




COMMUNICATION UPDATE

TO:	Mayor and Members City Council
DATE:	October 22, 2021
SUBJECT:	Rescheduled Special General Issues Committee (GIC) Meeting Respecting the GRIDS 2 / MCR Project ~ November 9, 2021 (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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The purpose of this Communication Update is to advise Council that the rescheduled date for the Special General Issues Committee (GIC) to consider the GRIDS 2 / MCR Project reports has been confirmed for Tuesday, November 9, 2021.

As you are aware, City staff, led by the Planning Division, are developing and updating the City's growth management strategy in response to the Provincial mandate that the City must plan for population and employment growth to 2051. The GRIDS 2 process is looking at both growth options within the existing urban area and possible urban boundary expansions. The GRIDS 2 process will result in updates to the City's Official Plan, Infrastructure Master Plans and Development Charges By-law.

City staff were initially targeting October 25, 2021, to hold a Special GIC meeting to consider two fundamental reports. The first report is the updated Land Needs Assessment that was previously presented to Council. The second report focuses on the question of "How do we Grow to 2051?" and will provide a comparative analysis and evaluation of the "No Urban Boundary Expansion" growth scenario and the "Ambitious Density" scenario based on the Council-adopted evaluation framework.

The GRIDS 2 Project Team has been working diligently over the last 3 - 6 months to complete the work, but additional time has been necessary to complete the enhanced public consultation around the growth scenarios and undertake the evaluation of the scenarios.

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