

### **Responding to Provincial Policy Changes:** Proposed Framework for Processing & Evaluating Urban Boundary Expansion Applications

Virtual Open House December 5, 2024

# Land and Water Acknowledgement

The City of Hamilton is situated upon the traditional territories of the **Erie**, **Neutral**, **Huron-Wendat**, **Haudenosaunee and Mississaugas**. This land is covered by the **Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant**, which was an agreement between the **Haudenosaunee** and **Anishinaabek** to share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. We further acknowledge that this land is covered by the **Between the Lakes Purchase**, **1792**, **between the Crown and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation**.

Today, the City of Hamilton is home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island (North America) and we recognize that we must do more to learn about the rich history of this land so that we can better understand our roles as residents, neighbours, partners and caretakers.



# Presentation Agenda

- 1. Welcome and Introductions
- 2. Recent Provincial Policy Changes
- 3. Rationale for Establishing a Framework
- 4. The Draft Framework
- 5. To Participate Further
- 6. What Happens Next?
- 7. Questions & Answers (Q&A)
- 8. Closing Remarks





**Thank you for participating** in the Framework for Processing & Evaluating Urban Boundary Expansion Applications Virtual Open House.



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### **Staff Introduction**



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- This meeting will be **recorded**.
- The presentation deck and recording will be available on the **Engage Hamilton website**
- If you are experiencing **technical difficulties** please let us know in the **chat**.



- Today, you can provide feedback using the **polls** and **chat** during this meeting or through the **survey** at the end of the presentation.
- Comments are directed to the presenters only and will be used for the purpose of webinar issues and feedback. Please use the Q&A tool for questions.



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- Use the Questions & Answers (Q&A) function to ask questions. They will be answered at specific points throughout the presentation.
- Your **screen name** will be displayed on the questions you ask. You can choose to ask questions **anonymously**.



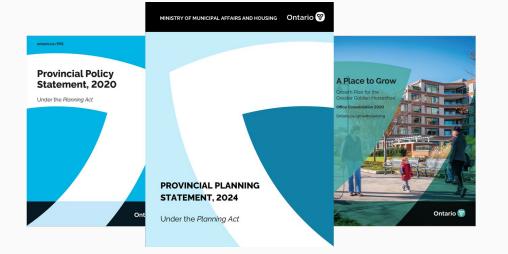
- Questions will be displayed for **all to see**. You can use **upvote** questions others have asked to have them answered first.
- Unanswered questions will be addressed on the Engage Hamilton website's Q&A Page. If you would like to ask questions at a later time you can email urbanboundary@hamilton.ca
- There will be a survey at the end.







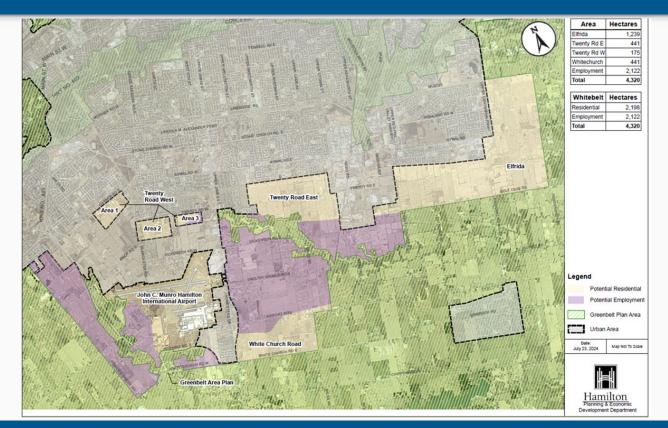
### 2 Recent Provincial Policy Changes



- New Provincial Policy Statement came into effect **October 20, 2024**
- New rules allow landowners to propose urban boundary expansions at any time.
- Proponents can appeal directly to the Ontario Land Tribunal if Council's decisions are rejected or delayed.
- Challenges Hamilton's firm urban boundary and existing Official Plans.



#### Potential Urban Expansion Areas under the Provincial Planning Statement



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## How do the New Provincial rules affect Hamilton?



