

Community Planning Workload – Looking Forward

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Capacity



Functional Design

Planning Implementation

Responsibilities:
Zoning, Grading, Drainage,
CofA, Tree Permits, Site
Plans, Business Services

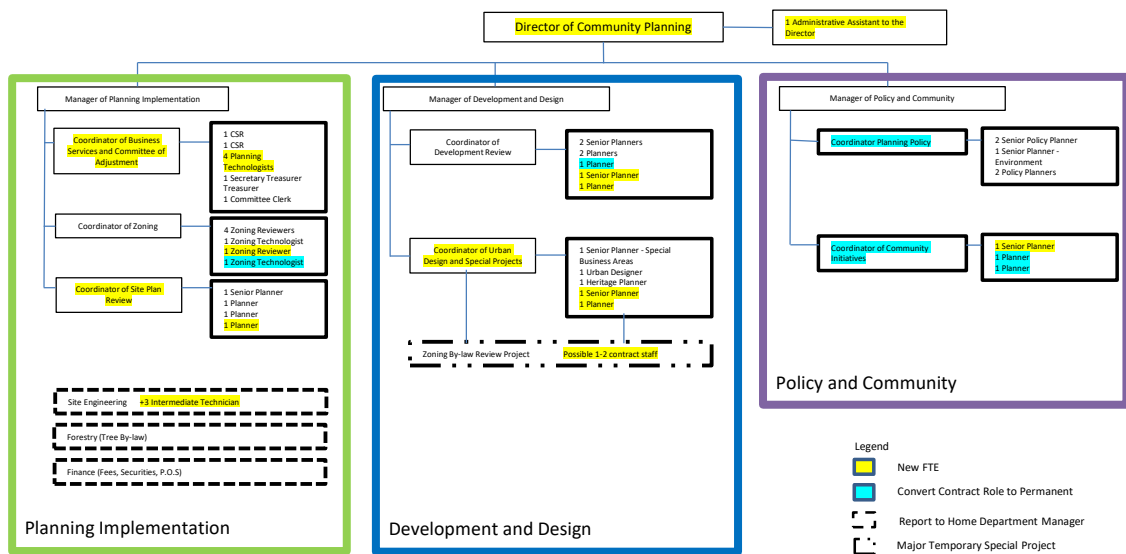
Development and Design

Responsibilities:
OPA, Rezoning,
Subdivision, Zoning By-law
Review, Special Projects,
Urban Design, Heritage,
BIAs

Policy and Community

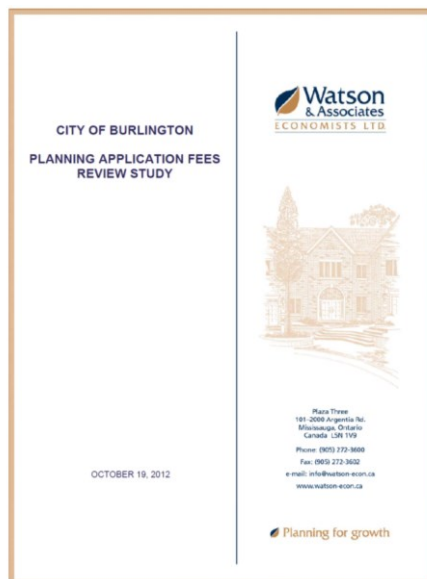
Responsibilities:
Official Plan Review,
Strategic Initiatives, Area
Specific Plans

Future State



Fee Review

- Development applications in an infill context are increasingly complex and require more staff effort.



