

Regional Official Plan Review:

Phase 2 – Downtown Burlington Urban Growth Centre and MTSA Supplemental Discussion Paper

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Mobility Committee

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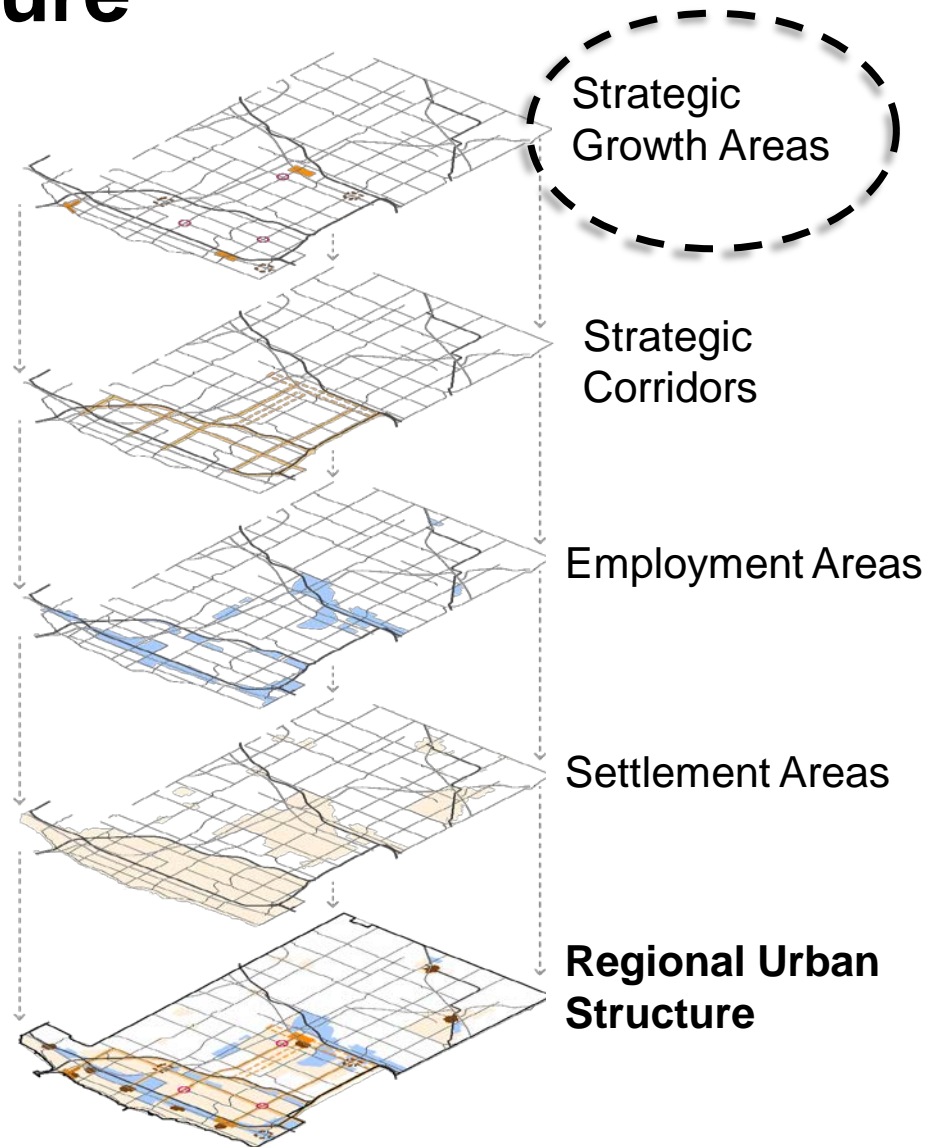


Current Regional Official Plan Review Status

- Consultation on the five theme area Discussion Papers concluded at end of October
- Currently engaging on the Supplemental Discussion Paper on the Burlington Urban Growth Centre and Major Transit Station Area till December 22, 2020
- Regional Council has directed consideration of an Initial Scoped Regional Official Plan Amendment
- Contents of Supplemental Discussion Paper could form part of the Initial Scoped Regional Official Plan Amendment

