



Brampton's Response to the Provincial Growth Plan



Natural Heritage and Conservation Policy Review

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Workshop Purpose



- To inform participants of the **goals, policies and requirements** of the Provincial Growth Plan.
- To inform participants about the **current policies in place** to address natural heritage and conservation.
- To gather input to guide recommendations on Brampton's response to **'Protecting What is Valuable'** policies in the Growth Plan.

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Presentation Outline



- **Places to Grow.**
- What is Brampton already doing about growth?
- **Challenges** to how we address growth and the environment.
- **'Protecting What is Valuable'** in Brampton.

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The Need to Manage Growth



The Province identified **significant risks** if growth is not managed:

- Loss of **Agricultural Land**...
- Increased **Gridlock**...
- Decline in **Air Quality**...



- Decline in **Housing Affordability**...
- Increased **Infrastructure** costs...

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What is *Places to Grow*?



Adopted by the Province on **June 16, 2006**, ***Places to Grow*** is a plan to guide growth in the Greater Golden Horseshoe (GGH).



- Has legal status under the *Places to Grow Act* (2005) and prevails over other Provincial plans, policies and municipal Official Plans
- The Province requires that Official Plans conform with the Growth Plan by **June 16, 2009**.

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Goals of the Growth Plan



The Growth Plan aims to:

- Create Compact, **Vibrant and Complete** Communities
- Support a Strong and Competitive **Economy**
- Protect **Natural Resources** and
- Optimize **Infrastructure** to Support Growth



Source: Province of Ontario



How will these Goals be met?



The Province intends to achieve the goals of the Growth Plan by:

- **Revitalizing downtowns** to become vibrant and convenient centres
- **Creating complete communities** that offer more convenient and accessible options for living, working, learning, shopping and playing
- **Providing housing options** to meet the needs of people at any age
- **Curbing sprawl** and protecting farmland and green spaces
- **Reducing traffic gridlock** by improving access to a greater range of transportation options

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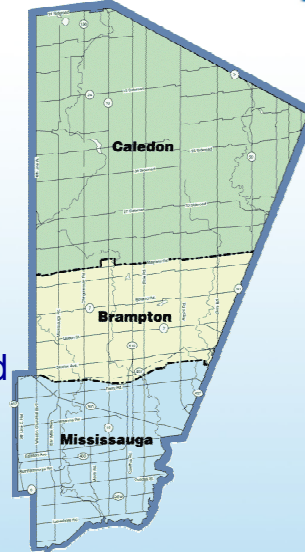


Growth in the Region of Peel



Region of Peel

Year	Population (000's)	Employment (000's)
2001	1,030	530
2011	1,320	730
2021	1,490	820
2031	1,640	870