New Official Plan

Burlington Official Plan

Adopted on April 26, 2018



Taking a Closer Look at the Downtown



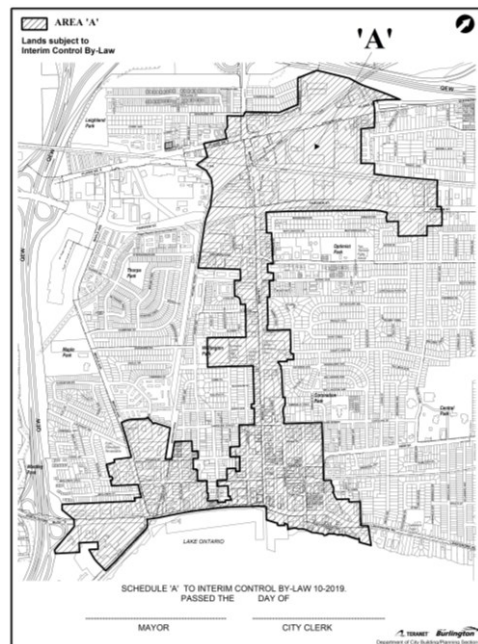
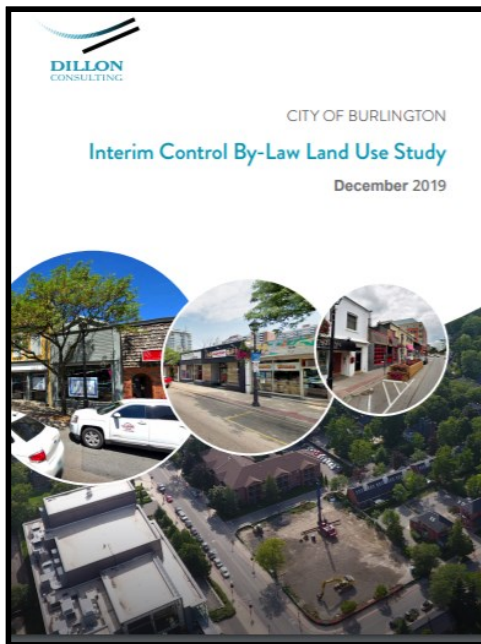
Issues of Non-Conformity

- Proposed employment land conversions and permitted uses within employment areas and lands;
- The identification of and permitted uses within agricultural lands;
- The identification of and permitted uses within the Natural Heritage System; and
- Transportation matters, including road classifications.

Region of Halton Draft Decision

- Regional Conformity
- Provincial Conformity
- City-Initiated Change - Scoped Re-Examination of the Downtown + Neighbourhood Centres
- City-Initiated Change – Official Plan Amendment (both in effect & under appeal)
- Clarity & Consistency
- Technical Error

