

Appendix A

Regional Official Plan Amendment Framework for Policy Directions

Policy Direction	1 st Regional Official Plan Amendment ROPA 48	2 nd Official Plan Amendment	3 rd Regional Official Plan Amendment
Climate Change			
CC-1 – Strengthen and enhance the Regional Official Plan’s vision, goals, objectives, policies, and definitions so that the impacts of a changing climate are a key factor to consider in making decisions on growth and development and the protection of the Region’s natural heritage, water resource, and agricultural systems.			✓
CC-2 – Enhance the policies in the Regional Official Plan that support a culture of conservation as it relates to the management of resources.			✓
CC-3 – Introduce new policies and enhance existing policies in the Regional Official Plan to undertake stormwater management planning in a manner that assesses the impacts of extreme weather events and incorporate appropriate Green Infrastructure and Low Impact Development solutions as part of an Area-Specific Planning Process.			✓
CC-4 – Introduce new policies in the Regional Official Plan that require the Region and the Local Municipalities to assess infrastructure risk and vulnerabilities, and identify actions and investments to address these challenges where appropriate.			✓
CC-5 – Introduce new policies in the Regional Official Plan that encourage the Local Municipalities to introduce and/or enhance Green Development Standards for new development.			✓
CC-6 – To support the transition to low carbon communities, the Regional Official Plan will promote renewable and alternative energy systems and require the			✓

preparation of a Community Energy Plan as part of an Area-Specific Planning Process.			
CC-7 – Introduce new policies and enhance existing policies in the Regional Official Plan to promote urban agriculture and locally-sourced food production.			✓
CC-8 –Update existing subwatershed policies to include the consideration for the impacts of a changing climate as part of an Area-Specific Planning Process.			✓
CC-9 – Review and update the Emergency Management policies where required to ensure they plan for resiliency and identify areas where hazards lands and adverse impacts of extreme weather events intersect.			✓
Integrated Growth Management Strategy			
IGMS-1 - Create a Regional Urban Structure and supporting policy framework to accommodate a significant amount of population and employment growth to 2051 in Strategic Growth Areas	✓ (Regional growth to 2051)	✓ (Distribution of Regional growth to Local Municipalities)	
IGMS-2 – Confirm the boundaries of the existing Regional Employment Areas and advance Strategic Employment Land Conversions.	✓ (Initial set of strategic employment land conversions)	✓ (New Employment Areas + Additional Employment Land Conversions)	
IGMS-3 – Update the Regional Employment Areas policy framework to provide clarity on permitted uses and to identify opportunities for intensification of employment uses.		✓	
IGMS-4 — Set an Ambitious and Achievable Intensification Target for the Region and Local Municipalities to 2051.		✓	
IGMS-5 – Update Housing Mix Targets in the Regional Official Plan to establish a broad range and mix of housing in the Region to 2051.		✓	

IGMS-6 – Establish a Regional Urban Boundary to support population and employment growth to 2051.		✓	
IGMS-7 – Set Community Designated Greenfield Area Targets for the Region and Local Municipalities.		✓	
IGMS-8 – Establish Employment Area Density Targets for Regional Employment Areas.		✓	
IGMS-9 – Identify and provide sufficient employment land supply based on the Land Needs Assessment to provide a complete range of employment opportunities to 2051.		✓	
IGMS-10 – Strengthen and clarify existing Development Phasing Policies to 2051 for the Region and Local Municipalities.		✓	
IGMS-11 – Direct the majority of growth to 2051 to Settlement Areas in order to maximize efficient use of existing or planned urban services.	✓	✓	
IGMS-12 – Clarify study and policy requirements for Area-Specific Plans in the Regional Official Plan to differentiate between Designated Greenfield Area and redevelopment/intensification contexts.		✓	
IGMS-13 – Update land use compatibility policies in the Regional Official Plan in accordance with Provincial plans and policies.	✓	✓	
IGMS-14 – Strengthen inclusionary zoning policies introduced through Area-Specific Plan requirements under Regional Official Plan Amendment 48 by establishing complementary housing objectives and policies.	✓	✓	
IGMS-15 – Broaden policies permitting the creation of additional residential units within and ancillary to detached houses, semi-detached houses, and townhouses.		✓	
IGMS-16 – Strengthen policies to prevent the loss of rental housing and to mitigate the impacts of rental conversion or replacement on tenants and the rental market.		✓	