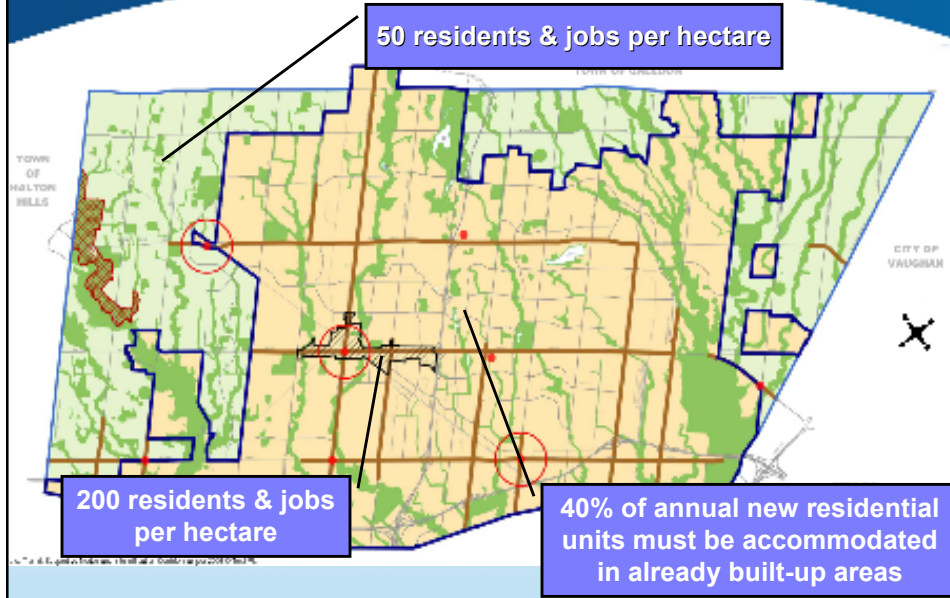


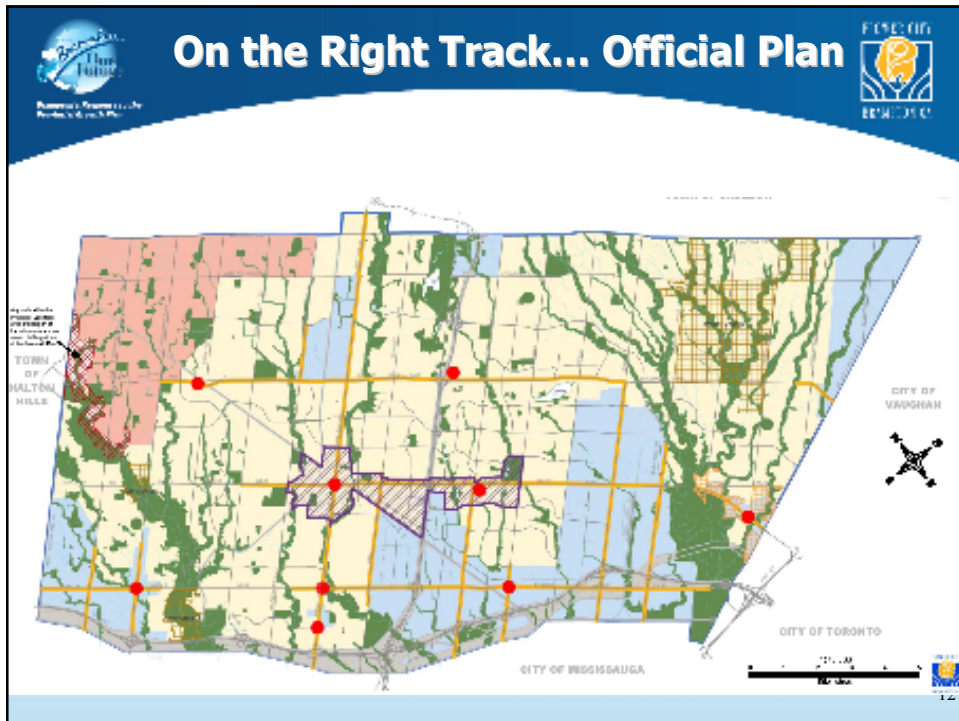
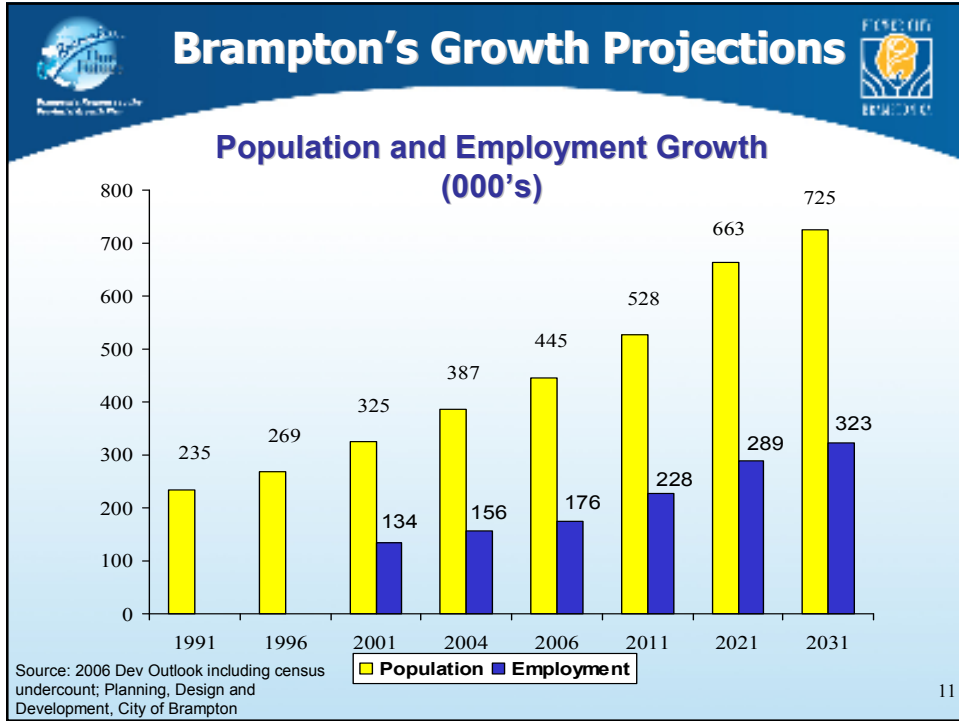
- Growth Plan forecasts must be used for planning and managing growth
- There is **30,000+** unallocated population in Peel Region

