineated Built-up Area: All land within the *delineated built boundary*.

Designated Greenfield Area: Lands within *settlement areas (not including rural settlements)* but outside of *delineated built-up areas* that have been designated in an official plan for development and are required to accommodate forecasted growth to the horizon of this Plan. *Designated Greenfield Areas do not include excess lands.*

Development*: means the creation of a new lot, a change in land use or construction of buildings and structures, requiring approval under the Planning Act but does not include activities that create or maintain *infrastructure* authorized under an environmental assessment process or works subject to the Drainage Act.

Disability: the Ontarians with Disabilities Act adopts the broad definition for disability that is set out in the Ontario Human Rights Code.

Disability is:

1. any degree of physical disability, infirmity, malformation or disfigurement that is caused by bodily injury, birth defect or illness and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, includes diabetes mellitus, epilepsy, a brain injury, any degree of paralysis, amputation, lack of physical coordination, blindness or visual impediment, deafness or hearing impediment, muteness or speech impediment, or physical reliance on a guide dog or other animal or on a wheelchair or other remedial appliance or device;
2. a condition of mental impairment or developmental disability;
3. a learning disability, or a dysfunction in one or more of the processes involved in understanding or using symbols or spoken language;
4. a mental disorder; or
5. an injury or disability for which benefits were claimed or received under the insurance plan established under the Workplace Safety and Insurance Act, 1997.

Diverse populations: distinct groups within ~~our~~ Peel's population that require different levels of services ~~and needs~~ which may include and are not limited to older adults, children, youth, ~~diverse~~ ethnic populations, ~~persons with disabilities~~, ~~Aboriginal Indigenous~~ persons, and recent immigrants.

Drinking water threat: as defined in the *Clean Water Act, 2016*.

Early successional habitat:

- (a) within the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan Area, an area defined in accordance with the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan Technical Paper 7 – Identification and Protection of Significant Woodlands;

- (b) within the Greenbelt Plan Protected Countryside, an area defined in accordance with the Greenbelt Plan Technical Paper 2 – Technical Definitions and Criteria for Significant Woodlands in the Natural Heritage System of the Protected Countryside Area of the Greenbelt Plan; or
- (c) outside of the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan Area and Greenbelt Plan Protected Countryside, an area defined in accordance with the Greenbelt Plan Technical Paper 2 – Technical Definitions and Criteria for Significant Woodlands in the Natural Heritage System of the Protected Countryside Area of the Greenbelt Plan.

Ecological function: the natural processes, products or services that living and non-living environments provide or perform within or between species, *ecosystems* and *landscapes*, including hydrologic functions and biological, physical, chemical and socio-economic interactions.

Ecological integrity: the condition of *ecosystems* in which:

- a) the structure, composition and function of the *ecosystems* are unimpaired by the stresses from human activity,
- b) natural ecological processes are intact and self-sustaining, and
- c) the *ecosystems* evolve naturally.

Ecological integrity includes hydrologic integrity.

Ecological goods and services (EG&S): are the benefits which accrue to all living organisms resulting from the ecological functions of healthy *ecosystems*. Ecological goods and services include clean air, fresh water, biodiversity, nutrient cycling and climate regulation which contribute to meeting health, social, cultural, and economic needs. The products and processes of ecological goods and services are complex and occur over long periods of time.

Ecosystem: the system of plants, animals and micro-organisms, together with the non-living components of their environment, related ecological processes and humans.

Employment Area/Areas: ~~areas that are designated in area municipal official plans for clusters of business and economic activities including, but not limited to, manufacturing, warehousing, offices, and associated retail and ancillary facilities. Employment areas are designated in area municipal official plans as described in Section 5.6.2.6 of this Plan.~~ areas designated in an official plan for clusters of business and economic activities including, but not limited to, manufacturing, warehousing, offices, and associated retail and ancillary facilities.

Employment Land/Lands: land within *employment areas*.

~~*Endangered species:*~~ ~~a species that is listed or categorized as an “Endangered Species” on the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry’s official species at risk list, as updated and amended from~~

~~time to time~~—a species that is classified as “Endangered Species” on the Species at Risk in Ontario List, as updated and amended from time to time.

~~**Enhancement:** the management of land and water that modifies natural form, processes or attributes to increase stability, biodiversity and long term viability. Enhancement does not necessarily include remediation.~~

Enhancement area: terrestrial and aquatic areas that have been restored or that have the potential to be restored to a natural state. Enhancement areas include naturally vegetated or potentially revegetated lands that expand, connect, link or border **natural heritage features and areas** and that have been or are planned to be rehabilitated or restored to support *ecological functions*. Potential **enhancement areas** that are not in a natural state but have the potential to be restored to a natural state to improve the integrity and function of the Greenlands System are identified through the preparation of a natural heritage evaluation, hydrologic evaluation, environmental impact study or **natural heritage system study**. Enhancement areas exclude buffers and areas that are required to mitigate the impacts of development or provided as compensation for the loss of **natural heritage features and areas**.

~~**Environmental Farm Plan:** a plan approved in accordance with the Canada-Ontario Environmental Farm Plan Program.~~

Environmental contamination: means exceedances of provincially legislated standards, such as those set by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks.

Environmentally Sensitive or Significant Areas: places where *ecosystem* functions or features warrant special protection. These may include but are not limited to rare or unique plant or animal populations or habitats, plant or animal communities, or concentrations of ecological functions. *Environmentally Sensitive or Significant Areas* are identified by the conservation authorities according to their established criteria.

Erosion hazard: the loss of land, due to human or natural processes, that poses a threat to life and property. The erosion hazard limit is determined using considerations that include the 100 year erosion rate (the average annual rate of recession extended over a one hundred year time span), an allowance for slope stability, and an erosion/erosion access allowance.

Established standards and procedures: those principles, methods, tests, procedures and operations routinely used and applied within any professional discipline and generally acknowledged or approved by the governing bodies or professional associations of such disciplines.

Essential: necessary to the public interest after all reasonable alternatives have been considered.

Existing lot of record: a lot held under distinct and separate ownership from all abutting lots as shown by a registered conveyance in the records of the Land Registry office at the date

Regional Official Plan Amendment 21B came into effect.

Existing Threat Activities: are defined in accordance with the applicable source protection plan as follows.

CTC Region Source Protection Plan approved on July 28, 2015:

- a) an existing use, activity, building or structure at a location in a *vulnerable area* that is in compliance with all applicable requirements, and that was being used or had been established for the purposes of undertaking the threat activity, at any time within ten years prior the date of approval of the source protection plan, or
- b) an expansion of an existing use or activity that reduces the risk of contaminating drinking water nor depletes drinking water sources, or
- c) an expansion, alteration or replacement of an existing building or structure that does not increase the risk of contaminating drinking water nor depletes drinking water sources.

For clarity, the definition of an **existing threat activity** includes a change in land ownership and the rotation of agricultural lands among crops or fallow conditions, and allows for alternating between sources of nitrates (agricultural source material, commercial fertilizer, and Category 1 non-agricultural source material).

South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Protection Plan approved on January 26, 2015:

- a) a use, a building or structure that is used and continues to be used for the purpose for which it was erected.
- b) a *minor alteration* or replacement building or structure that has the same capacity as an existing lawful building or structure and provides greater protection to sources of drinking water and where there is no change in use and where the replacement structure will bring the building or structure into closer conformity with the Source Protection Plan.
- c) an activity that is presently occurring or has occurred in the last ten years from the date of approval of the source protection plan.
- d) where an existing activity is permitted an expansion, alteration or replacement of a use, activity, building or structure that reduces the risk of contaminating drinking water shall be permitted.

