

AMENDMENTS

Rural Hamilton Official Plan was adopted by By-law 06-295 by the Council of the City of Hamilton on September 27, 2006 with approval by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing on March 13, 2011. The Plan was approved by the Ontario Municipal Board on March 7, 2012.

Table of Amendments

OPA Number	Location	Purpose	Council Adoption Date	Effective Date
1*	497 Millgrove Side Road and Part of 533 Millgrove Side Road (Flamborough)	Establish Site Specific Area R- 22 to permit the expansion of a small scale institutional use.	April 14, 2010	March 7, 2012 (OMB Decision Case No. PL090114)
2*	568 Ridge Road (Stoney Creek)	Establish Site Specific Area R-23 to permit a small scale restaurant, in conjunction with and incidental to a winery.	May 26, 2010	March 7, 2012 (OMB Decision Case No. PL090114)
3*	834 Brock Road, Part of Lots 9 & 10, Concession 4 (Flamborough)	Redesignate lands from Rural to Mineral Aggregate Resource Extraction Area to permit the extension of the Lafarge Canada Inc., Dundas North Quarry.	September 14, 2011	March 7, 2012 (OMB Decision Case No. PL090114)
4	401 Lynden Road, southeast corner of Powerline Road West and Lynden Road (Ancaster)	Establish Site Specific Area R-27 to permit the severance of a parcel of land for a surplus farm dwelling.	September 12, 2012	October 16, 2012
5	Housekeeping Amendment (City-Wide)	Establish policies respecting the rural economy, housing, design, cultural heritage, community facilities/services, health and public safety, transportation, complete applications and formal consultation; and to revise/correct section numbering and other typographical errors.	November 13, 2013	April 2, 2014 and September 5, 2014 (Site Specific) (OMB Decision Case No. PL13139)

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6	3075 Tisdale Road (Glanbrook)	Establish Site Specific Area R-28 to permit the severance of a parcel of land for a proposed place of worship.	February 12, 2014	March 19, 2014
7	58 12th Concession Road East (Flamborough)	Establish Site Specific Area R-29 to permit the establishment of a seasonal campground.	April 9, 2014	October 21, 2014 (OMB Decision Case No. PL140509)
8	Airport Employment Growth District	Remove the lands from the Rural Hamilton Official Plan, as a result of an urban boundary expansion for the Airport Employment Growth District; establish Site Specific Area R-30 for airport reserve, and Site Specific Areas R-31 and R-32 to prohibit non-agricultural and urban uses.	October 13, 2010	April 10, 2015 (OMB Decision Case No. PL101300)
9	Rural Zoning Implementation (City-Wide)	Amend current policies, establish new policies, and amend mapping to enable the implementation of new Rural Zoning; establish new policies to implement Source Protection Plans and revise/correct section numbering and other typographical errors within the Rural Hamilton Official Plan. Appeal relating to Medical Marihuana Growing and Harvesting Facility, concerning Rural Site Specific Area R-35. Appeal relating to Landscape Contracting operations.	July 10, 2015	May 3, 2016 (OMB Decision Case No. PL150805) February 28, 2017 (OMB Decision Case No. PL150805) March 13, 2017 (OMB Decision Case No. PL151130)

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10	A portion of 680 Highway 8 and 812 and 814 Old Highway 8 (Flamborough)	Redesignate lands from City Wide Park to Settlement Institutional to permit an educational establishment within the Rockton Rural Settlement Area, and establish Site Specific Area 1 within the Rockton Rural Settlement Area to allow for ancillary commercial recreation uses on the Rockton Fairgrounds.	October 14, 2015	June 22, 2016
11	917 Centre Road (Flamborough) and 432 Highland Road East (Stoney Creek)	Establish Site Specific Area 1 within Flamborough Centre Rural Settlement Area to permit a warehouse (self-storage facility), and amend Site Specific Area R-26 to allow for the expansion of an existing agricultural processing facility.	December 9, 2015	May 11, 2016
12	Road Widening and Complete Application (City-Wide)	Clarify circumstances where the City is permitted to waive or accept less than the maximum road widening and/or daylighting triangle requirements established in the Rural Hamilton Official Plan; identify additional information and materials required to deem <i>Planning Act</i> applications for official plan amendment, zoning by-law amendment, draft plan of subdivision, and other planning applications complete; identify implementation requirements for a Public Consultation Strategy and Right of Way Impact Assessment; and correct policy references and numbering.	September 28, 2016	October 27, 2016

