

OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT
PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE REGIONAL OFFICIAL PLAN OF THE
BURLINGTON PLANNING AREA

CONSTITUTIONAL STATEMENT

The Amendment contained in Part “B” of this document constitutes Amendment No. 2 to the Regional Official Plan of the City of Burlington, 1995.

PART A – PREAMBLE

1. PURPOSE OF THE AMENDMENT

The purpose of this City-initiated Amendment to the Regional Official Plan, 1995 is to enable the delegation of authority to staff to make technical changes that do not alter the intent, meaning, or substance of the Plan, in accordance with the *Municipal Act* and the City’s Delegated Authority By-law.

The effect of the proposed Amendment is to add policies to the Regional Official Plan, 1995 to:

- Establish the authority for staff to make technical changes, without a Plan amendment, that do not alter the intent, meaning, or substance of the Plan, including updates to the names of agencies or public authorities and the removal of obsolete or redundant policies.

2. SITE AND LOCATION

The proposed amendment applies City-wide across the entirety of the City of Burlington subject to the Regional Official Plan, 1995.

3. BASIS FOR THE AMENDMENT

- On July 1, 2024, through changes to the Planning Act, the Province identified the Region of Halton as an “upper-tier municipality without planning responsibilities”. As a result, the Regional Official Plan is no longer an official plan for the Regional Municipality of Halton. Instead, it has been deemed an official plan of each of the lower-tier municipalities in Halton (City of Burlington, Town of Halton Hills, Town of Milton, and Town of Oakville), until it is revoked or amended by the respective municipality.
- To distinguish between the versions of the Regional Official Plan as amended by each lower-tier municipality in Halton, the City’s version of the Plan will henceforth be referred to as the “Burlington Regional Official Plan, 1995” (BROP, 1995).
- Further, the City has elected to conclude the Region’s former Amendment numbering at “Regional Official Plan Amendment No. 48”, that being the last Amendment undertaken by the Region of Halton. To clearly distinguish any changes made by the City, the numbering has been re-started at “Burlington Regional Official Plan Amendment No. 1”.

- The *Municipal Act* provides municipalities with flexibility in governing their affairs, including the ability to delegate certain powers and duties from Council to a committee or an individual. Matters delegated by Council are typically administrative, technical, or operational in nature and do not involve substantive policy decisions. While the BROP, 1995 includes some existing provisions delegating certain authorities to staff, additional policies are required to enable staff to update the names of agencies or public authorities and remove obsolete or redundant policies, as well as other technical changes, without an amendment to the Plan.

PART B – THE AMENDMENT

1. DETAILS OF THE AMENDMENT

1.1 Text Change

The amendment includes the changes to the text of the Burlington Regional Official Plan, 1995 as described in the following table:

Item No.	Section	Description of Change
1	PART I INTRODUCTION GUIDE TO THE PLAN SUBSECTION 24.1	Delete subsection 24.1 in its entirety and replace it with NEW subsection 24.1 as follows: 24.1 Authority is delegated to staff to make technical changes, without a Plan amendment, that do not alter intent, meaning, or substance, as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) alteration of the numbering, arrangement and cross-referencing of provisions; (ii) correction of clerical, grammatical, and spelling errors; (iii) updating of address references; (iv) updating of agency and/or <i>public authority</i> names; (v) removal of obsolete and/or redundant policies; (vi) updating of schedules, tables or graphics; and (vii) alteration of format or presentation.