



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING PROPOSED REGIONAL POLICY PLAN AMENDMENT (RPPA 5-2013) Consultation, Engagement and Implementation Policies

PURPOSE

Since its development in the late 1970s, the Regional Policy Plan has evolved considerably. Between the adoption of the initial plan and now, many changes have been made to the document to reflect the long term goals and Vision for Niagara. Recently, a number of important foundation elements that underpin the Plan have been adopted by Regional Council through separate amendments. Collectively, these amendments constitute major elements of the Region's Five Year Review, which is being undertaken as a project called Imagine Niagara. One of the priority projects identified through Imagine Niagara involves developing consultation and engagement policies and updating the Plan's implementation policies. Completion of this task falls under Imagine Niagara's 'Engagement' topic area and will tie together many strategic foundation elements of the plan and lay out a clear set of policies and priorities for advancing the new principles of the Regional Plan.

PROPOSED CHANGE

The proposed amendment will provide a comprehensive up to date of the Regional Plan's consultation policies (Section 12) and implementation policies (Section 14). In addition to updating these policies, amendment aims to accomplish the following three goals: foster stronger partnerships with Local Municipalities, stakeholders and agencies; implement the Region's commitment to consultation and engagement, and, improve planning service delivery for end users including the development community, the public and partnering Local Municipalities.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Public input on this proposed amendment is welcomed and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the public meeting or by making a written submission to the Region. If you do not express your views through these avenues, you may be forfeiting your right to appeal Council's decision to the Ontario Municipal Board.

PUBLIC MEETING

This public meeting is being held under the provisions of Section 17 of the Planning Act at the following time and place:

DATE: Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2013
TIME: 1 p.m.
LOCATION: Niagara Region Headquarters –
Campbell West
Temporary Council Chambers, Formerly CE 101 & 102
2201 St. David's Rd.
Thorold, ON

WRITTEN SUBMISSION

To provide input in writing or to request personal notice if the proposed change is adopted, please send a letter c/o Regional Clerk, Niagara Region, 2201 St. David's Rd. P.O. Box 1042, Thorold, ON L2V 4T7, or email janet.pillon@niagararegion.ca.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the proposed Amendment please contact Kelly Martel, Planner by phone at 905-685-4225, ext. 3378 or email kelly.martel@niagararegion.ca.

A copy of the proposed Amendment and information and materials related to the Amendment are available for inspection beginning Nov. 14 in the Integrated Community Planning Department at the above address Monday to Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and at www.niagararegion.ca.

If you require any accommodations for a disability in order to attend and participate in meetings or events, please let us know in advance so that arrangements can be made in a timely manner. Special accessibility accommodations and materials in alternate formats can be arranged by contacting the Niagara Region's Accessibility Advisory Coordinator at 905-685-4225 ext. 3252 or accessibility@niagararegion.ca.

LEGAL NOTICE

Section 17 of The Planning Act

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Regional Municipality of Niagara before the proposed Official Plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Council of the Regional Municipality of Niagara to the Ontario Municipal Board.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Regional Municipality of Niagara before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

If you wish to be notified of the adoption of the proposed Policy Plan Amendment, you must make a written request to the Regional Clerk and such request must include the name and address to which such notice should be sent.

AMENDMENT NO. 5-2013
TO THE OFFICIAL PLAN
FOR THE NIAGARA PLANNING AREA

NOTE TO READER

Policies that are in a green text box are in force and effect and not part of this amendment. They are shown for continuity purposes only.

PART "A" - THE PREAMBLE

The preamble provides an explanation of the Amendment including the purpose, location, background, and basis of the policies, and implementation, but does not form part of this Amendment.

- Title and Components
- Purpose of the Amendment
- Location of the Amendment
- Background
- Basis for the Amendment
- Implementation

PART "B" – THE AMENDMENT

The Amendment describes the additions and/or modifications to the Official Plan for the Niagara Planning Area, which constitute Official Plan Amendment No. 5-2013.

- Map Changes (none)
- Text Change

PART "C" – THE APPENDICES

The Appendices provide information, public participation and agency comments relevant to the Amendment, but do not form part of this Amendment.

PART "A" – THE PREAMBLE

TITLE AND COMPONENTS:

This document, when approved in accordance with Section 17 of the Planning Act, 1990, shall be known as Amendment 5-2013 to the Official Plan of the Niagara Planning Area. Part "A" – The Preamble, contains background information and does not constitute part of this Amendment. Part "B" – The Amendment, consisting of map and text changes, constitutes Amendment 5-2013 to the Official Plan of the Niagara Planning Area. Part "C" – The Appendices, does not constitute part of the Amendment. These Appendices contain information related to public involvement and agency comments associated with the Amendment.

PURPOSE OF THE AMENDMENT:

The purpose of this amendment is to:

- a) Establish updated implementation and engagement policies for the Niagara Planning Area
- b) Provide proactive policies for consultation and engagement
- c) Provide clear delineation of the roles and responsibilities for administering collaborative land use planning in Niagara
- d) Provide an explanation of how the Plan should be read and interpreted
- e) Provide the framework for Regional implementation tools, initiatives and programs

LOCATION OF THE AMENDMENT:

This amendment applies to the entire Niagara Planning Area.

BACKGROUND:

Since its development in the late 1970s, the Regional Official Plan (ROP) has evolved considerably. Between the adoption of the initial ROP and now, many changes have been made to the document to reflect the long term goals of the Plan and vision for Niagara. While there have been a number of changes to the core elements of the Regional Official Plan, no substantive review of the implementation and consultation policies has been undertaken since the initial approval of the Plan. Amendment 5-2013 provides a comprehensive update to the Regional Official Plan's consultation policies (Section 12) and implementation policies (Section 14).

This amendment is to accomplish three goals: first, to foster stronger partnerships with Local Municipalities, stakeholders and agencies; second, to implement the Region's commitment to consultation and engagement; and third, to improve planning service delivery for end users which includes the development community, the public and partnering Local Municipalities.

All site specific policies that are contained within Section 12 – Implementation, as it currently exists, will be dealt with separately and moved to Section 13 – Site Specific Policies through Amendment 6-2013.

BASIS FOR THE AMENDMENT:

1. This Amendment is being initiated in accordance with Section 17 of the *Planning Act*.
2. This Amendment will provide a revised Section 12- Consultation and Engagement and a new Section 14- Implementation, to the Official Plan for the Niagara Planning Area;
3. The Amendment is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement (2005), the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (2006), the Greenbelt Plan (2005), Niagara's Growth Management Strategy (Niagara 2031) and the *Planning Act*;
4. The Amendment is divided into sections, which constitute the Amendment:
 - a. Part I: Deletion and Replacement of Certain Parts of The Regional Official Plan
 - b. Part II: Deletion, Renumbering, and Wording Clarification of Existing Policies.
5. The Amendment was the subject of a Public Meeting held under the *Planning Act* on December 4, 2013. Public and agency comments were addressed as part of the preparation of this Amendment;
6. There is support for the goals of this amendment from the Area Planners, Area Planners Process Improvement Team and results from the Memorandum of Understanding Workshop held in October 2013 with stakeholder groups; and,
7. Based on the Region's review of the *Planning Act*, the Provincial Policy Statement (2005), the Regional Official Plan, Provincial Plans, public consultation, and agency consultation, Regional staff is of the opinion that the Amendment is consistent with and conforms to Provincial and Regional policies and plans and, therefore, represents good planning.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Approval of this Amendment enacts the change of renumbering Section 12 to Section 14. Therefore, Section 14, Implementation of the Official Plan for the Niagara Planning Area, shall apply where applicable.