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13	Parkland Dedication – Phase 1 (City-Wide)	Amend Parkland Dedication policies to reflect cash-in-lieu of parkland dedication rates for certain ground-related housing and heritage buildings; correct inconsistencies between the Rural Hamilton Official Plan and the Parkland Dedication By-law for schools; and, implement the <i>Planning Act</i> changes introduced by Bill 73.	March 8, 2017	April 7, 2017
14	582, 626, 632, 634 and 638 Brock Road, 790, 798, 822, 826 and 832 Concession 4 West, and 520, 526, 532, 536, 540, 542, 546, 550, 554, 559, 564, 565, 568, 580 and 588 Moxley Road (Flamborough) (Lafarge Quarry Expansion)	Redesignate lands from Rural to Mineral Aggregate Resource Extraction Area and establish Rural Site Specific Area R-36 to permit the extraction of mineral aggregate resources.	November 22, 2017	December 26, 2017
15	9255 Airport Road West (Mountaingate / Lancaster Heights) (Glanbrook)	Remove the Natural Heritage Systems Core Area, Key Hydrologic Feature Wetlands, Key Hydrologic Feature Streams identifications and establish Site Specific Area R-27 to permit the development of a stormwater management facility to serve the adjacent urban area.	January 24, 2018	February 27, 2018
16	1051 Green Mountain Road East, Stoney Creek	Establish Site Specific Area R-38 to permit the extension of the existing Vinemount Quarry.	February 28, 2018	April 12, 2018
17	1915, 1995, 1997 Jerseyville Road (Ancaster)	Establish Site Specific Area R-39 to permit a cannabis growing and harvesting facility with an increased gross floor area and maximum lot coverage.	Appealed to LPAT for Non-Decision	May 14, 2019 (LPAT Decision Case No. PL180732)

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18	Housekeeping Amendment (City-Wide)	Clarify and ensure correctness of the Rural Hamilton Official Plan and update rural servicing policies, in relation to cisterns and minor lot additions to facilitate rural development.	August 17, 2018	September 21, 2018
19	163 & 167 Highway No 5 West (Flamborough)	Replace the inset map for Rural Site Specific Area R-4 to reflect the extent of the land subject to the policies that permit a Golf Course on 167 Highway No. 5 West.	September 12, 2018	October 12, 2018
20	19 Highland Road East (Stoney Creek)	Establish Site Specific Area R-41 to permit the expansion of the existing mini storage facility located at 130 Upper Centennial Parkway.	September 26, 2018	October 31, 2018
21	Cannabis Growing & Harvesting Facilities, Aquaponics and Greenhouses (City-Wide)	Revise medical marihuana growing and harvesting facility policies to reflect the recent approval of the <i>Cannabis Act</i> and to include additional regulations related to the use.	September 26, 2018	October 12, 2018 (LPAT Decision Case No. PL180818, May 10, 2019) (LPAT Decision Case No. PL180818, May 29, 2020)
22	1633 & 1649 Highway 6 North (Flamborough)	Establish establish Site Specific Area R-42 to permit expansions to the existing <i>Cannabis Growing and Harvesting Facility</i> and to permit the processing of cannabis into cannabis oil as an <i>agricultural-related use</i> .	May 22, 2019	June 25, 2019

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23	Administrative Amendment (City-Wide)	Administrative Amendment to correct administrative (i.e. formatting, numbering, typographical and grammatical) errors to improve clarity and understanding of the Rural Hamilton Official Plan.	December 11, 2019	December 11, 2019
24 (Pending)	34 11th Concession Road East & 1800 Highway 6 (Flamborough)	Redesignate lands and create a Site Specific Policy Area within the Freelon Rural Settlement Area to permit a Draft Plan of Subdivision for up to 20 single detached dwelling lots.	Appealed for Non-Decision	August 29, 2020 (LPAT Decision Case No. PL10858)
25	2121 and 2187 Regional Road 56 (Glanbrook)	Establish a Rural Site Specific Area to permit the extension of "lake-based" municipal water services and a connection to municipal wastewater services outside of the urban area boundary to service two properties, north of Binbrook Village.	December 16, 2020	February 15, 2022 (LPAT Case No. 210073)
26	Housekeeping Amendment (City-Wide)	To amend and add new policies and definitions to provide better direction for implementation of the Plan, amend policies and/or adding new policies to align with Provincial legislation (e.g., secondary dwelling units); and, amend policies, schedules and maps correct and clarify policy and mapping errors.	January 20, 2021	February 24, 2021
27	2069 Binbrook Road (Glanbrook)	Establish a Rural Site Specific Area to permit the existing second dwelling previously recognized as a farm help house on the subject lands and to prohibit the severance of the existing second dwelling.	March 31, 2021	May 6, 2021