Anticipated Urban Boundary Expansion Applications



Green Space and Farmland Preservation



Challenges in Maintaining a Firm Urban Boundary



Financial Implications





# **Q&A Break**

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# **3** Rationale for Establishing a Framework

- Bill 185 and the Provincial Planning Statement challenge Hamilton's no urban expansion policy.
- Urban boundary expansion applications will come in **despite policies in Hamilton's Official Plans.**
- Hamilton's Official Plans don't specify requirements for these applications.





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## Council Direction on Expansion Applications

- Council-Approved Draft Framework for Processing and Evaluating Urban Boundary Expansion Applications.
- Relates to application completeness and quality
- Establishes a **clear, transparent process** for receiving and processing applications.
- Made up of Parts A, B, and C



# **Part A** Submission Requirements

Outlines the **specific** plans and technical studies required for any urban boundary expansion application.



#### Part A: Submission Requirements

## **Standard** Submission Requirements



Draft Official Plan Amendment

Planning Justification Report



Archaeological Assessment



Karst (Land Stability) Assessment

Geotechnical

Study

Minimum Distance

Separation

Formulae



Cultural Heritage Impact Study



Noise Impact Study



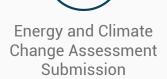


#### Part A: Submission Requirements

### **Enhanced** Submission Requirements



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Functional Servicing Feasibility Report Subwatershed Study (Phase 1)





Noise Impact Study



Transportation Impact Study



Agricultural Impact Assessment



Assessment



Pedestrian Route and Sidewalk Analysis











# Tell Us:

Do you have any **questions about these** submission requirements?

Are there any **additional studies** that should be required in a urban boundary expansion application?

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Part B outlines the **factors** the City will consider when **evaluating** urban boundary expansion applications.

©-∕~ ©-]⊞ Growth Transportation Land Use Allocation Compatibility Systems S A Natural Municipal **Cultural Heritage** Hazards Finance Resources Natural Heritage & **Climate Change** Agricultural Water Resources System Infrastructure & Public Complete Communities Service Facilities

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# Tell Us:

What other **'Considerations**' should the City include in the **evaluation Framework?** 

### Do you have any **questions about these key considerations?**

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# Part C

### Submission and Review Process

Part C: Outlines a clear process for **submission**, **review**, **and public engagement** within the **120 day** time frame.











**How** would you like to be notified when an application for an urban boundary expansion is made?

Let us know in the **chat** if there are other options you would prefer.







When would you like to be notified of a new urban boundary expansion proposal?

Let us know in the **chat** if there are other options you would prefer.





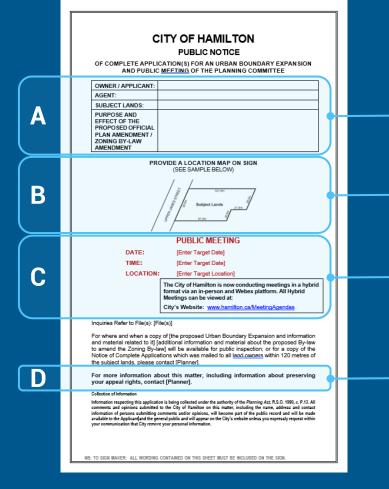
# Poll:

**How** would you like to provide feedback on a new urban boundary expansion proposal?

Let us know in the **chat** if there are other options you would prefer.

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#### Area of the Map of the affected land

Area of the **public meeting details** (in-person and virtual)

Area of the **file number** and **Planner Contact Information** 



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## Tell Us:

Does the **example notice** provide all of the information you would need to understand the urban boundary expansion application?

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# What we've heard so far

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### To Participate Further:



 Review the Draft Framework and submit questions directly in the document on our Engage Hamilton website:



- engage.hamilton.ca/ UBEapplicationframework
- **Take a survey** that will be linked at the end of this Virtual Open House.
- Ask questions online or contact:

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# What if I oppose the new Provincial legislative and policy changes?

Any comments related to the recent provincial policy changes, including approval of the new Provincial Planning Statement and adoption of Bill 185, should be submitted **directly to the Government of Ontario**.

https://www.ontario.ca/feedback/contact-us?id=26928&nid=74567





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### **Next Steps**

- We are taking **your feedback** and adjusting the Draft Framework
- A summary of what we heard will be posted on Engage Hamilton

• Target for incorporating the Framework into Official Plan policy: **Q1, 2025** 





You can also ask questions later by visiting:



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or contact:

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# Thank you for Participating!

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