IGMS-17 – Provide additional direction to Local Municipalities to support the achievement of Halton Region’s 30% affordable unit mix target through Area-Specific Plans.		✓	
Rural and Agricultural System			
RAS-1 – Create three new mutually exclusive land use designations: Prime Agricultural Areas, Rural Lands and Key Features to provide clarity about land uses in Halton’s Rural Area.			✓
RAS-2 – Update the policies of the Regional Official Plan to broaden permissions and allow for more opportunities for agriculture-related uses and on-farm diversified uses as outlined in Provincial policies, plans and guidelines.			✓
RAS-3 – Introduce new policies in the Regional Official Plan that may permit cemeteries, subject to criteria, in the new Rural Lands designation.			✓
RAS-4 – Update the policies in the Regional Official Plan to clarify when an Agricultural Impact Assessment is required.			✓
RAS-5 – Update the Regional Official Plan to permit Special Needs Housing in the Rural Area.			✓
RAS-6 – Introduce new policies in the Regional Official Plan that support an enhanced planning and development review process at both the Regional and local levels that supports new and expanded agricultural uses and which provides clarity on the Region's role as a commenting agency on Niagara Escarpment Commission applications.			✓
RAS-7– Introduce new policies in the Regional Official Plan that implement edge planning best practices to minimize the impacts of urban development on nearby agriculture.			✓

Natural Heritage System			
NH-1 – Incorporate mapping and policies in the Regional Official Plan that implement the new Natural Heritage System for the Growth Plan.			✓
NH-2 – Incorporate and update policies that implement updated policies on natural heritage from the Greenbelt Plan and the Niagara Escarpment Plan.			✓
NH-3 – Harmonize the mapping and policies for the Greenbelt Natural Heritage System and the Natural Heritage System for the Growth Plan to create a Provincial Natural Heritage System.			✓
NH-4 – Incorporate new policies and mapping in the Regional Official Plan that implements a Water Resource System.			✓
NH-5 – Update and enhance existing policies in the Regional Official Plan on Natural Hazards to be consistent with and conform to Provincial Policies and Plans.			✓
NH-6 - Update Regional Official Plan mapping to include a Natural Heritage System overlay with Key Features designated in rural areas and maintain the Natural Heritage System designation in Settlement Areas.			✓
NH-7 – Update the policies and mapping that build on the existing comprehensive Regional Natural Heritage System policy framework.			✓
NH-8 – Update the Regional Plan to recognize the impacts of invasive species on the determination of the significance of woodlands.			✓
NH-9 – Update the Regional Official Plan to include policies that conform to the three source protection plans that apply in the Region.			✓
NH-10 – Introduce a new policy in the Regional Official Plan that requires the Region to develop a Halton Region Natural Heritage Strategy.			✓
NH-11 – Update and enhance current policies in the Regional Official Plan to			✓

recognize agriculture in components of the Natural Heritage System.			
North Aldershot Planning Area			
NAPA-1 – Integrate the North Aldershot planning framework with the Rural and Agricultural System policies in the Regional Official Plan through the application of a ‘Rural Land’ designation to the lands currently identified as ‘North Aldershot Policy Area.			✓
NAPA-2 – Align policies for urban servicing with updated Provincial policy direction that requires municipal services to be directed to urban areas by removing the ‘Area Eligible for Urban Servicing’ overlay on Map 1. Servicing policies for North Aldershot will be integrated with the policies applicable to the Rural and Agricultural System.			✓
Indigenous Peoples			
IP-1 – Update the Regional Official Plan to recognize and acknowledge interests of Indigenous Peoples related to land use, including consultation on land use planning matters.			✓
Implementation			
IMP-1 – Improve the legibility and wayfinding of the Regional Official Plan by reviewing the organization of the Plan, the numbering of policies, the heading and sub-heading structure of the document, mapping, and the page layout including title pages and section covers.			✓
IMP-2 – Update Regional Official Plan policies, as needed, to improve clarity of implementation and intent.			✓

IMP-3 – Harmonize and consolidate policies and principles that are repetitive in the Regional Official Plan.			✓
IMP-4 – Coordinate and align the Regional Official Plan with strategic documents, policies, guidelines, and programs at the Region, and also reduce duplication to refocus the Regional Official Plan on strategic objectives appropriate to the implementation of land use planning matters.			✓
IMP-5 – Update the Regional Official Plan to reflect current practices and changes to Provincial policies and legislation not reflected in theme areas.			✓