Existing use, building or structure*: a use, building or structure that lawfully existed on the date Regional Official Plan Amendment 21B came into effect. For further clarity, an existing use, building

or structure is interpreted to include only the currently occupied limits of the use, building or structure as it existed on the date Regional Official Plan Amendment 21B came into effect.

Fish habitat*: spawning grounds and any other areas including nursery, rearing, food supply, and migration areas on which fish depend directly or indirectly in order to carry out their life processes, as defined in the Fisheries Act.

Flood: for rivers and streams, a temporary rise in the water level resulting in the inundation of areas adjacent to a watercourse not ordinarily covered by water.

Flood Plain plain (for river, stream and small inland lake systems): ~~the area, usually low lands, adjoining a watercourse which has been, or may be covered by flood water~~ the area, usually low lands adjoining a watercourse, which has been or may be subject to flooding hazards.

~~***Flooding***: for Lake Ontario shoreline, a rise in the water level resulting from the inundation of areas not ordinarily covered by water which are adjacent to Lake Ontario.~~

Floodway (for river and stream systems): the portion of the *Flood Plain* where *development* (other than uses which by their nature must be located within the *floodway*, *flood* and/or erosion control works, or where appropriate, minor additions or passive, non-structural uses which do not affect *flood* flows) and *site alteration* would cause a danger to public health and safety or property damage. Where the *one zone concept* is applied, the *floodway* is the entire *Flood Plain*. Where the *two zone concept* is applied, the *floodway* is the inner portion of the *Flood Plain*, representing that area required for the safe passage of *flood* flow and/or that area where *flood* depths and/or velocities are considered to be such that they pose a potential threat to life and/or property damage. Where the *two zone concept* applies, the outer portion of the *Flood Plain* is called the *flood* fringe.

Food and organic waste: has the same meaning of *food waste* and *organic waste* when used together.

Food system: the set of food related processes and activities that are the steps in the food chain including the growing, harvesting, production, processing, distribution, consumption, resource recovery and disposal of food, each with its attendant social, environmental and economic dimensions.

Food waste: the edible parts of plants and animals that are produced or harvested but that are not ultimately consumed.

Freeway: a road whose function is the movement of vehicular traffic over medium to long distances at high speed, access to which is available only by means of a limited number of grade-separated interchanges.

Freight Transportation Demand Management: The application of strategies to reduce goods travel demand or to redistribute this demand in space, in time, or by alternative modes.

Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA): the area comprised of the Regions of Peel, Durham, Halton and York, the City of Hamilton and the City of Toronto.

Green and sustainable building guidelines: an outcome of a design which focuses on increasing the efficiency of resource use — energy, water, and materials — while reducing building impacts on human health and the environment during the building's lifecycle, through better siting, design, construction, operation, maintenance, and removal.

Green Infrastructure: Natural and human made elements that provide ecological and hydrological functions and processes. Green infrastructure can include components such as natural heritage features and systems, parklands, stormwater management systems, street trees, urban forests, natural channels, permeable surfaces and green roofs.

Greenfield density target: A minimum density target for the Designated Greenfield Area of 50 65 residents and jobs combined per hectare at the Regional scale or a specific minimum density target for Designated Greenfield Area within each area/local municipality as specified in Section 5.5.4.2.2 Policy 5.4.18.8.

Greenlands Securement: the protection of natural heritage features and areas through a range of tools including, but not limited to planning policy, *stewardship*, monitoring and *land acquisition*.

Groundwater discharge area: an area where there is a *significant* contribution by groundwater to surface water, including streams, lakes and *wetlands*.

Groundwater recharge area: an area in which there is *significant* addition of water by natural processes to groundwater.

Habitat of aquatic species at risk: waters supporting aquatic species at risk (fishes and mussels) listed under Schedule 1 of the federal Species at Risk Act (SARA) and protected under that Act, their residences and critical habitats.

Habitat of endangered species and threatened species: habitat within the meaning of Section 2 of the Endangered Species Act.

Hazard land: an area in a water course's *flood plain*, on steep slopes or along *shorelines* that presents a danger to human life and property.

Hazardous lands: property or lands that could be made unsafe for development due to naturally occurring processes. Along the *shorelines* of the **Great Lakes – St. Lawrence River System**, this means the land, including that covered by water, between the international boundary, where applicable, and the furthest landward limit of the ***flooding hazard, erosion hazard or dynamic beach hazard***

limits. Along river, stream and small inland lake systems, this means the land, including that covered by water, to the furthest landward limit of the **flooding hazard** or erosion hazard limits.

Hazardous sites: property or lands that could be unsafe for *development and site alteration* due to naturally occurring hazards. These may include unstable soils (sensitive marine clays, organic soils) or unstable bedrock (karst topography).

Headwater: the source area of a stream including springs and upwelling areas.

~~**Headwater tributaries:** the small, sometimes poorly defined watercourse channels, or first order streams, which convey surface runoff or ground water discharge from the upper reaches of a watershed or subwatershed. These systems are often highly sensitive in that they regulate the flow and contribute to the provision of aquatic habitat in downstream receiving channels.~~

Healthy communities: a broad and inclusive definition of health which refers to not merely the absence of disease, but also complete physical, mental and social well-being. This is a pro-active model of wellness incorporating a person's perceptions of their quality of life, their chances for optimal social interaction, the availability of **community** activities and resources, and a monitoring of the link between daily stress and health. A *healthy community* is characterized by:

- a clean, safe, high quality physical environment;
- a stable *ecosystem* that is moving towards sustainability;
- a strong, mutually supportive and non-exploitative **community**;
- a high degree of participation and control by the public over decisions affecting their lives, health and well being;
- the meeting of basic needs for food, water, shelter, income, security and work for all the people of the **community**;
- access to a wide variety of experiences and resources, with the chance for a wide variety of contact, interaction and communication;
- a diverse, vital and innovative economy;
- connectedness with the past and with the cultural and biological heritage of the **community**, groups and individuals;
- a form that is compatible with and enhances the preceding characteristics;
- an optimum level of appropriate health and sick care *services* available to all; and
- high levels of positive health and low levels of disease.

Healthy Development Framework: A collection of local context-specific tools that assess the health promoting potential of neighbourhoods. The tools are used to evaluate and pre-emptively mitigate potential health impacts associated with a development proposal. Each tool focuses on the Core Elements that influence the health of a community: Density, Service Proximity, Land Use Mix, Street Connectivity, Streetscape Characteristics and Efficient Parking. This framework contains the **Region's** tool and the related **area/local** municipal assessment tools, adapted to the satisfaction of the **Region**.

Heritage attributes: means the principal features or elements that contribute to a *protected heritage property's* cultural heritage value or interest, and may include the property's built, constructed, or manufactured elements, as well as natural landforms, vegetation, water features, and its visual setting (e.g. views or vistas to or from a *protected heritage property*).

High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV): motor vehicles carrying two or more persons, including the driver. A *High Occupancy Vehicle* could be a transit bus, ~~a vanpool,~~ carpool, or any other vehicle that meets the minimum occupancy requirements. ~~HOV lanes are usually described as being for the use of:~~ two or more (2+), ~~three or more (3+), or four or more (4+)~~ persons per vehicle.