PART "B" – THE AMENDMENT

Amendment 5-2013 To the Official Plan for the Niagara Planning Area

Map Changes:

None

Text Changes:

The Official Plan for the Niagara Planning Area is amended as follows:

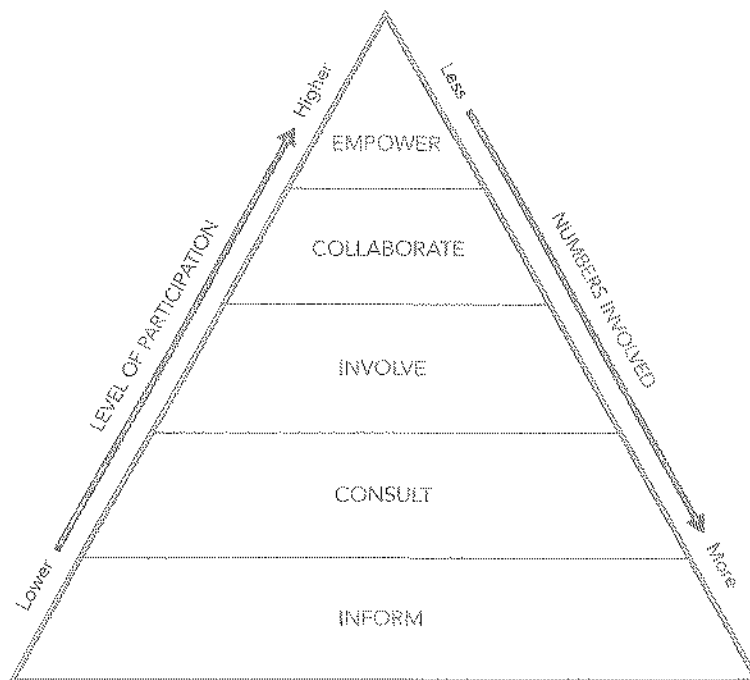
Part I: Deletion and Replacement of Certain Parts of the Regional Official Plan

1. The term "Regional Policy Plan" is changed to "Regional Official Plan" throughout the entirety of the Plan in each and every occurrence of the term "Regional Policy Plan".
2. The term "Policy Plan" is changed to "Official Plan" throughout the entirety of the Plan in each and every occurrence of the term "Policy Plan".
3. The abbreviation "RPP" is changed to "ROP" throughout the entirety of the Plan in each and every occurrence of the term "RPP".
4. The following text is repealed:
 - a. Section 12 Title and Introductory Paragraphs
5. Section 12 is retitled as follows:
 - a. Section 12: Consultation and Engagement
6. The following new section is created:
 - a. Section 14: Implementation
7. The following new Appendix is created:
 - a. Appendix D: Advisory Committees to Regional Council
8. The following text is inserted into the Regional Official Plan:

12. CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT

The overarching vision of Regional Planning is “excellence in planning Niagara through innovation, engagement and customer service,” demonstrating the central importance of the Region’s commitment to engagement in the planning and decision making process and fostering strong partnerships with local municipalities, stakeholders and agencies.

The planning process can be considered as a cycle involving three basic functions: creating leading edge policy, implementing that policy, and continually monitoring and reporting on results. Monitoring and reporting of results is very important in updating this Plan. Meaningful consultation and engagement is fundamental to effective decision making throughout this cycle and is critical in demonstrating clear accountability.



There are various levels of engagement that define the public’s role in any public participation process. Depending on the goals, time frames, resources, audience, level of concern and scale of the issue requiring community and stakeholder involvement, the Region will utilize the most appropriate methods and tools to inform, consult, involve, collaborate with or empower Niagara’s citizens.

This section outlines the vision and objectives for the consultation and engagement approach undertaken in Niagara, provides a description of the roles and responsibilities of various groups through the consultation and engagement process and, finally, provides policies for consultation and engagement to ensure the needs of the communities are being met. The consultation and engagement

policies outlined in this section support excellence in planning and foster a sense of shared responsibility in decisions that affect individuals and communities throughout Niagara. Ultimately, a commitment to the engagement of citizens and stakeholders will result in better decisions and a stronger plan.

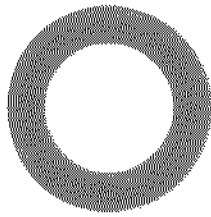
12.A Vision and Objectives

12.A.1 Vision – “Proactive & Responsive Region”

Niagara Region will be known for its effective decision making, strong partnerships, clear accountability and service excellence in land use planning.

12.A.2 Objectives:

- (i) To recognize the shared partnership with the Province, the Region, and Local Municipalities on planning in Niagara.
- (ii) To identify the Region’s policies for engagement on planning matters.
- (iii) To support meaningful participation in the planning process through dialogue and conversation.
- (iv) To inform, consult, involve, collaborate, or empower, as appropriate, through effective consultation and engagement processes.
- (v) To provide a framework that enables the Region to use a variety of tools and techniques that allow for two-way communication with Local Municipalities, residents, businesses, stakeholders and agencies.
- (vi) To provide enhanced opportunities for stakeholders and the public to participate in decision making.
- (vii) To explore, pilot and implement innovative tools and processes for engagement.
- (viii) To demonstrate a commitment to accountable and transparent government by making data freely available to the public, helping ensure the citizens, local municipalities, agencies, and consultants of Niagara are informed and engaged in an open and accessible government.



OPEN DATA

NIAGARA REGION

Open Data refers to the practice of making government data freely available in machine readable formats to enable citizens, the private sector, and non-governmental organizations to leverage it in innovative and value-added ways.

Niagara Region's Open Data catalogue can be found at niagararegion.ca/government/opendata

12.B Engagement Policies

- 12.B.1 On matters of Regional interest, the Region shall involve various stakeholders from across Niagara, including Local Municipalities, residents, businesses, stakeholders, non-governmental organizations, the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, and other levels of government.
- 12.B.2 Consultation will take place in a timely manner to ensure an accountable and transparent decision-making process on land use planning matters.
- 12.B.3 The Region will engage, consult, and partner, as appropriate with First Nations and Metis Nation communities when considering planning matters and planning applications that may affect their interests.
- 12.B.4 The Region shall provide opportunities for public and stakeholder participation in the development, adoption, implementation and monitoring of Regional planning policies in accordance with this Plan, the Planning Act, the Environmental Assessment Act and other relevant legislation and policy.
- 12.B.5 The Region, together with Local Municipal Partners and the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, are signatories to the "Memorandum of Understanding on Planning Services in Niagara" ("MOU"). The MOU is a guiding document for continuous improvement and stronger relationships in providing planning services.
- 12.B.6 The Region will take a leadership role to develop and implement outreach and education on planning issues.

