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# **ECDEV-01-21: Brownfield Focus Community Improvement Plan Statutory Public Meeting**

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***Burlington***  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

# Presentation

- Purpose of a Statutory Public Meeting
- Direction for a Community Improvement Plan (CIP)
- Brownfield Focus CIP
- Other Community Improvement Needs
- Next Steps
- Staff Recommendation

# Purpose of a Statutory Public Meeting

- Present and provide the public with an opportunity to provide feedback on the merits of the proposed Burlington Brownfield Focus Community Improvement Plan (CIP).
- Receive comments/questions from the public and Council on the proposed CIP.
- Build on progress updates that were previously provided in Red Tape Red Carpet (RTRC) Implementation Update Q1 2020 (BEDC-02-20) and Q2 2020 (BEDC-04-20).

# Direction for a Community Improvement Plan (CIP)

- Provincial Policies
  - Municipal Act, 2001
  - Planning Act, 1990
  - Provincial Policy Statement, 2020
  - Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe
- Regional Municipality of Halton
  - Regional Official Plan (ROP)
  - Regional Guidelines for Regional Participation in Local Municipal CIPs and Programs
- City of Burlington
  - Burlington Strategic Plan 2015-2040
  - 2018-2022 Burlington's Plan: From Vision to Focus
  - Mayor's Red Tape Red Carpet Task Force Report
  - City of Burlington Official Plan (1997)
  - City of Burlington New Official Plan (2020)

# Brownfield Focus CIP

- Brownfields are abandoned, idled or underutilized properties where past actions caused known or suspected environmental contamination, but where there is an active potential for redevelopment.
- The approval, in principle as a policy document, of the proposed Brownfield Focus CIP will provide a framework to stimulate brownfield redevelopment for the purpose of generating employment intensification and employment growth in Burlington.

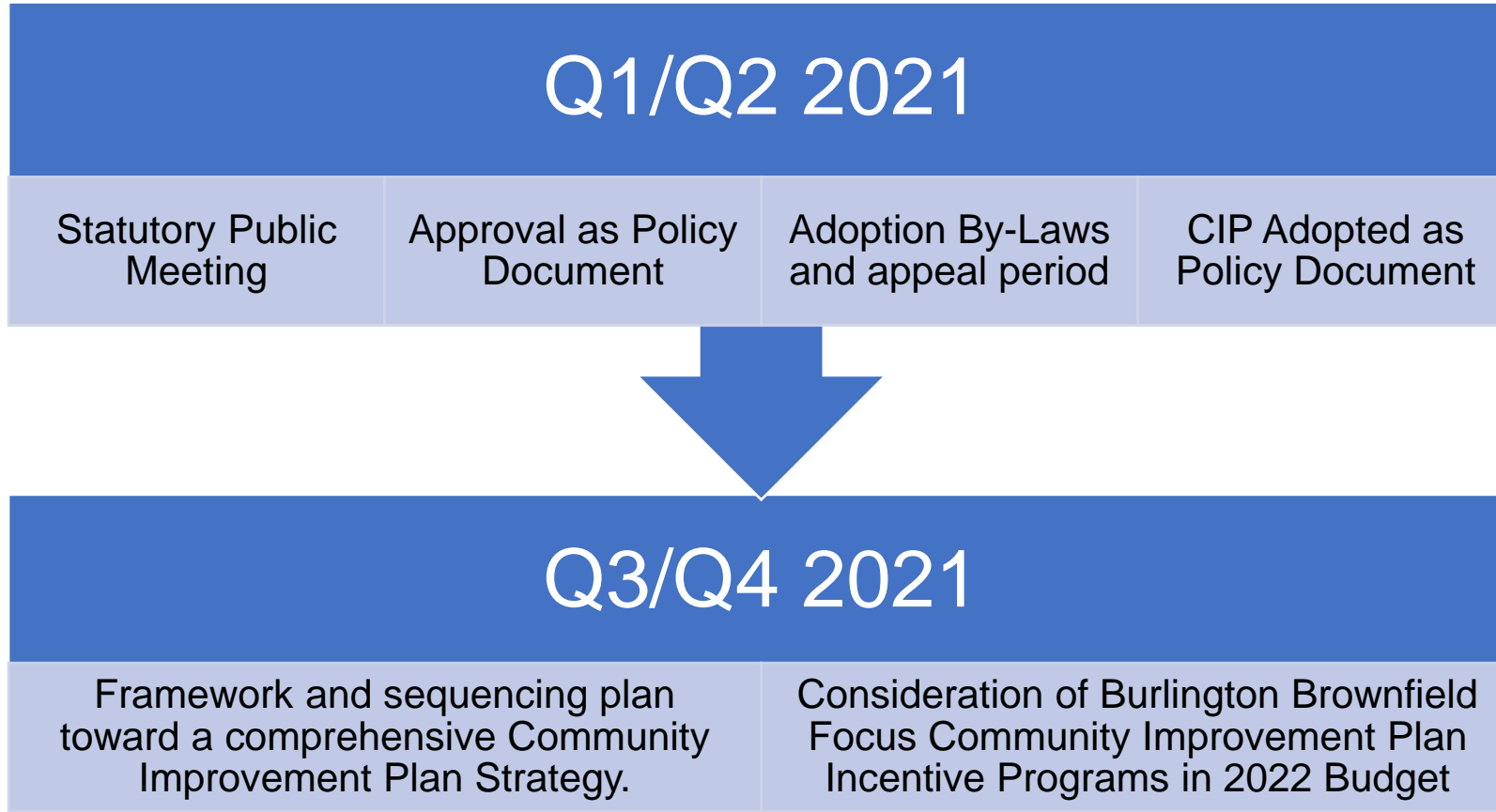
# Brownfield Focus CIP

- Proposed Community Improvement Project Area (CIPA) = Urban Boundary
- Priority Areas (Appendix A)
- Eligible Employment Uses (Appendix B)
- Proposed incentive programs
  - Environmental Study Grant (ESG) Program
  - Tax Assistance Program (TAP)
  - Tax Increment Grant (TIG) Program
  - Remediation Loan Program (RLP)
  - Fees Grant Program (FGP)

# Other Community Improvement Needs

- Brownfield Focus CIP to set the stage for future CIPs
- As outlined in Section 4.3, other identified needs include:
  - Housing – Affordable, Assisted and Special Needs
  - Continued Downtown Improvement and Business Attraction
  - Commercial Office Attraction/Improvement/Revitalization/Development
  - Employment
  - Sustainability in the Major Transit Station Areas (MTSAs)
  - Rural Economic Development
- Framework and sequencing plan to assess other community improvement needs towards a comprehensive Community Improvement Plan Strategy in Q4 2021.

# Next Steps





# Staff Recommendation

- Approve the Burlington Brownfield Focus Community Improvement Plan Report located in Appendix A in principle as a policy document; and
- Direct the Executive Director of Community Planning, Regulation and Mobility to work with Burlington Economic Development to prepare the adopting by-laws to enable the Burlington Brownfield Focus Community Improvement Plan in principle as a policy document; and
- Direct the Executive Director of Community Planning, Regulation and Mobility and the Director of Finance to work with Burlington Economic Development to develop a framework and sequencing plan to assess other community improvement needs towards a comprehensive Community Improvement Plan Strategy; and
- Direct the Executive Director of Community Planning, Regulation and Mobility and the Director of Finance to work with Burlington Economic Development to report back to Council in Q4 2021 for consideration of implementation of the Burlington Brownfield Focus Community Improvement Plan Incentive Programs in 2022 and the financial impacts on the 2022 Budget in the context of the proposed comprehensive Community Improvement Plan Strategy.