~~Higher order transit:~~ ~~Transit that generally operates in its own dedicated rights-of-way, outside of mixed traffic, and therefore can achieve a frequency of service greater than mixed-traffic transit. Higher order transit can include heavy rail, light rail and buses in dedicated rights-of-way. Transit that generally operates in partially or completely dedicated rights-of-way, outside of mixed traffic, and therefore can achieve levels of speed and reliability greater than mixed-traffic transit. Higher order transit can include heavy rail (such as subways and inter-city rail), light rail, and buses in dedicated rights-of-way.~~

Highly vulnerable aquifer (HVA): an area underground that contains water that is being withdrawn for human use and is particularly susceptible to contamination because of its location near the ground's surface or where the overlying material in the ground above it is highly permeable.

Historic shorelines: the steep slopes or other remnants of the *shorelines* of glacial Lake Iroquois and Lake Peel.

~~**Hydrogeology:** the study of the influence of geology on the movement of water, mainly groundwater.~~

~~**Hydrology:** the science of the occurrence, distribution, movement and properties of water, especially of its movement in relation to land.~~

Housing options: means a range of housing types such as, but not limited to detached, semi-detached, rowhouses, townhouses, stacked townhouses, multiplexes, additional residential units, tiny homes, multi residential buildings. The term can also refer to a variety of housing arrangements and forms such as, but not limited to life lease housing, co ownership housing, co-operative housing, community land trusts, land lease community homes, *affordable housing*, housing for people with special needs, and housing related to employment, institutional or educational uses.

Inclusionary zoning: ~~zoning regulations that require a portion of new housing units to be affordable for households.~~ policies, zoning by-laws and programs that require development of residential units to include *affordable housing* units and provide for those units to be maintained as affordable over time.

Infrastructure: physical structures (facilities and corridors) that form the foundation for development. Infrastructure includes: sewage and water systems, stormwater management works, septage treatment systems, waste management systems, electric power generation and transmission, communications, telecommunications, transit and transportation corridors and facilities, oil and gas pipelines and associated facilities.

Intake Protection Zone (IPZ): the contiguous area of land and water immediately surrounding a surface water intake of a municipal water system or other designated system, which includes the distance from the intake and a minimum travel time of the water associated with the intake, based on the minimum response time for the water treatment plant operator to respond to adverse conditions or an emergency. *Intake protection zones (IPZ) are divided into zones as follows:*

- a) Intake protection zone 1 (IPZ-1) – the area within 1 kilometer of the intake; and
- b) Intake protection zone 2 (IPZ-2) – the modelled distance delineated as an area that a contaminate could travel in two hours to reach the intake; and
- c) Intake protection zone 3 (IPZ-3) – the modelled area of a spill scenario outside IPZ 1 and 2 zones that could result in deterioration of water quality at the intake.

Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS): the application of advanced and emerging technologies in transportation.

Integrity: integrity exists within an ecosystem when its inherent potential is realized, its capability for self repair when disturbed is preserved, and minimal external support for management is required.

Intensification: the development of a property or site at a higher density than currently exists through:

- a) *redevelopment*, including the reuse of brownfield sites;
- b) the *development* of vacant and/or underutilized lots within previously developed areas;
- c) *infill development*;
- d) the expansion or conversion and creation of existing buildings.

Invasive species: are plants, animals and micro-organisms that spread when introduced outside of their natural distribution and cause serious and often irreversible damage to ecosystems, the economy and society.

Issue contributing area (ICA): a vulnerable area around a municipal drinking water well where contaminants (e.g. nitrates, chlorides, or sodium) have been detected at a concentration, or there is a trend of increasing concentration of the contaminants, that may result in the deterioration of the quality of water for use as a source of drinking water.

Joint(ly): a co-operative project recognizing the importance of each named agency to the success of the project - but does not imply a veto power to any of the participants or that the effort cannot proceed if one or more parties should choose not to participate.

Land acquisition: the transfer of interest in title of land through a variety of means such as fee simple purchase, conservation easements and land donations.

Land needs assessment: A methodology for assessing land needs to implement this Plan, including relevant assumptions and other direction as required in accordance with the Provincial Land Needs Assessment Methodology for the Greater Golden Horseshoe. The methodology will be undertaken by the Region to assess the quantity of land required to accommodate forecasted growth to the planning horizon.

Landscapes: the character and morphology of the land surface which has resulted from an interaction of physical processes and human activity.

Level of service: a qualitative measure describing operational conditions of a road section within a traffic stream, and the perceived condition by motorists and passengers, using such factors as travel time, average speed, freedom to manoeuvre, traffic interruptions, comfort and convenience, and safety. In general practice, six *levels-of-service* are defined. These are given letter designations, from "A" to "F", with *level-of-service* "A" representing the best operating conditions.

Light Rail Transit (LRT): Transit infrastructure and services consisting of light rail vehicles running in an exclusive right-of-way, fully separated from traffic, typically with transit signal priority measures in place and longer spacing between stops than conventional transit routes to maintain higher average speeds and ensure reliability of the service. Typically include additional features to improve operational efficiency and enhance the customer experience, such as off-board fare collection, platform-level boarding, and real-time passenger information. (Metrolinx 2041 Regional Transportation Plan)

Littoral zone: the area along the shore of a lake from the water's edge into the water to a depth where there is a 2% loss of light at the bottom.

Linkage: an area providing connectivity to support a range of community and ecosystem processes and enable plants and animals to move between **natural heritage features and areas** over multiple generations. Linkages can include aquatic, riparian and terrestrial corridors that provide pathways for plants and animals to move or support functional processes between **natural heritage features and areas, surface water features** and **ground water features**. The location, width, length, structure and function of linkages should be determined in accordance with a natural heritage evaluation, hydrologic evaluation, environmental impact study or **natural heritage system** study. (Adapted from MNRF Natural Heritage Reference Manual, Second Edition)

Major Environmental Features: Environmental features excluded from being subject to the *greenfield density target* where the features are both identified in any applicable official plan or

provincial plan, and where the applicable provincial plan or policy statement prohibits in wetlands, coastal wetlands, woodlands, valley lands, areas of natural and scientific interest, habitat of endangered species and threatened species, wildlife habitat, and fish habitat.

Major road: roadway or street that carries medium to high volumes of ~~traffic~~ [transportation capacity](#) (relative to its urban or rural context) between *significant* activity nodes or more localized elements of the overall road network. [Major roads play a role in the movement of people, by automobile, transit, cycling, and walking, and goods.](#)

Major Transit Station Area: ~~The area including and around any existing or planned rapid transit station or the area including and around a major bus depot in an urban core. Station areas are generally defined as the area within an approximate 500 metre radius of a transit station, representing about a 10-minute walk. The area including and around any existing or planned higher order transit station or stop within a settlement area; or the area including and around a major bus depot in an urban core. Major Transit Station Areas generally are defined as the area within an approximate 500 to 800 metre radius of a transit station, representing about a 10-minute walk.~~

Major tributaries: are tributaries having direct confluence with the Credit River, Etobicoke Creek, Mimico Creek, West Humber River and the Humber River.

~~**Meltwater Channels:** a glacial meltwater drainage channel created by the vast quantities of water from the melting of the glaciers and the isolated masses of ice resulting in the cutting of new or the deepening of old channels or in the deposition of large quantities of gravel and sand.~~

Minimum distance separation formulae: formulae [and guidelines](#) developed by the Province, as amended from time to time, to separate uses so as to reduce incompatibility concerns about odour from livestock facilities.