12.C Communication and Engagement Tools and Techniques for Public Participation

12.C.1 Niagara Region is committed to communication in plain language on land use planning matters.

12.C.2 The Region will employ appropriate tools and techniques which are consistent with the intended consultation and engagement goals (to inform, consult, involve, collaborate with or empower). Accordingly, on matters :

- (i) Where the goal is to inform, the Region will provide the public with balanced and objective information. Tools and techniques suitable for informing the public include direct mail outs, email newsletters, web sites and web content, radio, television and web-based advertising, and public notification signs and newspaper ads.
- (ii) Where the goal is to consult, the Region will obtain public feedback on analysis, alternatives and/or recommendations. Tools and techniques suitable for consulting with the public include surveys (electronic or mail-out), focus groups, key informant interviews, public information centres and open houses, and blogs, social media, or other web tools that allow commenting.
- (iii) Where the goal is to involve, the Region will work directly with the public throughout the process to ensure public concerns and aspirations are consistently understood and considered. Tools and techniques suitable for involving the public include workshops, design charrettes and online forums or other innovative digital engagement tools.
- (iv) Where the goal is to collaborate, the Region will partner with the public and stakeholders in the decision-making process, including the development of alternatives and the identification of the preferred solutions. Tools and techniques suitable for collaborating with the public include citizen advisory committees, participatory decision-making or consensus-building processes.
- (v) Where the goal is to empower, the Region will enhance the decision-making process through utilizing tools and techniques suitable for empowering the public, such as citizen juries, ballots, or advisory committees.

12.C.3 In all cases of engagement, Niagara Region will provide responses to feedback received including how feedback has been incorporated into the matter being addressed.

12.C.4 From time to time, it will be necessary for the Region to hold traditional public open house style events to engage stakeholders and the public. Where appropriate, the Region shall carefully consider venues for these events, including places which are accessible to a broad cross-section of stakeholders, including but not limited to:

- (i) Gathering places, such as community centres, libraries, galleries and recreational areas (e.g. arenas, parks);
- (ii) Places of commerce, such as shopping malls and downtowns;

- (iii) Special events where people congregate, such as festivals, cultural events and farmer's markets; and,
- (iv) Holding events in the community that is specifically impacted by an application or matter under consideration.

12.C.5 The Region will use a variety of communication methods, including innovative and enhanced participatory methods, to seek input on planning matters or to provide information to the public. Depending on the issues and in accordance with the Planning Act, the Region shall choose the most appropriate method of communication or form of engagement.

12.C.6 When preparing materials for public consumption, the Region will ensure that the graphics, legibility and presentation mediums are consistent with the Region's standard and the standards of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act.

12.C.7 When undertaking engagement, the Region will provide a safe and comfortable environment where individuals can freely contribute their thoughts, opinions and directions.

12.C.8 When undertaking engagement, the Region will ensure that adequate documentation of all comments is recorded in a transparent and easily accessible manner.

12.C.9 Where a decision under the Planning Act is required, the Region shall make available all relevant materials and information, including a copy of the proposed plan, at least 20 days prior to the date of the Statutory Public Meeting. At a minimum, all documents shall be made available at the Region's office and on the Region's website.

12.C.10 The Region will monitor the effectiveness of its consultation and engagement tools and techniques on an on-going basis. Within two years of adoption, the Region will develop and implement a program for monitoring the effectiveness of its engagement and consultation policies and practices.

12.C.11 Advisory Committees may be established to provide input and advice to Council on particular planning issues and to assist with projects and initiatives. Advisory Committees are subject to the following:

- (i) Advisory Committees shall draw upon members of Regional Council as well as members of the public as deemed necessary;
- (ii) Advisory Committees shall abide by established Council approved Terms of Reference,
- (iii) Advisory Committees may be added, disbanded, or altered, including mandate changes, by Regional Council, without an amendment to this Plan; and,
- (iv) Advisory Committees existing as of the date of the adoption of this Amendment shall have their existing policy references placed in an Appendix to this Plan for purposes of transparency.

Advisory Committees assist to help define our policies on specific planning issues. For example, a Joint Aggregate Review Team examines issues related to quarry development

The Growth Plan indicates that municipalities are encouraged to establish and work with agricultural advisory committees and consult with them on decision making related to agricultural and growth management.

12.D Consulting and Engaging with Other Governments

12.D.1 The Region will be proactive and, where appropriate, provide practical and meaningful input to the Province where changes are proposed to Provincial Plans and legislation. The Region will collaborate with Local Municipalities on the development of joint input to the Province to ensure Area Municipal perspectives are incorporated into the Provincial input. It is a priority that the Region and Local Municipalities speak with one voice on Provincial matters.

12.D.2 The Region shall include Local Municipalities in discussions with the Province on key policy, development and provincial technical guideline interpretations.

12.D.3 The Region will be proactive and, where appropriate, provide practical and meaningful input to adjacent municipalities where proposed plans may have potential for impact on the Region, Local Municipalities, stakeholders, businesses and/or the general public at large.

12.D.4 Where appropriate, the Region will seek out opportunities to collaborate with the Federal government, the Province, adjacent municipalities and bi-national communities on matters of cross jurisdictional, including cross-border, interest.

12.E Consulting and Engaging Local Municipalities

- 12.E.1 The Regional Official Plan includes specific, detailed policies that identify how and when the Region will work with Local Municipalities on various projects, studies, and documents. In all instances, the engagement with Local Municipalities shall be guided by:
- (i) A shared partnership with Local Municipalities;
 - (ii) A shared collaborative approach;
 - (iii) A commitment to early and meaningful engagement; and,
 - (iv) All efforts will be made to achieve consensus on planning and land use issues.
- 12.E.2 The Region will circulate studies, amendments, and documents to Local Municipalities and other partners for their comment. For routine matters, a comment period of a minimum of sixty (60) days will be used. For more complex matters, a comment period of a minimum of ninety (90) days will be used.
- 12.E.3 The Region will co-operate with Local Municipalities in public participation programs, including the holding of joint public meetings, where appropriate, during the processing of amendments to this Plan and Local Municipal Official Plans, and for other initiatives where interests are common.
- 12.E.4 The Region will partner with Local Municipalities and other agencies, as appropriate, on complex development applications with Regional and Local interests to provide an integrated and timely decision-making process.

14. IMPLEMENTATION POLICIES

Implementing policy is one of the three core business elements of Regional Planning. The policies within this plan are implemented by Council through the authority given to them by the Planning Act, the Municipal Act and the Regional Municipality of Niagara Act.

Implementation is a shared responsibility with local municipalities, community organizations, stakeholders and partners. Implementation requires collaboration, partnership and a mutual commitment to objectives. The success of this Plan can only be achieved through the following:

1. Establishing a realistic set of goals and objectives to compliment the vision of the Plan;
2. Delineating the roles, responsibilities, accountability, expectations and authorities of various stakeholders and agencies in implementing the policies;
3. Providing a clear description of how the Plan is to be read and interpreted;
4. Providing clear direction of the timelines for reviewing and updating the Plan;
5. Explaining how conformity with this Plan, and Provincial Plans and policies can be met;
6. Outlining the various implementation tools that can be used to ensure the vision and objectives of this Plan are realized;
7. Outlining the process by which an application for an amendment to this Plan can be made;
8. Examining avenues to implement the policies of this Plan in a fiscally responsible manner;
9. Providing direction on where and in what order residential and employment development will occur;
10. Developing a system for monitoring and reviewing the policies within this section, and the Plan in general.