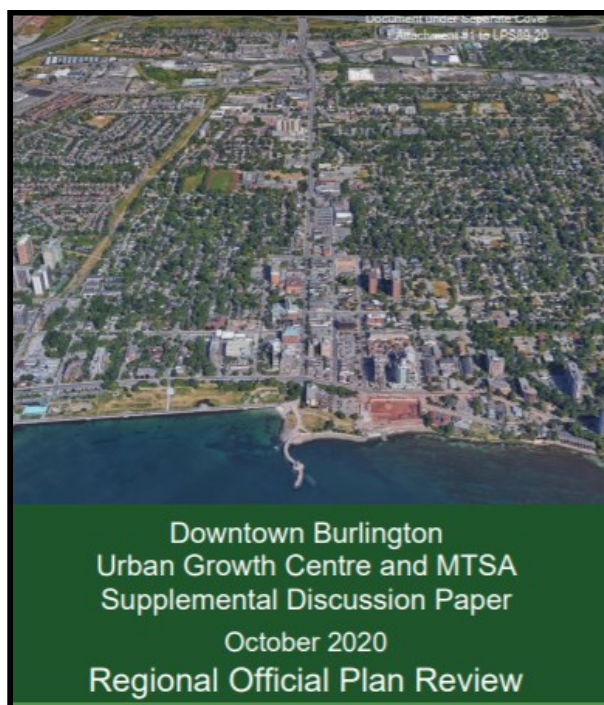
Interim Control By-law



Region of Halton Official Plan



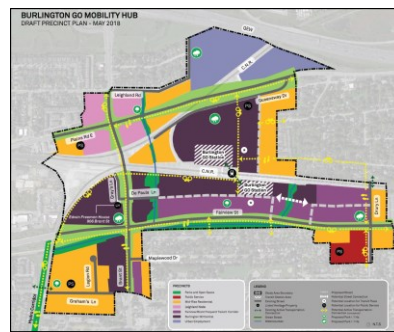
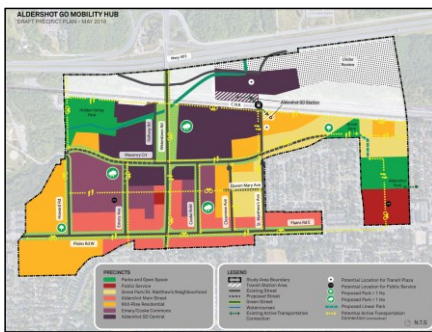
Downtown MTSA and UGC



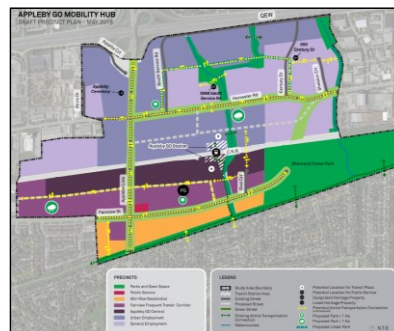
Conformity with MCR

- Upon Provincial approval of the Region MCR (or phases of it), the City must undertake a conformity exercise with the Official Plan.
- This work will likely be Amendment#1 to the new Official Plan and will deal with various matters across the City (Rural areas, North Aldershot, Downtown, MTSAs, UGC, etc.)

Area Specific Plans - MTSAs

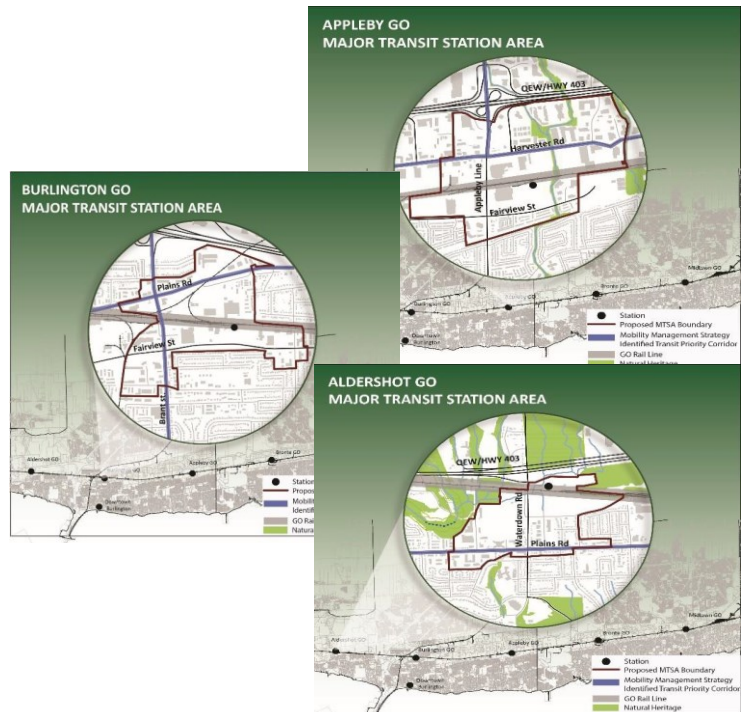


- Draft precinct plans have been prepared for the areas around the GO stations.



Area Specific Plans - MTSA's

- As the boundaries for MTSA are delineated through the MCR process, staff will re-initiate this project to complete the area specific plans, technical studies, and further engagement opportunities.