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What does this mean for Brampton?







Our Brampton, Our Future...



- Brampton will be a **dynamic urban municipality** with a population of 725,000 persons and over 300,000 workers by 2031
- Brampton will be a **sustainable community**
- Brampton will have a **compact and transit-oriented** City structure
- Brampton will continue to celebrate and preserve its **unique cultural and natural heritage**, including its “Flower City” roots
- Brampton’s **multi-dimensional, full service urban economy** will provide residents with ample **live-work opportunities**

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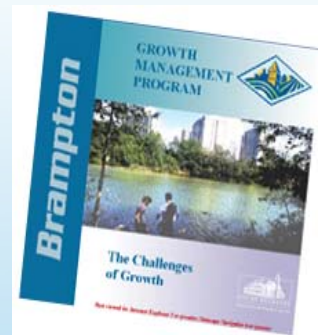


On the Right Track... Growth Management



Brampton introduced its **Growth Management Program** (GMP) in 2003 to coordinate the distribution of **growth** with the delivery of **services and infrastructure**

The Growth Management Program is “The City’s **innovative and comprehensive** response to the opportunities and challenges of growth and development”



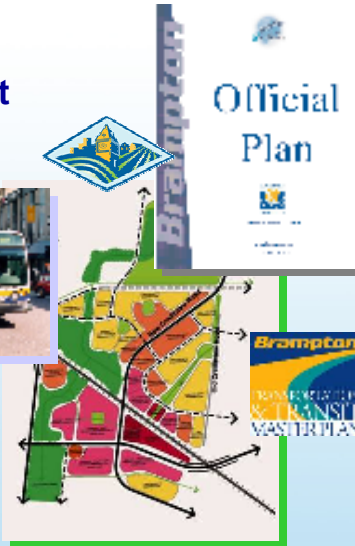
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Growth Management Elements



- Approved 2006 Official Plan
- Development OUTLOOK Report
- Development Allocation
- Block Planning
- Infrastructure / Capital Program
- Transit/Transportation Planning
- **AcceleRide** (Brampton's BRT Initiative)



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Mount Pleasant Transit Village



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Meeting the Growth Plan Goals



Creating Compact, Vibrant & Complete Communities by:

- **Managing growth** through appropriate intensification and density within existing communities and greenfields
- Implementing annual **development allocation program**
- Developing **Community Improvement Plans** and **Development Charges Incentive Programs**
- **Mixing land uses** within neighbourhoods

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Meeting the Growth Plan Goals



Supporting a Strong and Competitive Economy by:

- Maintaining an adequate **supply of lands** to support a variety of employment uses
- Supporting **major office** and **institutional developments** with frequent transit service
- **Providing assistance** to new and expanding businesses
- **Promoting** local research and development capabilities
- **Revitalizing downtown and Central Area** to be vibrant and convenient centres

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Meeting the Growth Plan Goals



Optimizing Infrastructure to Support Growth by:

- **Coordinating new development** with infrastructure
- Updating the **Transportation and Transit Master Plan**
- **Launching AcceleRide in 2010** to improve transit service in high demand corridors
- **Building Pathways** as part of an **integrated transportation system**
- **Planning transit oriented communities** in greenfields
- **Connecting transit to major destinations** beyond Brampton's boundaries

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Meeting the Growth Plan Goals



Protecting Natural Resources by:

- **Implementing Brampton's sustainable development strategy** expressed in the Official Plan, Flower City Strategy and Master Plans
- **Protecting, restoring and enhancing** the natural, cultural, recreational and urban open space systems
- **Managing operational programs and services** as an environmentally conscious corporation
- **Developing new environmental initiatives** to meet future challenges