This section outlines these elements, in addition to tools available to be used in order to effectively implement the objectives and policies established throughout this Plan. The policies in this section are intended to be used and read in conjunction with other policies of this Plan.

The Region, Local Municipalities, and the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority are committed to an integrated and seamless planning system which is characterized by:

1. The collaborative development of policy to ensure that the planning system is speaking with one voice;
2. Delegation of responsibility predicated on regular and current compliance of Area Municipal Official Plans, Secondary Plans and Zoning By-laws with the Regional Official Plan;
3. A current and up-to-date Regional Official Plan to guide Local Municipal Plan conformity;
4. Value added activities;
5. Streamlined processes and elimination of duplication;
6. Appropriate and relevant information for decisions in the right place at the right time;
7. Placing authority and responsibility as close to each other as possible; and
8. Consistency of policy interpretation, implementation and applications processing approaches by all.

14.A Vision and Objectives

14.A.1 Vision – “Implement Good Plans”

Niagara Region will successfully implement the policies of this Plan and work to continuously improve the Plan, its policies and implementation tools.

14.A.2 Objectives:

- (i) To provide a framework for implementing the Plan.
- (ii) To provide direction for interpreting the Plan.
- (iii) To continue to partner with Local Municipalities, the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority and other stakeholders in order to successfully implement the vision and policies of this Plan.
- (iv) To provide a variety of implementation tools for the Region of Niagara to use in implementing the policies of this Plan.
- (v) To ensure that the policies of this Plan can be implemented in an economically, socially and environmentally sustainable manner.
- (vi) To provide a framework for monitoring the effectiveness and progress of the Plan.

14.B Roles and Responsibilities

14.B.1 The Region is responsible for providing an up to date Plan which is consistent with and implements Provincial policies and plans; and supports Local Municipalities to do the same while considering local approaches to local issues.

14.B.2 The Region is also responsible for providing a Plan which implements the vision for the communities, including input from partnering Local Municipalities, provides direction for and supports other important Regional Plans and initiatives.

14.B.3 It is the role of Regional Council to consult in a timely manner, encourage transparency in decision making and support participation and collaboration with citizens, groups, agencies and other levels of government in the implementation of the goals and objectives of this Plan.

14.B.4. Policy 12.74 is renumbered as Policy 14.B.4 with no wording changes and reads as follows:

The Region recognizes that the Niagara Parks Commission is an independent agency. The use of lands owned from time to time by the Niagara Parks Commission is governed by the provisions of the Niagara Parks Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.N.3. The Niagara Parks Commission, in the use of its

lands, shall be consistent with Provincial Policy Statements and shall conform with the Provincial plans that are in effect or shall not conflict with them, as required from time to time under subsection 3(5) of the Planning Act, R.S.O., c.P.13. Before carrying out any undertaking that the Niagara Parks Commission considers will directly affect the Regional Municipality of Niagara, the Niagara Parks Commission shall consult with and have regard for the established planning policies of the municipality as may be required from time to time under subsection 6(2) of the Planning Act, R.S.O., c.P. 13.

14.C How to Read and Interpret the Plan

14.C.1 When reading and interpreting this Plan, the objectives and policies should be read in their entirety.

14.C.2 This Plan contains Schedules, Tables, Maps and Appendices. For the purposes of implementation:

- (i) A Schedule is part of the policy framework and forms part of this Plan;
- (ii) A Table is a summary of policy requirements in a graphic form and is part of this Plan;
- (iii) A Map is a visual guide or aid provided to assist the reader in understanding the geographic location or context of a policy and does not form part of this Plan; and,
- (iv) An Appendix is intended to provide policy context to the reader and does not form part of this Plan.

14.C.3 In the case of a discrepancy between two policies, the more restrictive policy shall take precedence.

14.C.4 When interpreting the Schedules of this Plan the following shall apply:

- (i) The urban area boundaries illustrated on Schedule "A" - Urban Areas Boundary Map are definitive.
- (ii) The hamlets boundaries illustrated on the Schedule "B" - Agricultural Land Base are definitive.
- (iii) All Schedules other than Schedule "A" (Urban Area Boundaries only), Schedule "B" (Hamlet Boundaries only), and Provincial Plan boundaries are not definitive. Each Schedule and/or Map will contain information on the notes as to the level of accuracy of the particular Schedule and/or Map.
- (iv) The boundaries for the Core Natural Heritage System's Greenbelt Area illustrated on Schedule "B" - Agricultural Land Base are derived from the Province of Ontario. The Core Natural Heritage's System's Environmental Protection Area (EPA) and Environmental Conservation Area are based on the best available natural heritage mapping available at the time of publication and may be refined through more detailed study.

14.C.5 Where differences of opinion arise as to the meaning of any part of this Plan, an interpretation shall be made by the Chief Planning Official or their designate after appropriate consultation with the Province and/or Local Municipality, if required.

14.C.6 Minor variations in numbers written in this Plan may be permitted by Regional Council without an amendment to this Plan provided the intent and objectives of the Plan are achieved.

14.C.7 Policy 12.76 is renumbered as Policy 14.C.7 with no wording changes and reads as follows:

That an amendment to this Plan is not required and changes may be made during office consolidations for:

- i. altering the numbering and arrangement of provisions in this Plan;
- ii. updating the base mapping used in this Plan or adding base information to maps to show existing and approved infrastructure;
- iii. correcting clerical, grammatical, spelling and technical mapping errors (including colour adjustments on Schedules or Maps);
- iv. changing format or presentation; or,
- v. altering punctuation to obtain a uniform mode of expression.

14.C.8 Policy 12.78 is renumbered Policy 14.C.8 with no wording changes and reads as follows:

The background or explanatory notes contained within the side margins of this Plan do not constitute part of this Plan.

14.D The Regional Official Plan

14.D.1 Policy 7.1 of Amendment 2-2009 is renumbered Policy 14.D.1 with no changes in wording and reads as follows:

The Region shall review this Official Plan not less frequently than every five years from the date of approval this Plan or its last review of it, pursuant to Section 26 of the Planning Act.

14.D.2 The Region will undertake early engagement with Local Municipalities on all proposed amendments to the Regional Official Plan.

14.D.3 Notice of amendments to this Plan will be given in accordance with the procedures as provided for in the Planning Act.

14.D.4 The proposed amendment will be available to the public at the time notification is given.