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28	435 Carluke Road West (Ancaster)	To redesignate the lands from the "Open Space" designation to the "Agriculture" designation because the lands are no longer required for open space uses.	June 9, 2021	July 13, 2021
29	822 and 914 Book Road West and 1276 Shaver Road (Ancaster)	To redesignate portions of the subject lands from the "Open Space" designation to the "Agriculture" designation and to establish a Rural Site Specific Area in order to permit a single detached dwelling on the subject lands.	August 13, 2021	September 10, 2021
30	Housekeeping Amendment (City-Wide)	To amend and add new policies and definitions to provide better direction for implementation of the Plan, amend policies and/or adding new policies to align with Provincial legislation; and, amend policies, schedules and maps to correct and clarify policy and mapping errors.	October 13, 2021	November 9, 2021
31	Pleasantview Area (Dundas)	To replace existing policies and mapping for the Pleasantview Area with a revised policy framework for the appropriate use and development of the lands.	December 15, 2021	January 13, 2022
32	173 Highway 52, 1372 Concession 2 West, and 1348 Concession 2 West (Flamborough)	To establish a Rural Site Specific Area to permit reduced lot areas for two Agricultural designated lots.	March 30, 2022	April 29, 2022
33	Housekeeping Amendment (City-Wide)	To clarify policies by correcting administrative errors; remove duplication and/or redundant wording; add a new definition; and, correct policy and mapping errors.	April 13, 2022	May 10, 2022

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34	Municipal Comprehensive Review (Phase 1) - Urban Conformity	To update the policies and mapping of the Rural Hamilton Official Plan in accordance with the Council adopted OPA, as modified by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to implement urban boundary expansion to accommodate population and employment growth to 2051.	June 8, 2022	November 4, 2022 (MMAH Decision)
35	5020 Tyneside Road (Glanbrook)	To establish a Rural Site Specific Area to permit a severed lot with no frontage on a public road and a surplus farm dwelling lot that exceeds a depth of 122 metres.	July 8, 2022	August 9, 2022
36	Bill 13 and Bill 109 Implementation (City Wide)	To amend existing policies and add new policies to respond to <i>Ontario's More Homes for Everyone Act, 2022</i> (Bill 109) and <i>Supporting People and Business Act, 2021</i> (Bill 13), and respond to legislative changes to the <i>Planning Act</i> to expedite development approvals.	August 12, 2022	September 8, 2022
37	3355 Golf Club Road (Glanbrook)	To include an Agri-tourism Retreat as a permitted On-Farm Secondary Use to allow for more specific agri-tourism uses on the subject lands and to enhance the economic base of the agricultural community.	Appealed for Non-Decision	January 24, 2023
38	127 Freelton Road (Flamborough)	To redesignate the subject lands from "Settlement Commercial" to "Settlement Residential" within the Freelton Rural Settlement Area to recognize the existing building on the subject lands as a single detached dwelling.	May 24, 2023	June 27, 2023

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39	Farm Labour Residences (City-Wide)	To amend the permissions for Additional Dwelling Unit – Detached and farm labour residences.	March 27, 2024	May 7, 2024
40	Parkland Dedication (City-Wide)	To amend the Parkland and Parkland Dedication Policies of Volume 1.	June 26, 2024	July 31, 2024
41	Housekeeping Amendment and Strategic Update (City-Wide)	To amend policies, schedules and maps to correct and clarify policy and mapping error and to clarify policy implementation.	July 12, 2024	January 17, 2025 (OLT-24-000879)
42	Bill 185 Implementation – Submission Requirements and Formal Consultations (CityWide)	To amend the policies of the Urban Hamilton Official Plan to respond to Planning Act legislative changes which implement Bill 185, Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024.	October 23, 2024	November 27, 2024
43	1278 Old Highway 8 (Flamborough)	To redesignate the subject lands from Settlement Institutional to Settlement Residential and create a new Site Specific Policy in the Sheffield Rural Settlement Area.	April 16, 2025	May 27, 2025
45	Housekeeping Amendment and Strategic Update (City-Wide)	To amend policies, schedules and maps to correct and clarify policy and mapping error and to clarify policy implementation.	August 6, 2025	September 11, 2025
46	Housekeeping Amendment – Complete Application Requirements (City-Wide)	To amend Schedule H – Other Information and Materials to clarify submission requirements for a complete application.	January 21, 2026	February 25, 2026
47	Self Storage Facilities Review (City Wide)	To introduce a policy framework in the Rural Hamilton Official Plan to permit self storage facilities subject to conditions.	January 21, 2026	February 25, 2026

*Amendments 1, 2 and 3 were adopted by Council prior to MMAH or OMB approval of the RHOP. These Amendments were incorporated into the Rural Hamilton Official Plan and brought into effect by the OMB with their decision of March 7, 2012.