



Planning and Economic Development
Corporate Services Department

MEMORANDUM

To: Regional Chair Emmerson and Members of Regional Council

From: Paul Freeman
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Date: February 24, 2020

Re: Pending Provincial Updates:
Revised Land Needs Assessment Methodology and Updated Growth Plan
Population and Employment Forecasts

This memorandum provides an update on pending Provincial reviews regarding key growth management inputs to the Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR) and potential implications on the Official Plan Update.

The Province is revising the Land Needs Assessment Methodology to align with the 2019 Growth Plan

The Province, in consultation with stakeholders including the Region, is in the process of updating the Provincial Land Needs Assessment methodology to align with the 2019 Growth Plan. Revisions are expected to affect preliminary forecast work undertaken to date by staff. The revised methodology is expected to be released as a draft in the coming weeks and finalized spring 2020. The Province has advised that all upper and single-tier Municipal Comprehensive Reviews will have to conform with the updated Provincial methodology.

The Province is reviewing Schedule 3 of the Growth Plan which assigns population and employment forecasts to upper and single-tier municipalities

The Province is also reviewing and potentially updating population and employment forecasts in Schedule 3 of the Growth Plan as described in the Minister's letter (Agenda Item F.2). Schedule 3 assigns upper and single-tier population and employment forecasts and establishes the planning horizon. For York Region, the current Schedule 3 assigns population and employment forecasts of 1,790,000 and 900,000 respectively to the planning horizon of 2041(see attached). At this time, staff is unaware of the intended new planning horizon and

how York Region's population and employment forecasts may change. A revised Schedule 3 is expected no later than summer 2020. The Province has not given any indication as to if or how the new Schedule 3 may be transitioned.

These Provincial reviews impact the Municipal Comprehensive Review

A Council Education Session has been scheduled on March 5th 2020. The focus of that session will be the Provincial land needs assessment methodology to determine land needs, and the process for planning for employment, including employment conversions.

With the Province confirming that the new Land Needs Assessment methodology will need to be applied in the current MCR, staff are unable to present a population and employment forecast this spring as originally intended.

Changes to the employment methodology are not expected to be significant and therefore staff propose to proceed with employment land planning. Staff will present a report in March on the employment planning analysis. This will include staff recommendations on employment land conversion requests and recommend a Public Information Centre in Q2 to present the proposed employment mapping.

Staff expect to report back with final proposed employment area boundaries this spring. Staff will address the MCR work plan in more detail as we update Council on the key Provincial initiatives and changes.

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Attachments (1)

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Distribution of Population and Employment for the Greater Golden Horseshoe to 2041 (figures in 000s)						
	POPULATION			EMPLOYMENT		
	2031	2036	2041	2031	2036	2041
Region of Durham	970	1,080	1,190	360	390	430
Region of York	1,590	1,700	1,790	790	840	900
City of Toronto	3,190	3,300	3,400	1,660	1,680	1,720
Region of Peel	1,770	1,870	1,970	880	920	970
Region of Halton	820	910	1,000	390	430	470
City of Hamilton	680	730	780	310	330	350
GTAH TOTAL*	9,010	9,590	10,130	4,380	4,580	4,820
County of Northumberland	100	105	110	36	37	39
County of Peterborough	70	73	76	20	21	24
City of Peterborough	103	109	115	52	54	58
City of Kawartha Lakes	100	101	107	29	30	32
County of Simcoe	See Schedule 7	456	497	See Schedule 7	141	152
City of Barrie		231	253		114	129
City of Orillia		44	46		22	23
County of Dufferin	80	81	85	29	31	32
County of Wellington	122	132	140	54	57	61
City of Guelph	177	184	191	94	97	101
Region of Waterloo	742	789	835	366	383	404
County of Brant	49	53	57	22	24	26
City of Brantford	139	152	163	67	72	79
County of Haldimand	57	60	64	22	24	25
Region of Niagara	543	577	610	235	248	265
OUTER RING TOTAL*	2,940	3,150	3,350	1,280	1,360	1,450
TOTAL GGH*	11,950	12,740	13,480	5,650	5,930	6,270

Note: Numbers rounded off to nearest 10,000 for GTAH municipalities, GTAH Total and Outer Ring Total, and to nearest 1,000 for outer ring municipalities.
* Total may not add up due to rounding.



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