14.D.5 Where an Amendment is proposed to the Regional Official Plan, the Region shall consider the following criteria in evaluating the Amendment:

- (i) General conformity with the vision, strategic objectives and policy intent(s) of the Regional Official Plan;
- (ii) The need for the proposed Amendment (as defined by the Region);
- (iii) The effect of the proposed change on Local Municipalities;
- (iv) The implications that the proposed change may have for other parts of this Plan;
- (v) The effect of the proposed change on regional services and infrastructure;
- (vi) The effect of the proposed change on the Core Natural Heritage System and associated natural features and functions;
- (vii) The effect of the proposed change on prime agricultural lands;
- (viii) The effect of the proposed change on the financial, health, safety, and economic sustainability of the Region;
- (ix) The Provincial Policy Statement and other applicable Provincial Plans, statutes, and regulations;
- (x) The effect of the proposed change on adjacent municipalities and any cross jurisdictional issues that may arise from the proposed Amendment.

14.E Local Official Plan Conformity

14.E.1 It is understood that the local Official Plan represents one of the most important vehicles for implementing the Regional Official Plan. Accordingly, local Official Plans shall be prepared and/or updated to conform to the Regional Official Plan in a timely manner.

14.E.2 Policy 7.2 of Amendment 2-2009 is renumbered Policy 14.E.2 with no changes in wording and reads as follows:

Local municipalities shall update their Official Plans to bring them into conformity with the Regional Official Plan, the Provincial Policy Statement, the Provincial Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, the Greenbelt Plan and any other applicable Provincial Plan.

14.E.3 Policy 7.4 of Amendment 2-2009 is renumbered Policy 14.E.3 with no changes in wording and reads as follows:

Local municipalities shall ensure that Official Plans policies are consistent with relevant Provincial guidelines and standards.

14.E.4 Local Municipalities shall prepare local Official Plans that are in conformity with the Regional Official Plan. It is understood that local Official Plans may be more detailed and comprehensive in their various policies and Schedules, provided that such policies are consistent with the general intent and provisions of this Plan and Provincial Plans. The scope and content of respective Area Municipal Official Plans may differ in recognition of the unique circumstances within each municipality. Area Municipal Official Plans and Official Plan amendments may contain policies which are more restrictive than the policies in this Plan on the same subject, but may not be more permissive than the policy direction established in this Plan.

14.E.5 The following factors will be considered in determining conformity between this Plan and Local Official Plans:

- (i) Conformity with Provincial Plans, statutes, and regulations;
- (ii) Consistency between the overall direction and long term objectives of the local Official Plan and those of this Plan; and,
- (iii) Reasonable efforts in the local Official Plan to accommodate matters encouraged by the policies of this Plan, or to provide a statement indicating why such a policy direction is not appropriate in the local context.

14.E.6 The following decision-making targets shall be used in the review of local Official Plans and Amendments:

Table 14-1: Local Official Plan Exemptions and Timeframes	
A request for exemption from Regional approval as per this Plan	10 days
A minor or routine matter with no adverse Regional implications	20 days
A regionally significant local Official Plan or Official Plan Amendment	180 days

14.E.7 Policy amendments to local Official Plans, that are in conformity with the Regional Official Plan, may be exempt from Regional approval where they are of local significance and no Regional interest is adversely affected. Amendments impacting any one of the following areas are not eligible for exemption:

- (i) Applications directly and substantially affecting Regional servicing infrastructure: i.e. streets, water, and wastewater;
- (ii) Applications that substantially change Regional capital forecasts;
- (iii) Urban boundary expansions;
- (iv) Applications for employment land conversion;
- (v) Major applications that will adversely affect Regional traffic flows;
- (vi) Major secondary plans;
- (vii) Retail applications having a Regional interest involving the retail market area of more than one Local Municipality;

- (viii) Applications that are not consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement or the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe;
- (ix) Applications where a collaborative process has been undertaken between the Region and the Local Municipality with the Regional interests, including policies (i) and (ii) above, have been addressed through pre-consultation and review of the draft Local Amendment;
- (x) Applications with cross-boundary impacts.

14.E.8 Policy 12.57 is renumbered Policy 14.E.8.

- (i) The following sentence is added to the beginning of Policy 14.E.8: "Site specific amendments to local Official Plans shall be subject to the following policy. "
- (ii) The words "involving land use designation changes" is added in the second sentence after "local Official Plan amendments".
- (iii) The following wording change is made to Policy 14.E.8.b.: "has regard to" is deleted and replaced with "is consistent with".
- (iv) There are no further changes and the policy now reads as follows:

Site specific amendments to local Official Plans shall be subject to the following policy. The Region as the approval authority for local Official Plans may exempt some local Official Plan amendments from Regional approval. Local Official Plan amendments to be considered for exemption will be of local interest only, not extensive or comprehensive in nature and not involving a change to the municipality's urban area boundaries. Only those amendments which satisfy the following criteria are eligible for exemption:

- i. The amendment must be site specific and/or minor in size and nature,
- ii. The amendment conforms to the Regional Official Plan and is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement,
- iii. The amendment does not impact on any adjacent municipality or conflict with the Niagara Escarpment Plan, and does not require new Regional financing or servicing,
- iv. The amendment complies with the Region's financial and servicing strategy,
- v. The amendment incorporates any concerns or modifications recommended by the Region to address Regional or Provincial concerns, and
- vi. Any subsequent changes made to the local Official Plan amendment by the local Council in adopting the amendment do not conflict with the Regional Official Plan or previous requirements by the Region.

14.E.9 Decisions of Local Official Plan Amendments must be in conformity with the Regional Official Plan. The policies of the Regional Official Plan continue to apply after adoption and approval of the Local Official Plan.

14.F Implementation Tools

14.F.1 Community Improvement

- (i) For the purpose of promoting healthy communities, the Region may support community improvement through the designation of Community Improvement Project Areas and the adoption of Regional Community Improvement Plans.
- (ii) Policy 12.72 is renumbered as Policy 14.F.1 (ii) with no changes in wording and reads as follows:

The Region may establish programs for the provision of grants and loans to local municipalities for the purpose of achieving the goals of Community Improvement Plans.

- (iii) The Region will engage and meet regularly with Local Municipal Coordinators of Community Improvement to ensure consistency, up to date information, streamlining of administrative processes, and continuous improvement.

14.F.2 Secondary Plans

The Region encourages local municipalities to prepare secondary plans to establish a “blue print” for good long term community development and a commitment to growth management and phasing of development, provided that such plans are consistent with the general intent and provisions of this Plan and Provincial Plans and are not more permissive than the policy direction established in this Plan.

14.F.3 Legislative Tools

- (i) This Plan is a legal document prepared in accordance with the statutory powers and responsibilities vested in the Region by the Province. All public works carried out in the Region and all by-laws passed must be in conformity with this Plan.
- (ii) Municipal infrastructure projects may be subject to a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment under the Environmental Assessment Act.
- (iii) The Region will use a Regional Development Charges By-law in accordance with the Development Charges Act, as a means of recovering eligible growth-related capital costs associated with the delivery of regional services.