Integrated Growth Management and the Regional Urban Structure

- How the Region plans for growth impacts livability of communities and delivery of public services
- Strategic Growth Areas important areas for accommodating growth
- Intensification opportunities supported by local plans and priorities to Strategic Growth Areas
- Allocation of growth must align with the community vision and needs

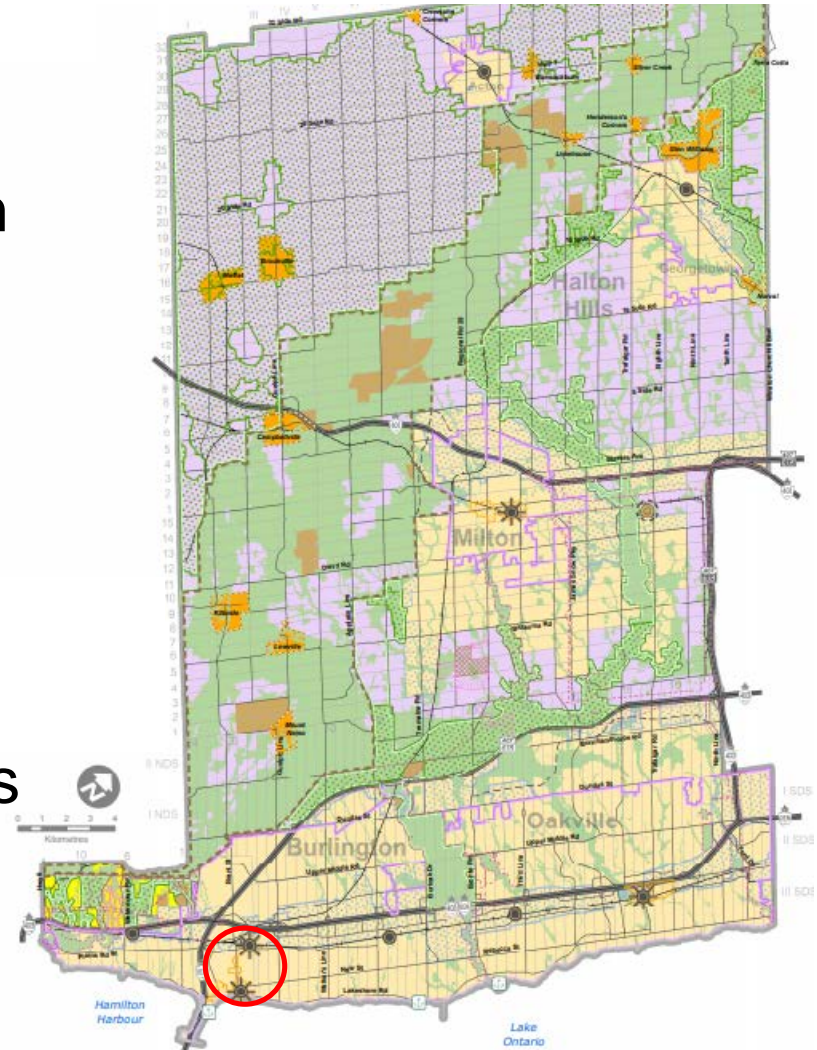


Supplemental Discussion Paper Overview

- Builds on the objectives of the Regional Urban Structure Discussion Paper with two components:
 - Removal of the Downtown Burlington Major Transit Station Area designation
 - Proposed boundary adjustment to the Downtown Burlington Urban Growth Centre to generally align with lands in proximity to the Burlington GO MTSA
- Supports growth and intensification that is transit supportive

Current Downtown Burlington Urban Growth Centre and MTSA designation

- The Regional Official Plan currently identifies Downtown Burlington as an Urban Growth Centre
- John Street bus terminal identified as an MTSA
- The IGMS is an appropriate instrument to consider changes to UGC policy direction