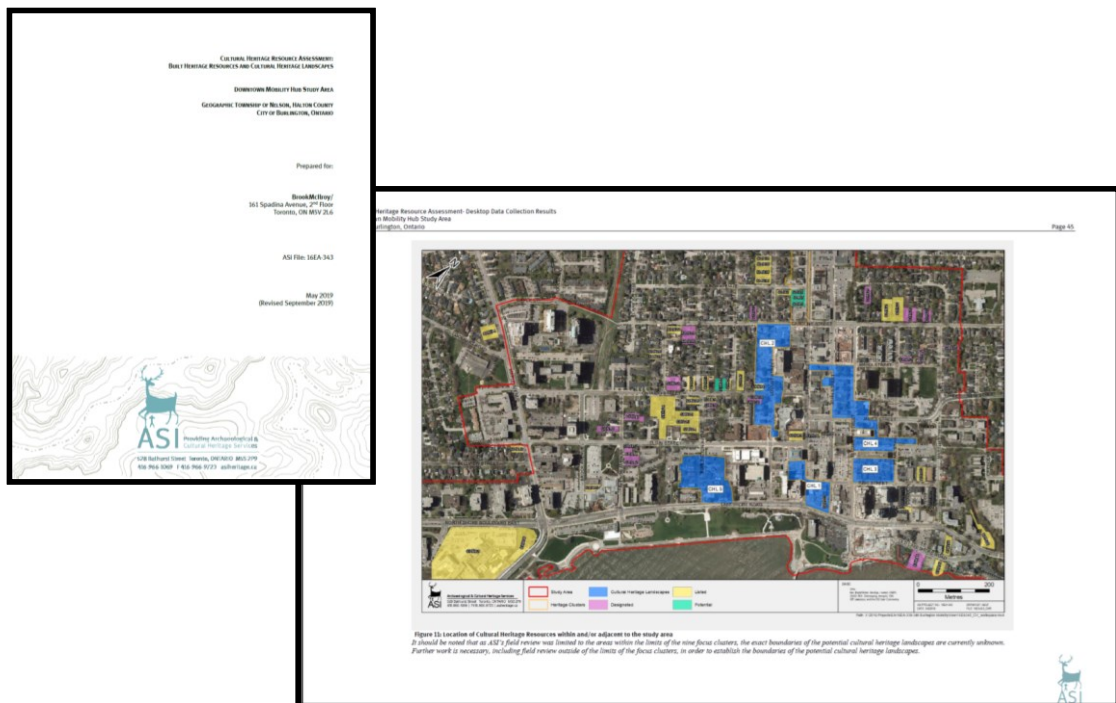


Housing Strategy

- The principle objective is to develop an innovative Housing Strategy for the City of Burlington that sets out policies, tools and actions to address residents housing needs now and in the future.
- This work will be supported by a consultant.
- Staff are preparing a comprehensive Communication and Engagement Plan to support the Housing Strategy.



Heritage Study



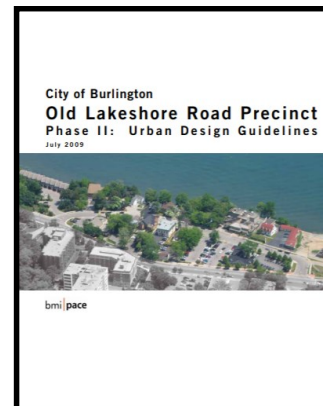
Urban Design

- A number of urban design initiatives to be delivered:
 - Bird Friendly Guidelines
 - Low Rise Design Guidelines
 - Plains Road Streetscape Review
 - Downtown Placemaking & Urban Design Guidelines



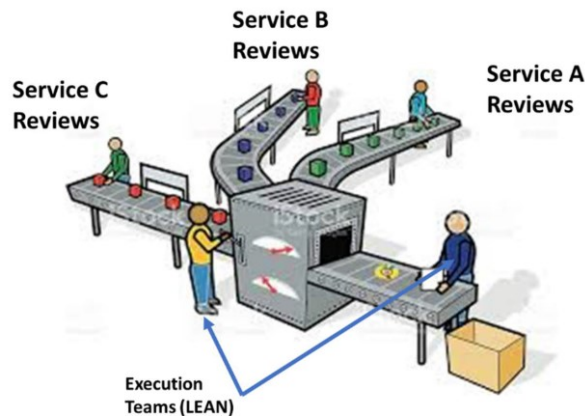
Old Lakeshore Road Precinct & Waterfront Hotel Study

- Studies are required to update the policy and urban design framework in these areas in order to set clear objectives and guide development pressures in this area.