14.F.4 Policy 7.5 of Amendment 2-2009 is renumbered as Policy 14.F.4 with no changes in wording and reads as follows:

General Implementation Tools for Local Municipalities

The Region will encourage the local municipalities to adopt implementation measures to support the objectives and policies of this Plan including:

- (i) Requirements for pre-consultation by applicants and complete applications;
- (ii) Zoning by-law provisions to regulate minimum parcel size, minimum and maximum density and height;
- (iii) Site plan approval policies addressing exterior design, sustainable design elements and access for persons with disabilities;
- (iv) Urban design guidelines;
- (v) Dedication of pedestrian pathways, bicycle pathways and public transit rights-of-way;
- (vi) Community improvement plans;
- (vii) Secondary plans;
- (viii) Conservation easements and covenants;
- (ix) Development permit system;
- (x) Parks and open space master plans;
- (xi) Economic development plans;
- (xii) Master servicing plans;
- (xiii) Strategic plans;
- (xiv) Intensification and revitalization plans.

14.F.5 Council Adopted Implementation Guidelines

14.F.5.1 In order to assist in good planning, improved planning service delivery for end users, and ensuring land use impacts are appropriately addressed, the Region may prepare guidelines and technical studies to assist with the implementation of the Regional Official Plan, including but not limited to:

- a. Urban Design Guidelines
- b. Environmental Impact Statement Guidelines
- c. Traffic Impact Study Guidelines
- d. Model policies
- e. Other guidelines as prepared from time to time

14.F.5.2 Regional Implementation Guidelines are recognized as statements adopted by resolution of Regional Council which detail the manner in which policies established in this Plan will be implemented. The content and scope of these Implementation Guidelines will be determined by the Region, in consultation with Local Municipalities and the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority as appropriate, will be updated from time-to-time and will be in conformity with the policies in this Plan.

14.F.5.3 Regional Implementation Guidelines will not be used as instruments to introduce new policy provisions that could be the basis for denying development applications under the Planning Act, or for interfering with the natural justice rights of landowners and the public.

14.F.5.4 Where a Guideline has been adopted by Regional Council, the Regional, Local Municipalities, the NPCA and proponents shall have regard for the contents of the Guidelines.

14.G Regional Official Plan Amendment Application Process

14.G.1 Policy 12.5.1.A is renumbered as Policy 14.G.1 with the following changes:

- (i) The term "Director of Development Services" is changed to "Chief Planning Official or their designate".
- (ii) The word "may" is changed to "must" and the words "and may involve the" are added to the sentence on Pre-consultation and local municipalities so that it now reads: "Pre-consultation must involve the local municipality, and may involve ...".
- (iii) There are no further changes and Policy 14.G.1 reads as follows:

Pre-consultation between the applicant and the Region is required prior to the submission of an application for a Regional Official Plan Amendment, unless the Chief Planning Official or their designate determines that pre-consultation is not necessary based on the scale of development or the complexity of planning issues associated with the proposed application. Pre-consultation will determine what is required to be submitted for a complete application and will provide the opportunity to discuss the nature of the application; development and planning issues; the need for additional information and/or reports to be submitted with the application; and the planning and approval process including the appropriateness of concurrent applications, where applicable. Pre-consultation must involve the local municipality, and may involve the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, Niagara Escarpment Commission or other agencies that may have an interest in the application as determined by the Region. A by-law shall be approved by Council requiring pre-consultation. Pre-consultation shall be considered a requirement for the submission of a complete application.

14.G.2 Policy 12.5.1.B is renumbered as Policy 14.G.2 with the following changes:

- (i) All references to Table 1 for Complete Applications are changed to Table 14-2- Complete Application Requirements.
- (ii) There are no other changes to Table 14-2. Policy 14.G.2 reads as follows:

In order to ensure that all possible information is available to the Region, the public and agencies involved in reviewing an application under the Planning Act, the prescribed information required under the Planning Act shall be provided along with additional information and/or reports that may be required, as determined through pre-consultation, such as but not limited to the matters outlined in Table 14-2- Complete Application Requirements.

- (iii) There are no other changes to Table 14-2. Table 14-2 reads as follows:

Table 14-2 for Complete Application

Information Requirement	Application/Development Scenario
Planning Justification Report	Any proposal for development or site alteration should demonstrate that it meets goals, objectives and policies of Provincial plans and policy statements, the Regional Policy Plan and the <i>Municipal</i> Official Plan and provide an indication of whether it conforms to applicable Provincial plans and policies.
Land Use/Market Needs	Any proposal for major commercial or residential proposals should consider the existing supply of available land and future land use needs in the local municipality and in the Region.
Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Assessment	Any development or site alteration proposed in proximity to lands that contain known archaeological resources or areas of archaeological potential.
Heritage Impact Analysis	Any development or site alteration proposed on or adjacent to lands, structures or buildings designated under the Ontario Heritage Act or listed on an approved heritage resource inventory.
Environmental Impact Study	Any proposal for development or site alteration within or adjacent to any natural heritage feature or natural hazard identified on the Region's Core Natural Heritage Map, the regulated area of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority or the Official Plan of a local municipality shall provide an inventory and assessment of ecological features and functions to determine areas to be protected and any mitigation measures necessary.
Environmental Planning Study or Sub-Watershed Study	Any proposal for a secondary plan or an urban boundary expansion shall address the guidelines and terms of reference of any relevant watershed plans and shall include an

Information Requirement	Application/Development Scenario
	environmental inventory and assessment with recommendations on where development may take place, features to be protected, appropriate policies for planning documents, and an environmental management plan to maintain, enhance, restore and monitor environmental conditions both during and after development.
Tree Preservation Plan	Any development or site alteration that may have adverse effects on a significant tree or group of trees, including a woodland as defined by the Region's Tree and Forest Conservation By-law. A significant tree may one that because of its size, age or species it is considered to be of significance to the neighbourhood, streetscape or cultural heritage landscape.
Floodplain and Hazard Lands	Any development or site alteration proposed near floodplain or hazard lands identified by regulations of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority
Geotechnical and Slope Stability Report	Any development or site alteration proposed near valleylands identified by regulations of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority
Environmental Site Assessment	Any development or site alteration on lands or adjacent lands that were previously used for a purpose that may have caused contamination of the property should be accompanied by one or more reports to assess existing conditions and address the need for any further environmental testing or remediation necessary in accordance with Provincial regulations and guidelines.
Air Quality/Noise & Vibration Study	Any development for a sensitive land use that is located near a major facility such as a transportation corridor, industrial use, sewage or water treatment facility, pumping station or landfill operation.
Agricultural Impact Assessment	Any proposed development or site alteration for a non-agricultural use on lands situated

Information Requirement	Application/Development Scenario
	outside of the Urban Area shall evaluate the capability of the site for agricultural use including soil, micro-climate and drainage conditions, the existing pattern of agricultural or non-agricultural activities, and any potential impacts on surrounding agricultural activities.
Farm Operation and Ownership	Any development or site alteration for a secondary use to agriculture or an application for consent on lands designated for agricultural purposes.
Alternative Sites for Non-Agricultural Uses	Where a non-agricultural use is proposed in an Agricultural area it must be demonstrated that there are no reasonable alternative locations available in Urban Areas, Rural Areas or on lower priority agricultural land in the Region.
Minimum Distance Separation I & II	Any non-agricultural use proposed within 300 metres of an active or potential livestock facility shall include a review of these facilities and calculations to determine conformity with MDS requirements.
Mineral Aggregate Resources	Where development or site alteration is proposed on lands within or adjacent to an area of known mineral aggregate resources, it shall be demonstrated that the resource use will not be hindered in the future, that the resource use is not feasible, that the proposed development or use serves a greater long term public interest, and that other impacts are evaluated.
Municipal Servicing Study	Any plan of subdivision or major development proposal should address the availability of adequate municipal services and impacts of existing municipal services and facilities.
Stormwater Management Plans	Any major development or site alteration proposed should address how stormwater runoff will be handled in terms of water

