

Places to Grow

Places to Grow, *The Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe* (GGH) is the first Provincial Growth Plan. It was adopted by the Province of Ontario in June, 2006 under the *Places to Grow Act (2005)*, and prevails over other Provincial plans and policies. The Province adopted the Growth Plan to:





- **Manage fast-paced growth.** The GGH is the third fastest growing region in North America, expected to reach 3.7 million more people and 1.8 million more jobs in 2031.
- **Address current sprawling development patterns** that reduce green spaces, create longer travelling distances, more traffic congestion, worsen air pollution and health problems and are poor value for our infrastructure investments.
- **Enhance the region's economic competitiveness** by protecting employment land from conversion to other uses, creating more jobs, getting goods to their destination on time and creating better environments to attract employees.



What is the Provincial Growth Plan?

Key goals of Growth Plan

The key goals of the Provincial Growth Plan are to:

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

Objectives of the Growth Plan

- **Revitalize downtowns** to become vibrant and convenient centres
- **Create complete communities** that offer more convenient and accessible options for living, working, learning, shopping and playing
- **Provide housing options** to meet the needs of people at any age
- **Curb sprawl** and protect farmland and green spaces
- **Reduce traffic gridlock** by improving access to a greater range of transportation options

Source: *A Guide to the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe*, 2006.

Brampton - Where are we now?

The City of Brampton:

- Has a current population of about 460,000 people, and a projected population of 726,000 people by 2031...
- Has a current workforce of 196,700 people, and a projected workforce of 310,000 people in 2031...
- Is the second fastest growing municipality in Canada...
- Is home to one of Canada's largest intermodal railway terminals...
- Has over 70 million square feet of industrial building space...
- Has over 4000 acres of parkland and open space...

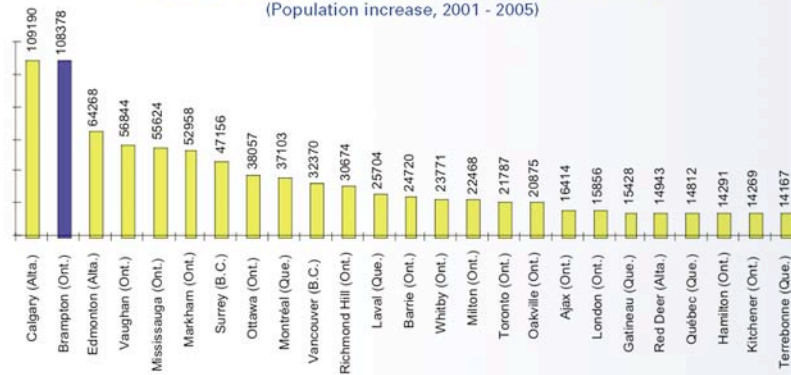
Brampton's Growth Management Program



The City of Brampton introduced a Growth Management Program (GMP) in 2003. The GMP is Brampton's innovative and dynamic response to the challenges and opportunities that come with rapid growth, which ensures that the services and infrastructure are in place to manage growth and meet demands in a sustainable way.

Canada's 25 Fastest Growing Communities

(Population increase, 2001 - 2005)



Source: 2006 Census

Key Features of Brampton's Growth Management Program

- New Official Plan
- Development Allocation Strategy
- Development OUTLOOK Report
- Block Planning
- Infrastructure/Capital Program
- Transit and Transportation Planning



Brampton's Response to the Provincial Growth Plan

Growth Plan Requirements

The Growth Plan requires all municipalities to implement its policies in various ways, including amending their **Official Plans by June 2009**. The Growth Plan gives municipalities some flexibility to plan for growth to meet their own priorities and unique needs.

Brampton's Response

The City of Brampton's Planning, Design and Development Department is undertaking a series of studies, analyses and policy reviews in order to implement Provincial Growth Plan policies in the City of Brampton. This process aims to ensure growth continues to be well-managed and sustainable and that quality of life is enhanced and the natural environment is protected.

