



# INFORMATION UPDATE

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Members City Council
<b>DATE:</b>	October 13, 2020
<b>SUBJECT/REPORT NO:</b>	GRIDS 2 and Municipal Comprehensive Review – Land Needs Assessment – Timing Update
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	City Wide
<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>	Jason Thorne General Manager Planning and Economic Development Department
<b>SIGNATURE:</b>	

The purpose of this Information Update is to provide an update to Council on the anticipated timing for the release and consideration of several important reports related to GRIDS 2. GRIDS 2 builds upon the City's Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR) process that was completed as part of the original GRIDS study for the 2001 – 2031 time period. The original GRIDS study has been implemented through the associated infrastructure master plans (Stormwater, Transportation and Water and Wastewater Masters Plans), new Official Plans for the City of Hamilton and Secondary Plans (i.e. the Rural Official Plan, the Urban Official Plan and the Airport Employment Growth District) and associated Development Charge studies and implementing by-law updates. The GRIDS 2 study will guide and inform how the City of Hamilton plans for and accommodates both population and employment growth for the period 2031 to 2051.

The GRIDS 2 project is multifaceted and is required to implement the requirements of A Place to Grow, as amended, and the Provincial Policy Statement. As part of the GRIDS2 project, a Land Needs Assessment (LNA) to 2051 is being prepared for presentation to Council.

In June 2020, staff had issued an Information Update which identified the timing for release of the GRIDS 2 / MCR Land Needs Assessment and related reports in August 2020, with the reports being scheduled for discussion at a September 2020 GIC meeting.

Subsequent to the June 2020 Update, in August 2020 the Province released a new Amendment 1 to A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe and an update to the Land Needs Assessment Methodology. The effect of Amendment 1 is to extend the planning horizon of the Growth Plan to the year 2051 (extended from

---

*OUR Vision: To be the best place to raise a child and age successfully.*

*OUR Mission: To provide high quality cost conscious public services that contribute to a healthy, safe and prosperous community, in a sustainable manner.*

*OUR Culture: Collective Ownership, Steadfast Integrity, Courageous Change, Sensational Service, Engaged Empowered Employees.*

**SUBJECT: GRIDS 2 and Municipal Comprehensive Review – Timing Update**  
**Page 2 of 2**

---

2041), including providing population and employment forecasts for the City of Hamilton to 2051. The 2051 population and employment forecasts require the City of Hamilton to plan for a population of 820,000 people and employment of 360,000 jobs in 2051. This increase represents an additional 40,000 people and 10,000 jobs from the 2041 time period.

A revised Land Needs Assessment Methodology was released by the Province in August 2020. In accordance with A Place to Grow, the City is required to plan utilizing the new provincial LNA methodology.

As a result of these provincial changes to both A Place to Grow and the LNA Methodology, staff have had to revise the work that had previously been completed.

Council has previously directed that staff should aim to release the GRIDS 2 / MCR reports more than the usual one week prior to the Committee date, in order to allow the public sufficient time for review prior to providing comments to Committee and Council.

Staff are therefore proposing the following updated dates for the release and consideration of the GRIDS 2 / MCR staff report and supporting studies, including the LNA and Residential Intensification Market Demand Study:

- Release of the reports in mid-November on the City's website ([www.hamilton.ca/GRIDS2-MCR](http://www.hamilton.ca/GRIDS2-MCR)). Once the materials have been posted, members of Council and all interested parties on the project mailing list will be notified; and,
- Scheduling of the reports for a special GIC meeting / workshop to be held on December 14, 2020.

Staff are developing a communications plan to ensure that both Council and stakeholders are advised when the documents are published on the City's website and to explain opportunities for feedback on the documents.

Following the special GIC meeting, public consultation on the LNA and related reports will take place in January 2021 (dates to be determined).

If you require additional information, please contact:

Steve Robichaud  
Director of Planning and Chief Planner  
Planning Division  
Phone: 905-546-2424 ext. 4281  
Email: [steve.robichaud@hamilton.ca](mailto:steve.robichaud@hamilton.ca)

Heather Travis  
Senior Project Manager  
Planning Policy and Zoning By-law Reform  
Phone: 905-546-2424 ext. 4168  
Email: [heather.travis@hamilton.ca](mailto:heather.travis@hamilton.ca)