Information Requirement	Application/Development Scenario
	quality and quantity, lot grading and drainage controls, and erosion and sedimentation measures.
Traffic/Parking Impact Analysis	Any development or site alteration that may have a significant impact on traffic flow and safety which may include an analysis of parking standards.
Hydrogeological Study and Private Servicing Plans	Any development outside of the Urban Area where private sewage disposal and water systems are proposed should provide an assessment of soil and groundwater conditions, an evaluation of the ability of the site to accommodate private services and a plan illustrating the location of services, drainage and lot grading.
Financial Impact Assessment	To address financial implications of a proposed development on the provision of municipal services and utilities that may cause a financial, environmental or economic hardship for the <i>City/Town/Township</i> and the Region.

14.G.3 Policy 12.5.1.C is renumbered as Policy 14.G.3 with no changes and reads as follows:

Information and/or reports shall be prepared by a qualified professional and submitted in an electronic format along with a hard copy to the Region to make this information readily available to the public and commenting agencies including the Region, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority and Niagara Escarpment Commission. Where the Region, local municipality, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority or Niagara Escarpment Commission has requested additional information and/or reports, there may be a request for a peer review of any information and/or report. The applicant shall be responsible for all costs for a peer review which shall be payable upon submission of an invoice from the Region, local municipality, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority or Niagara Escarpment Commission.

14.G.4 Policy 12.5.1.D is renumbered as Policy 14.G.4 The following changes are made to this Policy:

- (i) The words "Director of Development Services" are deleted and replaced with "Chief Planning Official".
- (ii) There are no other changes and Policy 14.G.4 reads as follows:

The Chief Planning Official or their designate shall be responsible for determining whether a planning application is complete. If an application is submitted without pre-consultation, adequate supporting information and/or reports, and any application review fees required by the Region, local municipality, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, Niagara Escarpment Commission or any other public agency, the application may be deemed to be incomplete.

14.G.5 To determine whether an application to amend this Plan is complete, the following will be required:

- (i) Pre-consultation meeting(s) which involve the Region, the Area Municipality, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, Niagara Escarpment Commission or other agencies that may have an interest in the application as determined by the Region, in order to determine the required information and materials;
- (ii) A completed Regional Official Plan Amendment Form;
- (iii) A draft of the proposed amendment including the proposed text and all proposed Schedules where applicable;
- (iv) Supporting studies, completed in full, as determined through the pre-consultation meeting;

- (v) Electronic submission of all documents; and,
- (vi) Payment of the established application fee.

- 14.G.6 Through the course of the review process for a development application that has otherwise been deemed a complete application, the Region may require additional materials, information and/or reports from the applicant to address specific issues that may arise.
- 14.G.7 Applications to amend the Regional Official Plan that have not received a decision by Regional Council within two years of the date of being determined complete shall require an annual maintenance fee to continue the application. Such fee shall be set by Regional Council. Failure to pay the maintenance shall deem the application abandoned by the applicant.
- 14.G.8 Notwithstanding the above policies, every application that has had no activity or correspondence beyond the maintenance fee shall be deemed abandoned after five years from the date of being deemed complete.
- 14.G.9 Applications to amend the Regional Official Plan that have not received a decision by Regional Council within two years of the date of being determined complete shall require an annual maintenance fee to continue the application. Such fee shall be set by Regional Council. Failure to pay the maintenance shall deem the application abandoned by the applicant.
- 14.G.10 Notwithstanding the above policies, every application that has had no activity or correspondence beyond the maintenance fee shall be deemed abandoned after five years from the date of being deemed complete.

14.H Financial Sustainability Tools

- 14.H.1 Niagara Region is dedicated to implementing the policies of this Plan in a fiscally responsible manner.
- 14.H.2 The funds required to provide the necessary services for development shall be paid by the proponents of development.
- 14.H.3 The Region will use financial mechanisms such as development charges, tax increment financing and user rates to offset the financial impact of development and to ensure that development proceeds in a fiscally responsible manner.
- 14.H.4 Coordination and collaboration of financial expenditures related to services for development will be undertaken between the Region and the Local Municipalities.

14.I Regional Phasing

This is a placeholder for the phasing policies RPPA 8-2013 to be adopted separately.

14.J General Implementation Policies

14.J.1 The following uses will be permitted in all land use designations in this Plan, with the exception of Unique Agricultural Areas:

- (i) All municipal sewer, water and drainage works, buildings and structures;
- (ii) All natural gas pipelines;
- (iii) All Public Streets and Trails;
- (iv) All railways;
- (v) All fire stations, police stations, and emergency medical stations;
- (vi) All parks and recreation facilities;
- (vii) All small scale sites for municipal works operation and storage;
- (viii) All telecommunication and transmission facilities.

14.J.2 Legal Non-Complying Uses

- (i) A legal non-complying use is one which does not comply to the Regional Official Plan but is recognized in the Local Official Plan. Such use may be permitted to expand or enlarge without an Amendment to the Regional Official Plan provided that the general intent of the objectives and policies of this Plan are maintained and the expansion or enlargement does not create noise, air, or servicing impacts.
- (ii) A use which does not comply with the Regional Official Plan should, over the long term, cease to exist or relocate to an appropriate location.

14.J.3 Council may acquire, hold and dispose of land for the purpose of implementing the objectives and policies of this Plan.

14.K Monitoring and Measuring Success

14.K.1 The Region will monitor the policy directions in this Plan to ensure it is successfully implemented.

14.K.2 The Region will develop a series of indicators to measure success of this Plan.

14.K.3 The Region will develop in co-operation with Local Municipalities measuring and reporting tools to monitor and report on growth management targets:

- (i) Regional intensification in accordance with the policies of this Plan and the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe

Indicators will help to track the progress and success of the goals and policies in the Regional Official Plan. Monitoring of indicators over time will allow the Region to respond to changing circumstances and continuously improve on the effectiveness of the Regional Official Plan.