Brampton's Growth Plan Response



GENERAL TIMELINE

	2006				2007				2008				2009				
	W	S	Su	F	W	S	Su	F	W	S	Su	F	W	S	Su	F	W
Province Provides Draft Final Built Boundary																	
Province Provides Brampton's Draft UGC Boundary																	
Sub Area Assessments at the Regional Level																	
Brampton's Growth Plan Response																	
Review of Built and Planned Densities																	
Intensification Inventory and Analysis																	
Employment Land Strategy																	
Natural Systems and Culture of Conservation Policy Review																	
Infrastructure Review																	
TTMP Update																	
Review Financial and Operational Management Implications																	
Reports and Monitoring																	
Stakeholder Awareness and Engagement Strategy																	
Preparation for and Approval of Brampton Official Plan Amendment																	
Updates to other Policies/Documents as Necessary																	

* Note: Timelines shown are estimates only and may be subject to change.



Spotlight on... Growth Plan Goal 1 Creating Compact, Vibrant and Complete Communities

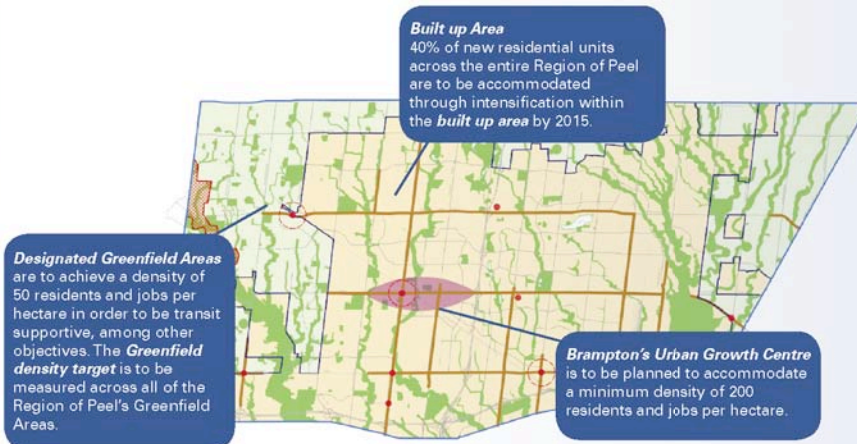


Compact, vibrant and complete communities offer:

- Convenient access to an appropriate mix of jobs and local services.
- A range of housing choices, affordable housing and accessible schools, recreational facilities and open spaces for residents.
- Convenient access to public transportation and options for active living, including biking and walking.



Growth Plan Policies



Some Questions Brampton needs to consider.

1. Do changes need to be made in Brampton when planning new neighbourhoods to create more complete communities?
2. How much new residential and employment growth can be accommodated in the Urban Growth Centre and along nodes and intensification corridors?
3. What are the best ways to meet the minimum density targets in new neighbourhoods?

Spotlight on... Growth Plan Goal 2 Supporting a Strong and Competitive Economy



Supporting a strong and competitive economy:

- Improves quality of life and contributes to prosperity and diversity.
- Helps maintain a healthy population to employment ratio.
- Aims to locate more jobs closer to each other – leading to higher productivity and increased innovation.

Growth Plan Policies

- Urban Growth Centres will be planned to serve as high density major employment centres and as focus areas for investment in institutional and region-wide public services, as well as commercial, recreational, cultural and entertainment areas. The conversion of employment lands to non-employment uses requires detailed justification.
- Municipalities must maintain an adequate supply of lands to support a variety of employment uses.
- Major office and institutional development must be located in areas with frequent or higher order transit services.
- Ensure infrastructure is provided to support current and forecasted employment trends.

Some Questions Brampton needs to consider.

1. What can the City of Brampton do to increase the number of residents that both live and work in the City?
2. Does Brampton have sufficient land to accommodate future employment growth?
3. What type of employment should Brampton try to attract?



Spotlight on... Growth Plan Goal 3 Optimizing Infrastructure to Support Growth



Reliance on maximizing existing infrastructure is:

- Important to maintain good quality of life and the economic success of the Greater Golden Horseshoe.
- Needed to attract investment in the region and maintain competitiveness.
- Fundamental to ensuring more effective and efficient movement of people and goods throughout the Greater Golden Horseshoe.



