



Purpose of this Newsletter

This Newsletter is intended to help provide information and clarification about the various planning studies which are being carried out in the vicinity of the Trinity Neighbourhood. This is the area bounded by Highland Road, Second Road West, Rymal Road East, and the proposed extension of Trinity Church Road, as shown on the attached map.

These studies are being completed by several parties including:

- The City of Hamilton Public Works Department;
- The City of Hamilton Planning and Economic Development Department;
- Ontario Realty Corporation (ORC), who are currently major land owners in the area; and,
- The Hamilton Conservation Area who will be managing a large portion of these lands.



KARST CAVE ENTRANCE

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What is the Karst Area ?

The Eramosa Karst is a unique natural feature. This series of underground caves, sinking streams and related features include several features which are provincially significant. The boundary of this Area of Natural and Scientific Interest (ANSI) has been confirmed following detailed studies, and is shown on the attached map. Urban development will not be permitted on much of the Karst lands, in order to retain and protect these natural features.

These studies are being coordinated to reduce duplication of effort, and to provide joint public meetings where possible, for the convenience of residents.

Future editions of this newsletter will provide updates on the status of these projects.

Hamilton Conservation Authority

Bruce Duncan, Hamilton Conservation Authority (HCA) General Manager and CAO, will make a presentation at the March 27 Public Information Centre regarding the Eramosa Karst lands, HCA activities and long term plans. This will include a slide presentation.



TRINITY NEIGHBOURHOOD CREEK

The Hamilton Conservation Authority is the area's largest environmental management agency, and is dedicated to the conservation and enjoyment of watershed lands and water resources. The HCA will be managing the Karst lands in future. The HCA web site is found at www.hamrca.on.ca

Trinity Neighbourhood Plan Review

This study addresses the area bounded by Highland Road, Second Road West, Rymal Road East, and the proposed extension of Trinity Church Road, as indicated on Map 1. This area is located within the Heritage Green Secondary Plan.

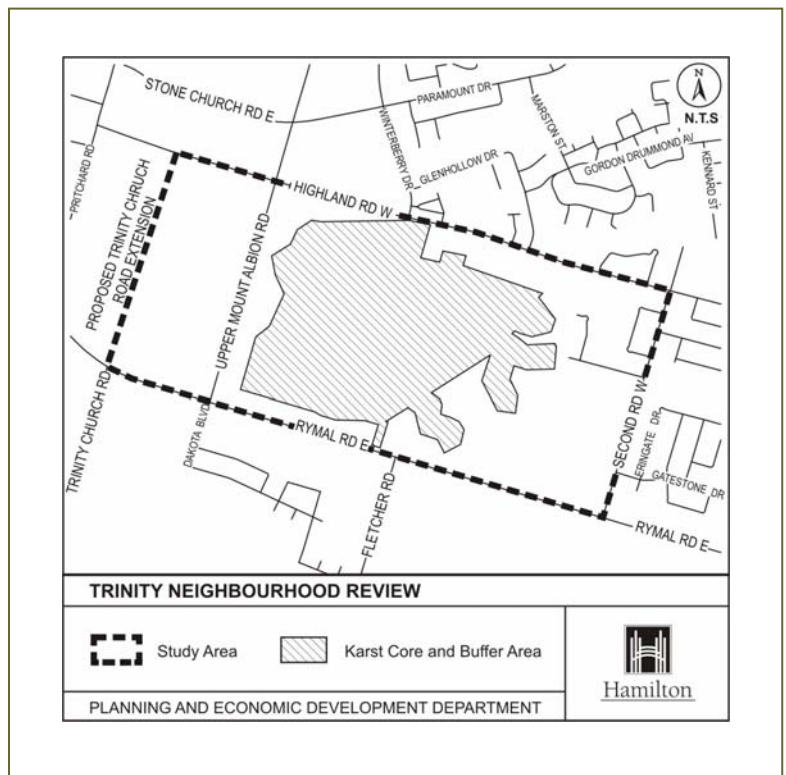
The purpose of the study is to review and update the land use plan for this area which was originally approved in the early 1990's, prior to the discovery of the Karst. The study is being undertaken by the City Planning & Economic Development Department.

The first Public Information Centre on this study will be held on Monday March 27, 2006 at 6:00 – 8:30 pm at Winterberry Heights Church. See the attached notice for details. This initial meeting will allow for discussion of the study process, and an opportunity for local residents to provide input on the type of development which they would like to see for this area, in terms of type, density and design. Future public meetings will allow input into alternative options. This study is intended to be complete by the fall of 2006.