- (ii) Density targets for the *designated greenfield areas* in accordance with the policies of this Plan and the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe

Part II: Deletion, Renumbering, and Clarification of Wording of Existing Policies

1. The following objectives and policies are deleted:

- i. Objective 12.1
- ii. Objective 12.2
- iii. Policy 7.3(1) of Amendment 2-2009
- iv. Policy 4.A.18
- v. Policy 4.A.19
- vi. Policy 6.A.3 (7th bullet only)
- vii. Policy 7.C.2.
- viii. Policy 9.B.2
- ix. Policy 9.F.1
- x. Policy 12.1
- xi. Policy 12.2
- xii. Policy 12.3
- xiii. Policy 12.4
- xiv. Policy 12.5
- xv. Policy 12.7
- xvi. Policy 12.8
- xvii. Policy 12.9
- xviii. Policy 12.10
- xix. Policy 12.11
- xx. Policy 12.12
- xxi. Policy 12.13

2. The following policies are renumbered only, with no changes to existing wording:

Existing Policy Number	New Policy Number
12.6	6.A.9.3

3. The following Schedules, Maps and Tables are renamed as follows:

- i. The map entitled "Urban Areas Boundary" is retitled "Schedule A – Urban Areas Boundary". All references in the Regional Official Plan that state "Urban Areas Boundary Map" are changed to "Schedule A – Urban Areas Boundary".
- ii. The map entitled "Agricultural Land Base Map" is retitled "Schedule B – Agricultural Land Base". All references in the Regional Official Plan that state "Agricultural Land Base Map" are changed to "Schedule B – Agricultural Land Base".
- iii. The map entitled "Core Natural Heritage Map" is renamed "Schedule C – Core Natural Heritage". All references in the Regional Official Plan that state "Core Natural Heritage Map" are changed to "Schedule C – Core Natural Heritage".

- iv. The map entitled "Potential Resources Areas – Stone" is renamed "Schedule D-1 – Potential Resource Areas – Stone". All references in the Regional Official Plan that state "Potential Resource Areas – Stone" are changed to "Schedule D-1 – Potential Resource Areas – Stone".
- v. The map entitled "Potential Resource Areas – Sand and Gravel" is renamed "Schedule D-2 – Potential Resource Areas – Sand and Gravel". All references in the Regional Official Plan that state "Potential Resource Areas – Sand and Gravel" are changed to "Schedule D-2 – Potential Resource Areas – Sand and Gravel".
- vi. The map entitled "Potential Resource Areas – Peat and Petroleum" is renamed "Schedule D-3 – Potential Resource Areas – Peat and Petroleum". All references in the Regional Official Plan that state "Potential Resource Areas – Peat and Petroleum" are changed to "Schedule D-3 – Potential Resource Areas – Peat and Petroleum".
- vii. The map entitled "Mineral Resources" is renamed "Schedule D-4 – Mineral Resources". All references in the Regional Official Plan that state "Mineral Resources" are changed to "Schedule D-4 – Mineral Resources".
- viii. The map entitled "Niagara Region Bicycle Network" is renamed "Schedule E – Niagara Region Bicycle Network". All references in the Regional Official Plan that state "Niagara Region Bicycle Network" are changed to "Schedule E – Niagara Region Bicycle Network".
- ix. The map entitled "The Twenty Valley/ Jordan Harbour Tourism Area Map" is renamed "Schedule F – The Twenty Valley/ Jordan Harbour Tourism Area". All references in the Regional Official Plan that state "The Twenty Valley/ Jordan Harbour Tourism Area" are changed to "Schedule F – The Twenty Valley/ Jordan Harbour Tourism Area".
- x. The map entitled "Niagara Economic Gateway" is retitled "Schedule G-1 – Niagara Economic Gateway". All references in the Regional Official Plan that state "The Twenty Valley/ Jordan Harbour Tourism Area" are changed to "Schedule G-1 – Niagara Economic Gateway".
- xi. The map entitled "Niagara Economic Gateway Employment Lands" is retitled "Schedule G-2 – Niagara Economic Gateway Employment Lands". All references in the Regional Official Plan that state "Niagara Economic Gateway Employment Lands" are changed to "Schedule G-1 – Niagara Economic Gateway Employment Lands".
- xii. The map entitled "Regional Location" is renamed "Map 1 - Regional Location Map". All references in the Regional Official Plan that state "Regional Location" are changed to "Map 1 – Regional Location".
- xiii. The map entitled "Local Municipalities" is renamed "Map 2 - Local Municipalities Map". All references in the Regional Official Plan that state "Local Municipalities Map" are changed to "Map 2 – Local Municipalities Map".
- xiv. The map entitled "Physical Features" is renamed "Map 3 - Physical Features Map". All references in the Regional Official Plan that state "Physical Features Map" are changed to "Map 3 – Physical Features Map".
- xv. The map entitled "Urban Patterns" is renamed "Map 4 - Urban Patterns Map". All references in the Regional Official Plan that state "Urban Patterns Map" are changed to "Map 4 – Urban Patterns Map".

- xvi. The map entitled "Regional Niagara Strategy for Development and Conservation" is renamed "Map 5 - Regional Niagara Strategy for Development and Conservation Map". All references in the Regional Official Plan that state "Regional Niagara Strategy for Development and Conservation" are changed to "Map 5 – Regional Niagara Strategy for Development and Conservation".
- xvii. The map entitled "The Greater Niagara Circle Route and Related Trails" is renamed "Map 6- The Greater Niagara Circle Route and Related Trails Map". All references in the Regional Official Plan that state "The Greater Niagara Circle Route and Related Trails" are changed to "Map 6 – The Greater Niagara Circle Route and Related Trails".
- xviii. The map entitled "Interim Road Proposals" is renamed "Map 7 - Interim Road Proposals Map". All references in the Regional Official Plan that state "Interim Road Proposals Map" are changed to "Map 7 – Interim Road Proposals Map".
- xix. The map entitled "Strategic Locations for Investment" is renamed "Map 8 – Strategic Locations for Investment". All references in the Regional Official Plan that state "Strategic Locations for Investment" are changed to "Map 8 – Strategic Locations for Investment."
- xx. The Table "Road Allowance Width" is renamed "Table 8-1 – Road Allowance Width".

Appendix D: Advisory Committees to Regional Council

Greater Niagara Circle Route

The Region will coordinate a Committee to pursue the creation of the Greater Niagara Circle Route with appropriate representation from the Regional Municipality of Niagara; the municipalities of St. Catharines, Thorold, Welland, Wainfleet, Port Colborne, Fort Erie, Niagara Falls and Niagara-on-the-Lake; and members of the public to a total of 15 members.

The Greater Niagara Circle Route Committee, in association with the Local Municipalities, will:

- Coordinate the development of the Greater Niagara Circle Route and the Welland Canals East Side Trail;
- Coordinate a private fund-raising campaign to assist with the financing of the Greater Niagara Circle Route;
- Support a construction program to build or upgrade the necessary sections of the route, with a work program and funding sequence identifying this route in the Region's capital works program; and
- Emphasize the completion of the proposed Greater Niagara Circle Route as a Regional Policy

Regional Niagara Bicycling Committee

The Niagara Region will continue to maintain, support, encourage and fund the activities of the Regional Niagara Bicycling Committee:

- i.) As an advisory sub-committee of the Public Works Committee with membership consisting of political, public, interest groups, appropriate agencies and Regional Staff Representation
- ii.) As a forum providing for public and agency input into Provincial, Regional and local cycling decisions in areas such as policy development, bikeway network development, cycling education, safety, promotion/ encouragement, enforcement; and
- iii.) To undertake tasks related to the above Objectives

Agricultural Policy and Action Committee

The Region will attempt to ensure a viable agricultural industry through such means as:

- The Agricultural Policy and Action Committee whose purpose is to advise the Region on agricultural issues (This Sub Committee includes representatives from Regional Council and local agricultural and marketing organizations.)

PART "C" – THE APPENDICES