Growth Plan Policies

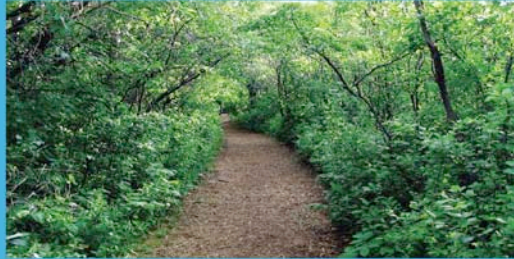
- The Greater Golden Horseshoe transportation system will be planned to increase the variety of options available for travelling to different destinations, including convenient access to transit, cycling and walking opportunities.
- Municipalities are expected to integrate walking and cycling opportunities into transportation planning.
- Communities are to be built with densities that are needed to sustain transit investment and support more vibrant, physically active lifestyles.
- Metrolinx was established to plan, coordinate and set priorities for a seamless transportation system across the GTA and Hamilton.
- Planning for water and sewer systems and community infrastructure (hospitals, long-term care facilities, affordable housing, parks and schools) is to be linked with planning for growth.

Some Questions Brampton needs to consider.

1. What can the City of Brampton do to increase the use of transit and reduce the use of private automobiles?
2. How can neighbourhoods be planned to increase walking and cycling in Brampton?
3. What infrastructure upgrades need to be undertaken to accommodate anticipated growth?



Spotlight on... Growth Plan Goal 4 Protecting Natural Resources



Protecting what is valuable involves:

- Ensuring that growth is not directed towards areas that should be protected, including unique natural areas, valuable natural resources and high quality agricultural lands.
- Fostering a culture of conservation.
- Ensuring that cultural heritage sites are protected.

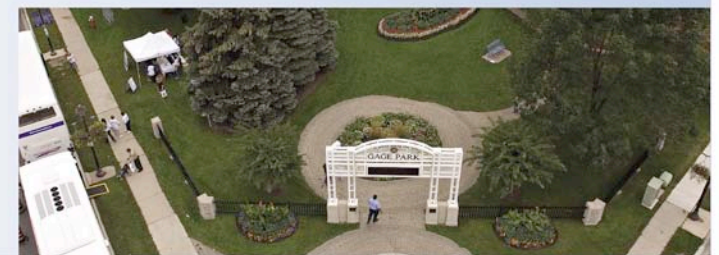
Growth Plan Policies

- Municipalities will develop and implement policies and other strategies in support of conserving water and energy, protecting air quality, reducing waste and preserving cultural heritage.
- Ongoing protection of Ontario's Greenbelt and areas outside the Greenbelt; identification and protection of natural systems and prime agricultural areas, where appropriate.
- Municipalities will develop a system of open space and trails.



Some Questions Brampton needs to consider.

1. Is there anything that the City of Brampton should do differently to protect natural heritage features and areas that complement, link or enhance natural systems?
2. What can the City of Brampton do to promote a culture of conservation?



Make Sure Your Voice is Heard!

Planning, Design and Development's Mission statement includes encouraging participation among all stakeholders and we will place the **highest priority on protecting the public interest. We will promote effective **two-way communication** that is clear, open and honest.**

How Should Brampton Grow?

Between February 2008 and June 2009, the City of Brampton will reach out to residents and community organizations to raise awareness and understanding of the Provincial Growth Plan and engage in a community dialogue about how Brampton should grow in the future.

Planning Our Future Together

Your involvement, ideas and local knowledge are important as we develop **Brampton's Response to the Provincial Growth Plan**. Over the next year, there will be a range of opportunities to provide input through Mayor's Town Hall meetings, public open houses, workshops, surveys and feedback through the City's website.

Join Our Email List

If you would like to be added to our email list to receive updates and information on Brampton's studies and upcoming consultation events, please email your name and contact information to gmp@brampton.ca.

For More Information

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