Minor development: *development*, which due to its scale or intensity, can demonstrate no *significant* incremental or cumulative impacts on the landform, features or ecological functions of the Greenlands System in [Peel](#), as set out in further detail in the [area-local municipal official plans](#).

Minor site alteration: site alteration, which due to its scale or intensity, can demonstrate no significant incremental or cumulative impacts on the landform, features or ecological functions of the Greenlands System in [Peel](#), as set out in further detail in the [area-local municipal official plans](#).

Mobile fresh food market: [a retail facility offering food for human consumption by any temporary or readily transportable means, including a mobile fresh food market or a mobile food vendor facility, such as a catering truck, cart, pushcart, wagon, trailer, or other wheeled conveyance, or any portable table or stand.](#)

~~**Mobility hub:** Major transit station areas, as defined in the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe and identified in the Metrolinx Regional Transportation Plan, that are particularly significant given the level of transit service that is planned for them and the development potential~~

~~around them. They are places of connectivity between regional rapid transit services, and also places where different modes of transportation, from walking to high-speed rail, come together seamlessly. They have, or are planned to have, an attractive, intensive concentration of employment, living, shopping and enjoyment around a major transit station.~~

~~There are two types of mobility hubs identified in the Metrolinx Regional Transportation Plan: Gateway hubs are major transit station areas that are located at the interchange between two or more current or planned rapid transit lines and that meet specific criteria regarding numbers of transit boardings and surrounding land use densities. Anchor hubs are mobility hubs that meet all of the criteria required for gateway hubs and that have strategic importance due to their relationship with Urban Growth Centres, as well as Pearson Airport (anchor hubs have the potential to transform the regional urban structure and act as anchors for the regional transportation system).~~

Modal share: ~~the percentage of trips using a given mode of travel. The percentage of person-trips or of freight movements made by one travel mode, relative to the total number of such trips made by all modes.~~

Municipal Comprehensive Review: ~~An official plan review or an official plan amendment, initiated by a municipality that comprehensively applies the policies and schedules of the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2006. A new official plan, or an official plan amendment, initiated by an upper- or single-tier municipality under Section 26 of the Planning Act that comprehensively applies the policies and schedules of the Growth Plan.~~

Municipal hazardous or special waste: has the same meaning as in the Waste Diversion Transition Act, 2002, Ontario Regulation 542/06 387/16 Municipal Hazardous or Special Waste.

Municipal Wellhead Protection Area: ~~the surface and subsurface area surrounding a water well or well field, supplying a public water system, through which contaminants are reasonably likely to move towards and reach the water well or well field.~~

Natural Corridors: ~~naturally vegetated or potentially revegetated lands that connect, link or border critical ecological attributes and functions and also provide ecological functions such as habitat, migration routes, hydrological flow, connections or buffering from adjacent impacts. Certain woodlands, waterbodies, water courses, valleylands, riparian zones, shorelines, and portions of the Niagara Escarpment natural heritage system and intervening adjacent lands function as natural corridors in the Greenlands System.~~

Natural hazards: hazards due to flooding, erosion, dynamic beaches, the presence of hazardous forest types for wildland fire, and unstable slopes, soils and bedrock that may pose a danger to public safety or public health or result in property damage.

Natural Lake: a body of water greater than two hectares in size (approximately 5 acres) created by natural processes.

Negative impacts*:

- a) in regard to sewage services and water services, potential risks to human health and safety and degradation to the **quality and quantity of water, sensitive surface water features and sensitive ground water features**, and their related **hydrologic functions**, due to single, multiple or successive *development*. *Negative impacts* should be assessed through environmental studies including hydrogeological studies or water quality impact assessments, in accordance with provincial standards;
- a) b) in regard to water resources, degradation to the quality and quantity of water, **sensitive surface water features** and **sensitive ground water features**, and their related hydrologic functions, due to single, multiple or successive *development* or *site alteration* activities;
- b) c) in regard to *fish habitat*, the harmful alteration, disruption or destruction of *fish habitat*, except where, in conjunction with the appropriate authorities, it has been authorized under the Fisheries Act, using the guiding principle of no net loss of productive capacity; and
- e) d) in regard to other natural heritage features and areas, degradation that threatens the health and integrity of the natural features or ecological functions for which an area is identified due to single, multiple or successive *development* or *site alteration* activities.

Niagara Escarpment: a provincially *significant*, 725 kilometre (450 mile) long geological feature, a portion of which runs through Peel. The particular combination of geological and ecological features along the *Niagara Escarpment* results in a *landscape* unequalled in Canada. It is also a source of some of southern Ontario's prime rivers and streams, and contains some *significant* heritage features, rare plants and *significant* habitats. The Escarpment and lands in the vicinity of the Escarpment are *protected* by the Niagara Escarpment Plan (NEP) which is administered by the Niagara Escarpment Commission.

Non-government conservation organization: a non-profit conservation body independent of any government such as a land trust, conservancy or similar not-for-profit agency that is governed by a charter, articles of incorporation or letters patent that has as one of its primary purposes the protection of natural heritage features, functions and values. The organization must have registered charitable status.

Normal farm practice: a practice, as defined in the Farming and Food Production Protection Act, ~~1998~~, that is conducted in a manner consistent with proper and acceptable customs and standards as established and followed by similar agricultural operations under similar circumstances; or makes use of innovative technology in a manner consistent with proper advanced farm management practices. *Normal farm practices* shall be consistent with the Nutrient Management Act, ~~2002~~ and regulations made under that Act.

Oak Ridges Moraine: a provincially *significant* prominent upland area that runs east to west through south central Ontario intersecting Peel. The Moraine was formed by glacial action between two opposing ice lobes within the last one million years. The Moraine has a unique combination of

geological, hydrological, topographical and biotic attributes. It performs several essential functions providing *significant* natural habitat, surface water resources, ground water resources, and landform character that make its protection and long term management paramount to the residents of Ontario. It is *protected* by Provincial legislation.

On-farm diversified uses*: uses that are secondary to the principal agricultural use of the property, and are limited in area. *On-farm diversified uses* include, but are not limited to, home occupations, home industries, *agri-tourism uses*, and uses that produce value-added agricultural products. Ground mounted solar facilities are permitted in the *Prime Agricultural Area* only as *on-farm diversified uses*.

One zone concept: for development in a *Flood Plain*, the *one zone concept* is described in the Provincial Policy Statement definition of *Floodway* (for river and stream systems). For ease of reference, the definition of *Floodway* is included in this Glossary.

Organic waste: inedible parts of plants and animals, as well as other organic material that may be processed along with *food waste*. Examples of *organic waste* can include but are not limited to leaf and yard waste, compostable products and packaging, soiled paper, diapers and pet waste.

Overland Flooding: the inundation of land or property in a built environment caused by rainfall overwhelming the capacity of drainage systems, such as storm sewers.

Parkway Belt West Plan: A provincial plan implemented in 1978 for the purposes of separating and defining the boundaries of urban areas, linking urban areas with other areas, providing a land reserve for future linear facilities and providing a system of linked open space and recreational facilities.