Consideration of MTSA Designation Removal

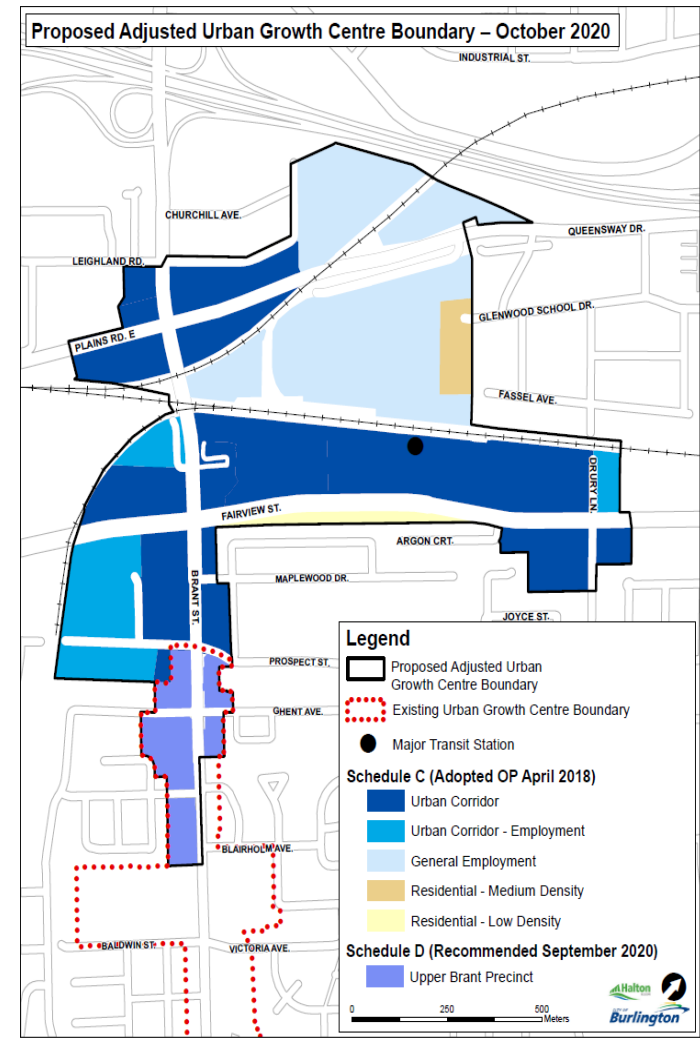
- Discussion paper explores removal of the MTSA designation of the John Street Bus terminal
- Terminal is not located on a Growth Plan Priority Transit Corridor and is not supported by higher order transit nor frequent transit within a dedicated right of way
- Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Ministry of Transportation confirmed Region's ability to remove designation from the Regional Official Plan



John Street Bus Terminal - City of Burlington
(Source: City of Burlington Interim Control Bylaw
Land Use Study)

Consideration of an Adjusted UGC Boundary

- Two options proposed for consideration:
 - Status Quo – Retain the existing Downtown UGC boundary with minor modifications
 - Proposed adjusted UGC boundary that:
 - Directs intensification growth to an MTSA on a Provincial Priority Transit Corridor
 - Aligns with the proposed Regional Urban Structure
 - Leverages public infrastructure investment



Urban Growth Centre- An Adjusted Boundary Conformity Tests

- Support achievement of complete communities
- Prioritize intensification and higher densities in Strategic Growth Areas
- Flexibility to capitalize on new economic and employment opportunities
- Support range and mix of housing options
- Integrate land use planning and investment in infrastructure and public service facilities
- Integrate climate change considerations



Summary

ROPR Phase 2 Supplemental Discussion Paper

- Supplemental Discussion Paper on the Downtown Burlington UGC and MTSA summarizes the relevant policy directions pertaining to the identification of UGCs and MTSAs
- Presents a discussion on the removal of the Downtown Burlington John Street Bus terminal as a Major Transit Station Area and presents a proposed adjusted Urban Growth Centre boundary
- The intent of the Supplemental Discussion Paper is to facilitate public engagement and inform a fulsome and robust policy discussion, there are no predetermined conclusions
- The Supplemental Discussion Papers are intended to facilitate the exploration of ideas in the context of broad public engagement, where all relevant options are explored

Community Engagement

Virtual Public Information Centres:

- November 19, 2020 – 1:00pm
- November 25, 2020 – 7:00pm

Website: www.halton.ca/ropr

- Download the Supplemental Discussion Paper
- Complete Questionnaire by December 22, 2020
- Use on-line ROPR Mapping Viewer

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Thank you

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