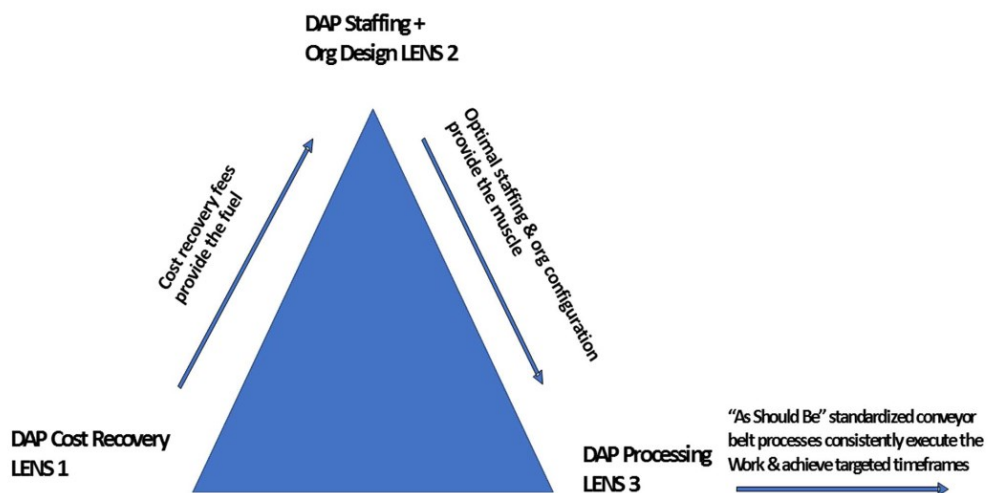
Pre-Building Permit Process

- In 2019, the Service Delivery Review study was completed which looked at the pre-building permit process. The intent was to look at integrating zoning, grading/drainage, tree permits, and Committee of Adjustment to improve staff efficiency and customer experience.



Business Process Improvements

- An integrated approach to Planning Implementation



Digital Transition

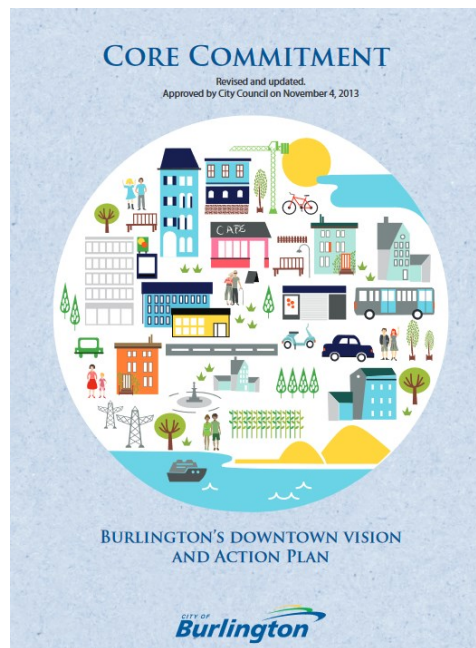
- COVID forced our digital transition, with great success.
- With help from ITS we are looking to continue modernizing development services by leveraging our data file management system.
- Ultimately we will have a Public Portal where the public can submit digital applications, connect with staff, and track their progress.
- Improve customer experience by empowering our customers with information sharing.

Zoning By-law Review

- A more effective zoning by-law could lead to improved economic development and business attraction.
- It will facilitate a more predictable and efficient application process by modernizing the by-law to align with new Official Plan.



Core Commitment



Temporary Outdoor Patios

- The Temporary Outdoor Patio program is intended to support business recovery due to impacts of COVID-19.

53 businesses have been approved.
The program runs until January 1, 2021.



Development Activity

50 Active Major Development Files.

7000 residential units, across the City.

40 Tall/Mid-rise buildings, Employment, Commercial.

30 Major Development Pre-consultations in 2020 to date.

50% increase in Pre-building permit application volumes compared to this time last year.

LPAT Appeals

11 Appeals of Major Developments to Local Planning Appeal Tribunal.

31 Appeals of the Interim Control By-law.

1 Appeal of a Committee of Adjustment decision.

