B.2.0 DEFINING OUR COMMUNITIES (OPA 5)

2.1 Communities in the rural area of the City of Hamilton can be defined in multiple ways. Land use definitions of communities include:

a) the urban boundary which delineates the urban area from the rural area. Policies pertaining to the urban boundary are not included in this Plan. The urban boundary is delineated through the Urban Hamilton Official Plan. It is the intent of the City of Hamilton to maintain a firm urban boundary. Lands shall not be removed from the boundaries of Rural Hamilton and added to the Urban Area and,

b) rural settlement area boundaries which set the limits for residential, non-farm, and non-resource-based growth. Rural settlement area boundaries shall not be expanded.