~~**Peel/Peel Region/the region**: the geographic area bounded by the Region of Halton, Simcoe County, the Region of York, the City of Toronto, and Lake Ontario (see also *Region of Peel, the Region*).~~

Planned transportation corridors: Corridors or future corridors which are required to meeting projected needs, and are identified through provincial plans or preferred alignment(s) determined through the Environmental Assessment Act process which are required to meet projected needs or identified through planning studies where the Ontario Ministry of Transportation is actively pursuing the identification of a corridor. (Adopted ROPA 22)

Plantation: a treed community in which the majority of trees have been planted or the majority of the basal area is in trees that have been planted, often characterized by regularly spaced rows. With time and forest management, natural regeneration can become established and eventually convert the community to natural forest.

Plantation, naturalized: a *plantation* or portion of a *plantation* that is undergoing regeneration to a native woodland community either through natural succession or woodland *restoration*. An assessment to determine if a *plantation* is naturalized should include, but not be limited to soil conditions, stand composition, vegetation structure and health, the distribution and ecology of successional species (e.g., the ability of species to convert plantations to native communities) and the

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distance to and functional relationship with adjacent natural heritage features (e.g. proximity to watercourses, contribution to interior woodland habitat). Naturalized plantations will generally have dense regeneration of native tree seedlings and/or approximately 100 or more stems per hectare of regenerated native trees that have attained a minimum height of 1.37 metres. This assessment shall not preclude the [area-local](#) municipalities from evaluating plantations in the local context and in accordance with the criteria in Table 1 and policies in Section [2-3-2-2.5](#) of this Plan.

Plantation, young: a *plantation* in which

- (a) within the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan Area, an area defined in accordance with the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan Technical Paper 7 – Identification and Protection of Significant Woodlands;
- (b) within the Greenbelt Plan Protected Countryside, an area defined in accordance with the Greenbelt Plan Technical Paper 2 – Technical Definitions and Criteria for Significant Woodlands in the Natural Heritage System of the Protected Countryside Area of the Greenbelt Plan; or
- (c) outside of the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan Area and Greenbelt Plan Protected Countryside, an area defined in accordance with the Greenbelt Plan Technical Paper 2 – Technical Definitions and Criteria for Significant Woodlands in the Natural Heritage System of the Protected Countryside Area of the Greenbelt Plan.

Prime Agricultural Area: areas where prime agricultural land predominates. This includes areas of prime agricultural lands and associated Canada Land Inventory Class 4 through 7 lands, and additional areas where there is a local concentration of farms which exhibit characteristics of ongoing agriculture. Prime agricultural areas may be identified by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food using guidelines developed by the Province as amended from time to time. The Prime Agricultural Area shown in this Plan is based on mapping issued by the Province and that has been refined at the time of initial implementation in the Region’s Official Plan.

Prime agricultural land: specialty crop areas and/or Canada Land Inventory Class 1, 2, and 3 lands, as amended from time to time, in this order of priority for protection.

~~**Prime Agricultural Area:** the area as shown on Schedule B where prime agricultural land predominates and includes Canada Land Inventory Classes 1, 2 and 3 agricultural soils. Permitted uses and activities in this area include:~~

- ~~♦ **Primary agricultural uses:** the growing of crops, including nursery and horticultural crops; raising of livestock; raising of other animals for food, fur or fibre, including poultry and fish; aquaculture; apiaries; agro-forestry; maple syrup production; and associated on-farm buildings and structures, including accommodation for full-time farm labour when the size and nature of the operation requires additional employment.~~

- ♦ ~~**Secondary uses:** uses secondary to the principal use of the property, including home occupations, home industries, and uses that produce value-added agricultural products from the farm operation on the property.~~
- ♦ ~~**Agricultural related uses:** those farm related commercial and farm related industrial uses that are small scale and directly related to the farm operation and are required in close proximity to the farm operation.~~

Priority Bus Corridor: Transit corridor allowing buses to operate quickly and reliably without the need for a dedicated right-of-way by providing protection from mixed traffic and using other transit priority measures such as queue jump lanes and signal priority at intersections. Priority Bus routes operating in Priority Bus corridors typically have wider spacing between stops to improve travel times over long distances.

Procurement: preferable goods and services that have a lesser or reduced impact on the environment over the life cycle of the good or service, when compared with competing goods and services serving the same purpose.

Protect: to manage land and water in such a way that ensures that *significant* natural features and areas including their ecological functions are retained.

Protected heritage property: means property listed by council resolution on a heritage register or designated under Parts IV, V or VI of the Ontario Heritage Act; property subject to a heritage conservation easement under Parts II or IV of the Ontario Heritage Act; property identified by the Province and prescribed public bodies as provincial heritage property under the Standards and Guidelines for Conservation of Provincial Heritage Properties; property protected under federal legislation, and UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Public Authority: Any federal, provincial, regional, or municipal agency including any commission, board, authority or department established by such an agency exercising any power or authority under a Statute of Canada or Ontario.

Public transit: transit services generally available to the public, usually with established fares and published schedules of operation, including bus, streetcar, light rail transit, subway and special services. Municipal public transit systems that serve the general public and operate mainly fixed routes and schedules. Public transit also includes specialized services that provide door-to-door transportation services to individuals with disabilities who meet eligibility requirements created by the municipality.

Rapid transit: Transit service able to maintain higher levels of speed, reliability and vehicle productivity than can be achieved by conventional transit service. For the purposes of this Plan, rapid transit includes both higher order transit ~~and bus rapid transit~~ light rail transit, bus rapid transit, and priority bus corridors.

Recreation: leisure-time activity undertaken away from home. Passive *recreation* is characterized by low intensity outdoor pastimes, such as hiking, picnicking and bird watching, requiring minimal modification of the land surface and relatively few if any buildings or structures, such as a gazebo. Active *recreation* is characterized by the need for special facilities, such as golf courses, tennis courts and *recreation* theme parks, which usually require large scale modification of the land surface, often accompanied by the introduction of buildings and structures.

Redevelopment: the creation of new units, uses or lots on previously developed land in existing communities, including brownfield sites. *Redevelopment* includes infill, accessory apartments and rooming houses.

~~**Region of Peel/the Region:** the Corporation of the Regional Municipality of Peel.~~

~~**Regional Council:** Regional Council of the Regional Municipality of Peel.~~

Regional Housing Strategy: a plan, including policies for the Regional Official Plan, to meet the housing needs of all residents by working in collaboration with community agencies and the [area local](#) municipalities. The strategy will include the planning and development of a range of housing types and densities to support the achievement of the intensification and density targets in this Plan.

Regional Intensification Corridor: regionally-significant, multi-functional, linear concentrations of urban *development* providing a range and mix of commercial, office, major institutional, residential, recreational and cultural services or facilities that supports higher-order transit service and links urban growth centres together.

~~**Regional Structure:** Peel's regional Structure is made up of several elements and systems including the Greenlands System, renewable and non-renewable resources, and infrastructure elements such as roads, treatment plants, water and sewer mains, police stations, and hospitals.~~

~~**Regional Urban Corridors:** regionally-significant, multi-functional, linear concentrations of urban *development* providing a range and mix of commercial, residential, recreational and cultural services or facilities that is transit-supportive and that may link regional urban nodes together.~~

~~**Regulatory dynamic beach standard (for Lake Ontario):** means the approved standards involving the combined influence of *flooding* and a dynamic beach allowance to define the shoreline dynamic beach limits for regulatory purposes.~~

Regulatory flood standard: the approved standards involving the combined influence of lake levels, wave uprush (the rush of water up onto a beach, bluff or structure following the breaking of a wave; the limit of wave uprush is the point of farthest landward rush of water onto the shoreline) and other water related hazards used to define the shoreline *flood* limits for regulatory purposes.