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Challenges in Managing Growth



- Gap between **infrastructure needs** and **available funding**
- **Municipal Infrastructure Deficit** has reached \$123 billion (FCM)
- Provincial infrastructure deficit estimated to be \$25 billion
- Heightened in Brampton because of:
 - Amount of **growth**
 - **Funding restrictions** based on historic level of service

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Challenges in Managing Growth



- Planning Act limits **parkland contributions** from new development to 1ha of parkland for every 300 dwelling units or 5% of developable land (as land or "Cash In Lieu" (CIL))
- **Provincial amendments** to Development Charges Act in 1997 **eliminated ability to supplement** Planning Act collection with Development Charges
- Parkland/CIL collected through development approval is only statutory means for the City to acquire new tableland parkland

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Planning and Environmental Challenges



- An **additional 250,000** people by 2031
- Development Charges cannot fund all the costs to address growth, infrastructure and natural heritage protection
- Natural heritage systems planning means going beyond natural area and feature conservation
- Keeping pace with new information, environmental planning approaches and technology



'Protecting What is Valuable'



Growth Plan provides policies for:

Natural Systems

- Builds on PPS
- Protect natural systems in Greenbelt Plan area
- Identify natural features and areas that complement, link and enhance natural systems
- Develop and coordinate a system of publicly accessible parks, open space and trails
- Establish urban Open Space within built-up areas

Prime Agricultural Areas

- Greenbelt policies continue to apply
- Maintain, improve and support farm-related infrastructure, e.g. drainage



'Protecting What is Valuable'



Mineral Aggregate Resources

- Identify significant aggregate resources
- Develop long-term strategy for wise use, conservation, availability and management
- Opportunities for resource recovery and coordinated rehabilitation

Culture of Conservation

- Develop policies and strategies for:
 - **Water Conservation** – water efficiency and recycling
 - **Energy Conservation** – energy reduction and efficiency, opportunities for alternative energy generation and distribution
 - **Air Quality protection** from municipal and residential sources
 - **Integrated Waste Management** – integrate, enhance and promote reduce, reuse, recycle, and compost programs
 - **Cultural Heritage Conservation**

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Sustainability Framework



The Official Plan Policies will 'Protect What is Valuable' by (see handout Details):

- Integration of **economic, social, environmental and cultural** needs of the community
- An **Ecosystem approach** to land use planning
- **Natural heritage system planning**
- **Greenbelt Plan and mineral resource policies**
- Comprehensive **recreational and cultural heritage policies**
- Integration of **pathways** in transportation system

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Sustainable... City Programs and Services



Conservation (Naturalize valleys, Creek channel restoration)

Energy Management (smart and hybrid vehicles, biodiesel for City fleet, energy conservation audits on all municipal facilities)

Community Stewardship (Clean City Committee, Adopt-a-Park)

Environmental Management (Downtown Clean Sweep, Spring and Fall Harvest Clean-ups, Salt management, Green procurement bylaw)

Environmental Committees (BEPAC, Regional Air Quality Working Group, Etobicoke-Mimico Watershed Coalition)

Heritage Conservation (Brampton Heritage Committee and Historical Society, Churchville Heritage Conservation District, Heritage Planning)

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'Protecting What is Valuable'



Growth Plan provides **Environmental Policies** that:

- Build on PPS and the Greenbelt Plan to **Protect Natural Systems**
- Require the City to be proactive in identifying, conserving and managing **Natural and Cultural Resources, Parks, Open Space and Trails**
- Develop strategies to create a Culture of Conservation

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'Protecting What is Valuable'



The City has a **comprehensive environmental planning framework** in place. However, we are seeking input regarding:

- Balancing need to **plan for growth** while **addressing environmental issues**
- Ideas for **new City initiatives** to protect what is valuable
- Ideas for new community and business initiatives to **protect what is valuable**

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Make Sure Your Voice Is Heard!



We want to hear from you! You can participate by...

- Calling **905-874-2050** and speaking with a Growth Management Planner; or
- Emailing the Growth Management Group at **gmp@brampton.ca**; or
- Visiting the website at **www.brampton/GrowthPlan.ca**.
- Fill out a workbook and submit it to the team.

Visit the website for updates (including information and dates) on theme-based **workshops** on topics such as residential, intensification and employment lands.

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