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Map 1

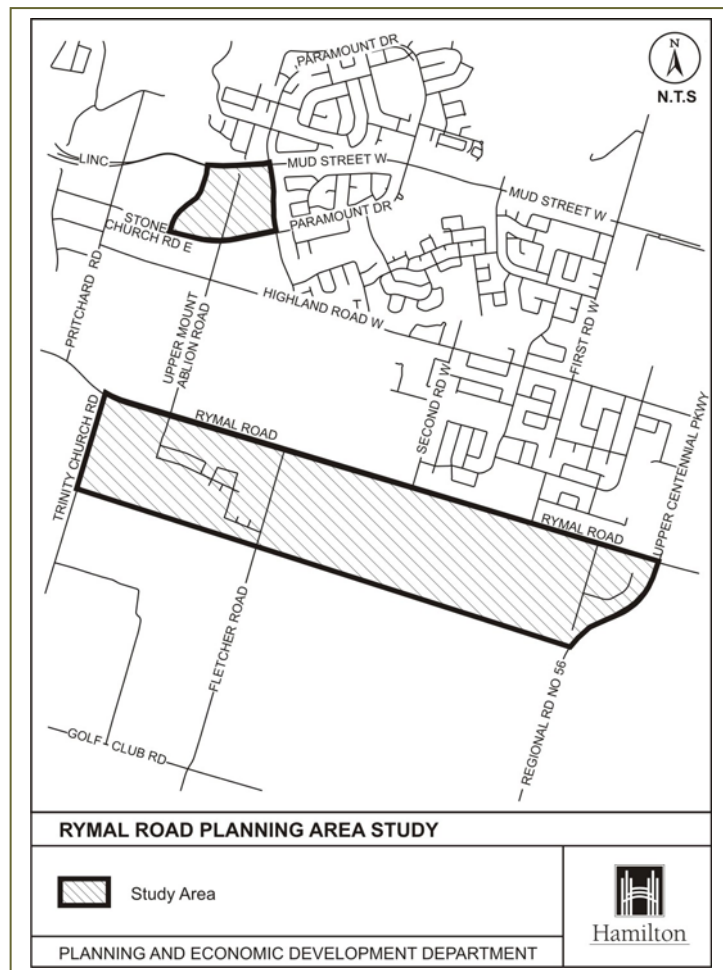


Rymal Road Planning Area Study (ROPA 9)

This study addresses the lands on the south side of Rymal Road East (Highway No. 53), between Trinity Church Road, and Regional Road 56, and north of the hydro corridor, in the former Township of Glanbrook.

The lands bounded by Mud Street West to the north, Paramount Drive to the south, Winterberry Drive to the east, and the Mud Street / Red Hill Creek interchange to the west are also included in the study. (See Map 2)

Map 2



The City of Hamilton has initiated the Master Plan Class Environmental Assessment (EA) process to assess the transportation, water supply, and sewage needs for the Rymal Road Planning Area. Amendment No. 9 to the Region of Hamilton-Wentworth Official Plan (ROPA 9) redesignated approximately 190 hectares (470 acres) of land in this area, to allow urban development. The Rymal Road Planning Area will require growth related infrastructure and service improvements, including:

- The widening of Rymal Road;
- A new road link from Stone Church Road / Red Hill Creek Expressway ramps to Rymal Road (on an alignment to be determined);
- Construction of a new signaled collector road intersection with Regional Road 56 and the widening of Regional Road 56 between the new collector and Rymal Road;
- Storage and pumping capacity improvements to the water distribution system; and,
- Wastewater improvements to connect the proposed sanitary sewer system to the City's trunk system.

Public Information Centres for this project were held on October 3, 2005 and January 26, 2006. The last PIC was to address transportation issues in the Trinity Neighbourhood.

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Davis Creek Subwatershed Study

The study area incorporates both the Upper and Lower Davis Creek Subwatersheds. The City of Hamilton has conducted a set of Public Information Centre events to communicate the management strategies, and to provide the opportunity for input from the public. With an overall goal of sustainability, the Davis Creek Subwatershed Planning process is intended to act as a “stepping-stone” toward an ecosystem-based approach to planning within this study area. The study arose from a need for additional understanding of the ecological features present within the Davis Creek Subwatershed and the processes affecting its sustainability, so that comprehensive, integrative and environmentally responsible planning and development can take place in future.

Two Public Information Centres were held for this study on October 25 & 27, 2005.

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Ontario Realty Corporation

The Province of Ontario owns a majority (approximately 150 hectares) of land within the Trinity Neighbourhood study area. The Ontario Realty Corporation (ORC) is the strategic manager of the provincial government's real property and has a mandate of maintaining and optimizing value of the portfolio, while ensuring real estate decisions reflect public policy objectives.

Of the 150 hectares of provincial land in the Trinity Neighbourhood, ORC is working to transfer over 72 ha. to the Hamilton Conservation Authority for protection of the provincially significant Karst.

Prior to disposing of the remaining properties (78 Ha.) over the coming years, ORC will carry out environmental assessment work as required by the Ministry of Environment approved Class Environmental Assessment process. This process will look specifically at the environmental impacts related to the sale of the lands. The Class Environmental Assessment will not consider future land use issues, as this process is being undertaken by the City through the Trinity Neighbourhood Secondary Plan.

For specific inquiries, related to ORC and its Class Environmental Assessment undertaking, please call Charlene Deyarmond (Phone: (416) 327-3937; Toll Free: 1-877-863-9672) who will direct inquiries accordingly.