Regulatory shoreline: the land, including that covered by water, between the international boundary, where applicable, and the farthest landward limit of the *regulatory flood standard*, *regulatory erosion standard*, or the *regulatory dynamic beach standard*.

~~**Rehabilitation:** the return of land and water to its former use or condition after it has been significantly modified from its original form by some land or resource use. *Rehabilitation* does not necessarily include *remediation*.~~

Rehabilitate/rehabilitation: the return of land and water from which aggregate has been excavated so that the use or condition of the land:

- (a) is restored to its former use or condition,
- (b) is restored to a natural state or condition, or
- (c) is changed to another use or condition that is or will be compatible with the use of adjacent land, and
- (d) the required *rehabilitation* is in accordance with the requirements of this Plan, a local municipal official plan and relevant provincial plans and legislation, as applicable.

Remediation: corrective action taken to clean-up or remedy a spill, an uncontrolled discharge of a contaminant, or a breach in a facility or its operations, in order to minimize the consequent threat to public health and the environment.

~~**Renewable energy systems:** means the production of electrical power from an energy source that is renewed by natural processes including, but not limited to wind, water, biomass resource or product, or solar and geothermal energy. These systems have the same meaning as a renewable energy undertaking under the *Green Energy Act, 2009* a system that generates electricity, heat and/or cooling from a renewable energy source.~~

Renewable energy source: an energy source that is renewed by natural processes and includes wind, water, biomass, biogas, biofuel, solar energy, and geothermal energy.

~~**Reserved bus lane:** a roadway lane which is restricted to transit vehicles only.~~

Resource recovery: the extraction of useful materials or other resources from things that might otherwise be waste, including through reuse, recycling, reintegration, regeneration or other activities. This includes the collection, handling, and processing of *food and organic waste* for beneficial uses. Although energy from waste and alternative fuels are permitted as waste management options, these methods are not considered resource recovery. The recovery of nutrients, such as digestate from anaerobic digestion, is considered *resource recovery*.

Resource recovery system: any part of a waste management system that collects, handles, transports, stores or processes waste for *resource recovery*, but does not include disposal.

~~**Restoration:** the management of land and water to produce a state or condition more closely reflecting natural form, processes and attributes. *Restoration* does not necessarily include *remediation*.~~

~~**Risk Management Official:** the official appointed under Part IV of the Clean Water Act. The Risk Management Official is the primary authority responsible for determining whether new *development* or *site alteration* is, or involves, a significant **drinking water threat** and whether the *development* or *site alteration* is prohibited or subject to a risk management plan in accordance with the applicable source protection plan.~~

Riverine: the river and its associated features, functions and landforms.

~~**Rural Lands:** lands which are located outside *settlement areas* and which are outside *Prime Agricultural Areas*.~~

~~**Rural Settlement Areas:** *settlement areas* located within the Rural System, including villages, hamlets and industrial/commercial centres; Minor Urban Centres designated in the Niagara Escarpment Plan, and Rural Settlements identified in the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan.~~

~~**Secondary suites:** a self-contained separate dwelling unit as part of an existing dwelling with full kitchen and bath facilities as well as a separate entrance.~~

~~**Section 35 Aboriginal and treaty rights:** mean Aboriginal and treaty rights that are recognized and affirmed by Section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982.~~

Sensitive Ground Water Recharge and Discharge Areas:

areas that are highly susceptible to water quality and/or quantity impairment due to a combination of hydrological and hydrogeological features, functions or processes. These may include:

- ~~• areas of high filtration or recharge to aquifer systems due to high elevations, porous soils, such as *meltwater channels*, or poorly developed surface drainage;~~
- ~~• areas with high vulnerability to water quality degradation due to porous soils or areas with sensitive surface features such as lakes and *wetlands*; and~~
- ~~• a concentration of source areas for streams.~~
- areas where surface water infiltration rates are high or concentrated and provide ground water recharge needed to support ecologically *significant features* such as coldwater streams and *wetlands*; and
- seepage areas and springs where the water table is present or discharging at the ground surface and replenishing or providing source water to ecologically *significant features* such as coldwater streams and *wetlands*.

Services: includes all public *services* including built facilities and human *services*.

Settlement areas: urban areas and Rural Settlement Areas within municipalities (such as cities, towns, villages and hamlets) that are:

- a) built-up areas where development is concentrated and which have a mix of land uses; and
- b) lands which have been designated in an official plan for development over the long-term planning horizon provided for in policy Section 1.1.2 of the Provincial Policy Statement, 2014. In cases where land in *designated growth areas* is not available, the *settlement area* may be no larger than the area where development is concentrated.

Shorelines: include bluffs and lands in immediate contact with, or in seasonally inundated areas adjacent to, lakes, rivers and streams. The *littoral zone* is the area along the shore of a lake from the water's edge into the water to a depth where there is a 2% loss of light at the bottom. Both the *shoreline* and *littoral zone* are important habitats at the boundary between terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems. Due to height and location, *shorelines* may in some instances also be associated with slope and/or *erosion hazards*.

Significant*: means:

- a) in regard to *wetlands*, coastal *wetlands* and areas of natural and scientific interest, an area identified as provincially significant by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry using evaluation procedures established by the Province, as amended from time to time;
- b) ~~in regard to the habitat of *endangered species* and *threatened species*, means the habitat, as approved by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, that is necessary for the maintenance, survival, and/or the recovery of naturally occurring or reintroduced populations of *endangered species* or *threatened species*, and where those areas of occurrence are occupied or habitually occupied by the species during all or any part(s) of its life cycle;~~
- e)b) in regard to *woodlands*, an area which is ecologically important in terms of features such as species composition, age of trees and stand history; functionally important due to its contribution to the broader landscape because of its location, size or due to the amount of forest cover in the planning area; or economically important due to site quality, species composition, or past management history;
- d)c) in regard to other features and areas, ecologically important in terms of features, functions, representation or amount, and contributing to the quality and diversity of an identifiable geographic area or ***natural heritage system***;
- e)d) in regard to mineral potential, means an area identified as provincially significant through comprehensive studies prepared using evaluation procedures established by

the Province, as amended from time to time, such as the Provincially Significant Mineral Potential Index; and

- ~~f)- in regard to potential for petroleum resources, means an area identified as provincially significant through comprehensive studies prepared using evaluation procedures established by the Province, as amended from time to time; and~~
- ~~g)e) are valued for the important contribution they make to our understanding of the history of a place, an event, or a people have been determined to have cultural heritage value or interest. Processes and criteria for determining cultural heritage value or interest are established by the Province under the authority of the Ontario Heritage Act.~~

Criteria for determining significance for the resources identified in clauses (c) to ~~(g)~~ (d) are recommended by the Province, but municipal approaches that achieve or exceed the same objective may also be used. Within the Provincial Plan areas, the Province (Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry) identifies criteria for the identification and determination of **key natural heritage features** and **key hydrological features** related to the foregoing. While some significant resources may already be identified and inventoried by official sources, the significance of others can only be determined after evaluation.

Significant Drinking water threat: a **drinking water threat** identified as significant in accordance with the Provincial Table of *Drinking water threats* issued under the Clean Water Act, 2006, and the applicable source protection plan.

