

Public / Stakeholder Comments –
Land Needs Assessment: Climate Change Lens

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Dave	How is the Land Needs assessment taking into account the Community Energy and Environment "low carbon modelling" which would change some of the assumptions contained in the "Business as Planned" assumptions. I am referring to the data presented in the June 15 CEEP Advisory Committee presentation by SSG.	The Land Needs Assessment does not take into account the Community Energy and Emissions Plan Business As Planned (BAP) modeling scenario. This is because the LNA has a prescribed methodology under the Growth Plan. The forthcoming Low Carbon Scenario can inform decisions on how we grow and will be considered as the City addresses Planning Act and Growth Plan requirements which speak to including policies in our official plan for setting targets for greenhouse gas emissions and planning for low-carbon communities. Staff will be looking at the modeling of the city wide Low Carbon Scenario to understand if and how that modeling can inform GRIDS 2 / MCR work going forward.
Nancy	I'm wondering to what extent the Land Needs planning staff is collaborating with the CEEP staff? At first glance, energy and emissions and land needs may not seem aligned but it is easy to connect the dots. To my knowledge the CEEP consultation period just began this month and is still in the early stages of gathering feedback. Hamilton has declared a climate emergency which indicates that the City has recognized the need to cut our CO2 emissions in half by 2030, only nine years from now. In light of this, it seems to me that our focus moving forward should be on the highest level of intensification that we can achieve rather than new developments paving over prime agricultural lands. Digging and turning soil, further sprawl and loss of green space are just a few contributors to climate change.	Staff on the GRIDS 2 / MCR project team are part of the staff working group on the CEEP. However, the Land Needs Assessment, which is the current focus of the GRIDS 2/ MCR work, does not take into account the CEEP Business As Planned (BAP) modeling scenario. This is because the LNA has a prescribed methodology under the Growth Plan. The forthcoming Low Carbon Scenario can inform decisions on how we grow and will be considered as the City addresses Planning Act and Growth Plan requirements which speak to including policies in our official plan for setting targets for greenhouse gas emissions and planning for low-carbon communities. We will be looking at the modeling of the city wide Low Carbon Scenario to understand if and how that modeling can inform our work going forward.

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Open House question	Given that climate change has become much more of a pressing issue since the IPCC report was released... has the 2030 deadline to keep warming under 2 degrees Celsius affected planning?	The City has declared a climate emergency and set its own goal to be carbon neutral by 2050. All planning initiatives including GRIDS 2 / MCR will consider how the work does or does not help to meet that City goal.
Open House question	How does the City ensure that developers and builders meet higher building codes so that all new homes are built to the highest insulation and heating standards, instead of providing the cheapest products to complete the development?	The City is currently working on the development of a Green Standards document. It will provide staff and developers a guideline to push for higher building standards that are more efficient. However, it should be noted the voluntary green standards cannot override the Ontario Building Code. Nevertheless, staff are exploring mechanisms to implement the Green Standards through the development approvals process.
Open House question	Many think the Climate Change needs to be a lens through which development is planned. Should it not be considered first given that?	Climate change is an important lens to view all planning decisions and will be considered along with many factors during the planning of new communities.
Open House question	One aspect of climate change are dramatically increased precipitation events. What provisions with expanded areas for watersheds have been made?	Sub-watershed planning is required as part of the future Secondary Planning process for the development of new communities.