Significant Groundwater Recharge Area (SGRA): an area where groundwater is replenished through infiltration and seepage of water and where the recharge rate exceeds a specified threshold.

Significant feature: for the purpose of applying criteria for the identification of Core and Natural Area and Corridor (NAC) *woodlands*; all *wetlands*; all life science *Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest* (regionally and provincially significant); all Core *valley and stream corridors*, *Environmentally Sensitive or Significant Areas (ESAs)*, and Core and NAC *woodlands* that satisfy the size criterion (*i.e.*, *woodlands* that are identified as Core and NAC *woodlands* based solely on criteria other than size are not considered to be *significant features* with respect to the application of the “proximity criterion”).

Site alteration*: activities, such as grading, excavation and the placement of fill that would change the landform and natural vegetative characteristics of a site.

~~**Social Subsidized Housing** (sometimes referred to as “assisted”, “subsidized” or “rent geared to income” housing):~~ housing that is a sub-set of *affordable housing*, sometimes referred to as “assisted”, “social” or “rent-geared-to income” housing. It refers to housing units provided under a variety of federal and provincial housing programs by the municipal non-profit housing corporation (Peel Living) and private non-profit and co-operative non-profit housing corporations. Residents in rent-geared-to-income units in social housing portfolios pay no more than 30% of their annual gross

~~household income in rent.~~ It also refers to housing units within the private rental sector, including ~~the above~~ *affordable housing*, where rent-geared-to-income subsidy is provided through a rent supplement agreement with the landlord.

Source Reduction: changes in the design, use of materials and energy used during the manufacturing or distribution of products and packages to reduce their amount or toxicity before they become municipal solid waste.

Source Water Disclosure Report: a report that discloses whether any of the prescribed *drinking water threats* under the Clean Water Act are expected to occur on the property and whether any of the threats would be a significant *drinking water threat* in accordance with the applicable source protection plan. The disclosure report should include information on the proposed quantity, storage and handling of substances that are a prescribed *drinking water threat*.

~~**Special needs housing:** A unit that is occupied by or is made available for occupancy by a household having one or more individuals who require some form of social and/or financial support and may require accessibility modifications in order to live independently in the community. Examples may include group homes, rooming houses, lodging houses, boarding houses, supportive housing, transitional housing, emergency shelters and single room occupancy units. (Adopted and approved ROPA-23)~~

Special needs: means any housing, including dedicated facilities, in whole or in part, that is used by people who have specific needs beyond economic needs, including but not limited to, needs such as mobility requirements or support functions required for daily living. Examples of special needs housing may include, but are not limited to long-term care homes, adaptable and accessible housing, and housing for persons with disabilities such as physical, sensory or mental health disabilities, and housing for older persons.

Special policy area: an area within a *community* that has historically existed in the *flood plain* and where site specific policies, approved by the Ministers of Natural Resources and Municipal Affairs and Housing, are intended to provide for the continued viability of existing uses (which are generally on a small scale) and address the significant social and economic hardships to the *community* that would result from strict adherence to provincial policies concerning *development*. A *special policy area* is not intended to allow for new or intensified ~~*development development*~~ and ~~*site alteration site alteration*~~, if a community has feasible opportunities for ~~*development development*~~ outside the *flood plain*.

Stewardship: the voluntary actions and cooperative planning by organizations, governments, landowners and residents to protect, restore and enhance land, air and water for long-term ecological sustainability.

Strategic Goods Movement Network: A hierarchical network of existing and potential truck routes identified as important routes for allowing the safe and efficient movement of goods. The network routes provide connectivity and continuity to each other, major goods generating activity centres, the Toronto Pearson International Airport, intermodal terminals and rail facilities, and major highways.

Subwatershed: comprised of the land drained by an individual tributary to the main watercourse; a component of the larger *watershed*. The terms *subwatershed* study and *subwatershed* plan refer to similar types of documents.

~~**Subwatershed Plans:** plans, as described in the provincial guidelines issued by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry in June 1993, that examine environmental issues in greater detail over a smaller area than *watershed plans*. *Subwatershed plans* are specifically tailored to address the unique considerations of each *subwatershed*.~~

Support: to promote the interest or cause of or to assist or act with the [arealocal](#) municipalities, conservation authority or other agency, where appropriate.

Supportive Housing:

Housing that provides [affordable housing](#) and accessible residential accommodation within an environment that provides individual based supports and services to persons who require them to live independently. Individual based supports and services can include on-site or partnership-based assistance with activities of daily living, assistance with medical care and other community supports.

Surface water features*: for the purpose of applying criteria for the identification of Core and Natural Area and Corridor (NAC) *woodlands*, includes lakes, woodland ponds, *watercourses*, springs, seeps, and reservoirs that provide ecological functions. *Surface water features* do not include small surface water features such as farm ponds, stormwater management ponds and ditches that have limited ecological function.

Sustainable / Sustainability: meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

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Sustainable Development: the pursuit of integrating environmental, social, economic and cultural considerations in decision-making. Applying this framework to policy formulation and analysis favours an integrated approach in which these elements are brought together as a forethought in planning and decision making.

~~**Sustainability Design Brief:** a report that illustrates how the Region and area municipal green development standards will be addressed as part of the development process in order to achieve sustainability principles.~~

Sustainable Procurement: involves the consideration of environmental, social and economic factors in the procurement of Goods and Services, in addition to traditional factors such as price, quality and service, and includes Social Procurement. Sustainable Procurement considers Total Cost of Ownership

and supports best value procurement. It considers both the Sustainability factors related to specific Goods and Services, and the Sustainability practices of suppliers along the supply chain.

Sustainable transportation: ~~A sustainable transportation system is one that:~~

- ~~▪ Allows individuals and societies to meet their access needs safely and in a manner consistent with human and ecosystem health and with equity within and between generations;~~
- ~~▪ Is affordable, operates efficiently, offers choice of transport mode, and supports a vibrant economy; and~~
- ~~▪ Limits emissions and waste within the planet's ability to absorb them, minimizes consumption of non-renewable resources, limits consumption of renewable resources to the sustainable yield level, reuses and recycles its components, and minimizes the use of land and the production of noise. (Source: The Centre for Sustainable Transportation, 2002.)~~

the movement of people using low-impact modes including walking, cycling, public transit, carpooling, and low- or zero-emission vehicles.

Thermal treatment: has the same meaning as in the Environmental Protection Act, 1990, Ontario Regulation 347 General - Waste Management.

Threatened species: a species that is listed or categorized as a "Threatened Species" on the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry's official species at risk list, as updated and amended from time to time. a species that is classified as "Threatened Species" on the Species at Risk in Ontario List, as updated and amended from time to time.

Transit modal share: the proportion of person trips by transit expressed as a percentage of all person trips occurring on the transportation system.

Transit-supportive urban development: compact forms of urban development or redevelopment that facilitate the effective use of public transit. Relating to development that makes transit viable and improves the quality of the experience of using transit. It often refers to compact, mixed-use development that has a high level of employment and residential densities. Transit-supportive development will be consistent with Ontario's Transit Supportive Guidelines.

Transportation capacity: the maximum number of vehicles (vehicular capacity) or persons (person capacity) that can pass over a given section of roadway or transit line in one of both directions during a given period of time under prevailing roadway and traffic conditions, usually expressed as vehicles per hour or persons per hour.

Transportation Demand Management (TDM): actions or programs designed to reduce or modify the demand for travel to make optimum use of existing and future transportation facilities and services such as ride-sharing, encouragement to walk, cycle, or use transit, and encouragement to travel outside peak travel periods. A set of strategies that result in more efficient use of the transportation

system by influencing travel behaviour by mode, time of day, frequency, trip length, regulation, route, or cost.

Tributary: a river or stream that flows into a larger river or stream.

Two zone concept: for development in a Flood Plain, the two zone concept is described in the Provincial Policy Statement definition of Floodway (for river and stream systems). For ease of reference, the definition of Floodway is included in this Glossary.

Urban agriculture: the growing of crops, including nursery, biomass, and horticultural crops, within an urban or rural settlement area. It includes urban farms, community gardens, rooftop gardens and gardens on private lots and may include supporting structures such as hoop-houses, raised beds, and cold-frames to improve production. Urban agriculture may include aquaculture and the raising of livestock or insects.

Universal accessibility: products, services and environments that can be used by people of all ages, sizes and abilities, to the greatest extent possible, without the need for adaptation or specialized design.

Urban Forest: all trees in urban and rural settlement areas, as well as the soils that sustain them, located on public and private property. The urban forest includes trees in natural areas as well as trees in more manicured settings such as parks, yards and boulevards. For management purposes the urban forest can be grouped into two broad categories:

- Intensively managed forest – where the unit of management is the individual trees and standard arboricultural practices are applied (i.e. street trees); and
- Extensively managed forest – where the unit of management is the forest stand or vegetation community and landscape ecology or silvicultural practices are applied (i.e. woodlands and natural areas)

Urban Growth Centre Density Target: A minimum gross density target for Peel Region's urban growth centres that is not less than 200 residents and jobs combined per hectare.

Valley and stream corridors: valley and stream corridors are the natural resources associated with the river systems characterized by their landform, features and functions, and include associated ravines. Valley corridors and ravines are distinguished from stream corridors by the presence of a distinct landform.

~~**Value added chain:** is a chain of activities. Products pass all activities in the chain in sequential order and at each activity the product gains some value. The chain of activities gives the product more added value than the sum of added values of all activities.~~

Vulnerable Area: an area referring to a *wellhead protection area, an issue contributing area, a significant groundwater recharge area, a highly vulnerable aquifer, and an intake protection zone.*

Watercourse: for the purpose of applying criteria for the identification of Core, Natural Area and Corridor and Potential Natural Area and Corridor woodlands, a body of water flowing in a reasonably defined channel with bed and banks on a permanent or intermittent basis, and for clarity, excludes drainage features that flow on an ephemeral (storm) basis of frequency only.

Waste: includes anything discarded for collection from any source and litter.

Watershed*: the land drained by a river system. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and the conservation authorities have been advocating *watersheds/subwatersheds* as the appropriate units for ensuring proper hydrologic functioning and water related features, functions and landforms. Other water cycle considerations include *groundwater recharge and discharge areas*, depth to water table, aquifers and *headwaters*.

~~**Watershed Plans/Strategies**: plans that provide a broad analysis of ecosystem function and status, establish watershed objectives, and recommend actions for appropriate management of the watershed's resources.~~

Wayside pit or quarry*: a temporary pit or quarry, not located on Crown land, and opened and used by a public authority, or a person who has a contract with a public authority, solely for the purpose of a particular project of road construction or road maintenance, from outside the limits of the road right of way; or for an urgent project of a public authority for which no alternative source of aggregate under licence or permit is readily available in the vicinity.

Wellhead protection areas (WHPA)*: the surface and subsurface area surrounding a water well or well field that supplies a public water system and through which contaminants are reasonably likely to move so as eventually to reach the water well or well field. Wellhead protection areas are delineated to identify areas that are vulnerable to both water quality and water quantity threats as follows:

- a) For water quality threats, the size of the wellhead protection areas is determined by how quickly water travels underground to the well, measured in years, as defined below:
 - i) Wellhead protection area A: the area within 100 metres of the wellhead.
 - ii) Wellhead protection area B: the area within which the time of travel period to the well is less than 2 years.
 - iii) Wellhead protection area C: the area within which the time of travel period to the well is less than 5 years.

- iv) Wellhead protection area C1: the area within which the time of travel period to the well is less than 10 years.
 - v) Wellhead protection area D: the area within which the time of travel period to the well is less than 25 years.
 - vi) Wellhead protection area E: the area where a well is under the influence of surface water and through which surface water flows in two hours to the well. Wells having ground water under the direct influence (GUDI) of surface water are referred to as a GUDI well.
- b) For water quantity threats, the size of the wellhead protection area is based on a tiered water budget analysis that identifies areas around a municipal well that are vulnerable to water quantity threats, as defined below:
- i) Wellhead protection area Q1: the area where activities that take water without returning it to the same source may be a threat.
 - ii) Wellhead protection area Q2: the area where activities that reduce recharge may be a threat.

Wetlands*: lands that are seasonally or permanently covered by shallow water, as well as lands where the water table is close to or at the surface. In either case, the presence of abundant water has caused the formation of hydric soils (soils in which there is an abundance of moisture) and has favoured the dominance of either hydrophytic or water tolerant plants. The four main categories of *wetland* are swamps, marshes, bogs and fens. Periodically soaked or wet lands being used for agricultural purposes which no longer exhibit *wetland* characteristics are not considered to be *wetlands* for the purposes of this definition.

Wildlife habitat: are areas where plants, animals and other organisms live and find adequate amounts of food, water, shelter and space needed to sustain their populations. Specific *wildlife habitats* of concern may include areas where species congregate concentrate at a vulnerable time in their annual life cycle point in their annual or life cycle; and areas which are important to migratory or non-migratory species.

Woodlands: *ecosystems* comprised of treed areas, woodlots, forested areas and the immediate biotic and abiotic environmental conditions on which they depend. *Woodlands* provide environmental and economic benefits to both the private landowner and the general public, such as erosion prevention, hydrological and nutrient cycling, the provision of clean air and the long-term storage of carbon, the provision of *wildlife habitat*, outdoor recreational opportunities, and the *sustainable* harvest of a wide range of woodland products. *Woodlands* include woodlots, *cultural woodlands*, *cultural savannahs*, *plantations* and forested areas and may also contain remnants of old growth forests.

Woodlands are further defined as any area greater than 0.5 ha that has:

- a) a tree crown cover of over 60% of the ground, determinable from aerial photography, or
- b) a tree crown cover of over 25% of the ground, determinable from aerial photography, together with on-ground stem estimates of at least:
 - i) 1,000 trees of any size per hectare,
 - ii) 750 trees measuring over five centimetres in diameter at breast height (1.37m), per hectare,
 - iii) 500 trees measuring over 12 centimetres in diameter at breast height (1.37m), per hectare, or
 - iv) 250 trees measuring over 20 centimetres in diameter at breast height (1.37m), per hectare (densities based on the Forestry Act of Ontario 1998)

and, which have a minimum average width of 40 metres or more measured to crown edges.

Treed portions with less than the required stocking level will be considered part of the woodland as long as the combination of all treed units in the overall connected treed area meets the required stocking level. Woodlands experiencing changes such as harvesting, blowdown or other tree mortality are still considered woodlands. Such changes are considered temporary whereby the forest still retains its long-term ecological value.