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Provincial Growth Plan

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SHOULD  
BRAMPTON  
GROW?**



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Introductory Workshop:  
The Growth Plan - Challenges and  
Opportunities for Brampton

April 3, 2008

Holiday Inn Select Brampton

Planning and Land Development Services  
City of Brampton



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# Workshop Purpose



## Workshop Purpose:

- To inform participants of the goals, policies and changes required by the Provincial Growth Plan.
- To obtain input on how participants would like to see the Growth Plan policies implemented in Brampton.

*Workshop #1, the first in a series of interactive workshops, will identify the challenges and opportunities for Brampton in meeting the targets and policies set out in the Provincial Growth Plan.*

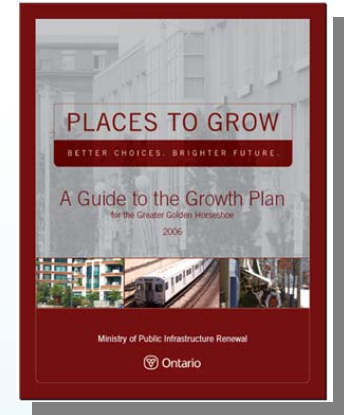


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# What is *Places to Grow*?



- On **June 16, 2006**, the Province adopted ***Places to Grow***, a plan to guide growth in the Greater Golden Horseshoe (GGH).
- The Growth Plan has legal status under the *Places to Grow Act (2005)* and prevails over most other Provincial plans, policies and municipal Official Plans.
- The Province requires that Official Plans conform with the Growth Plan by **June 16, 2009**.



The Province identifies **significant risks** associated with not managing growth and carrying on with business as usual:

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



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

## Region of Peel

| Year | Population<br>(000's) | Employment<br>(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



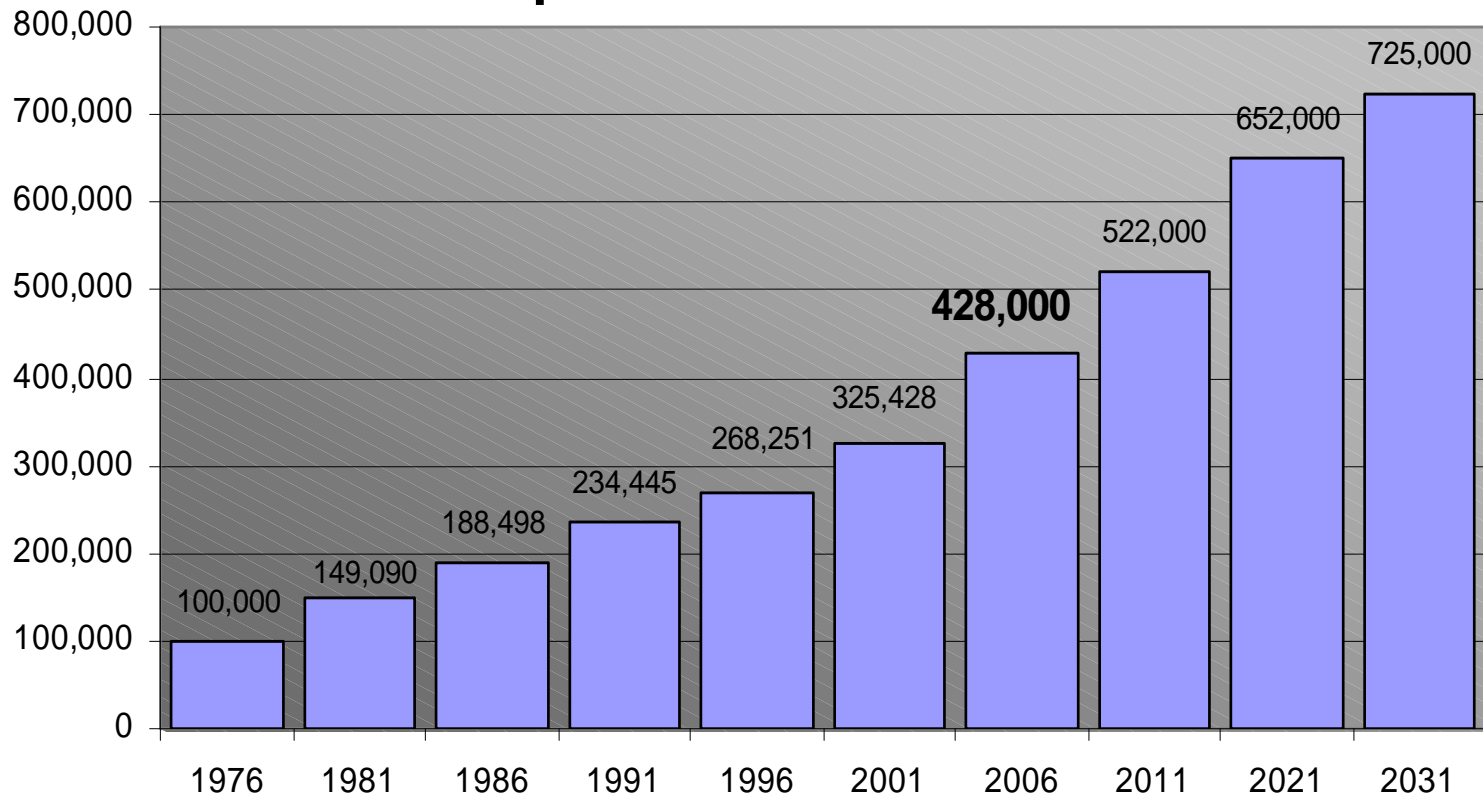


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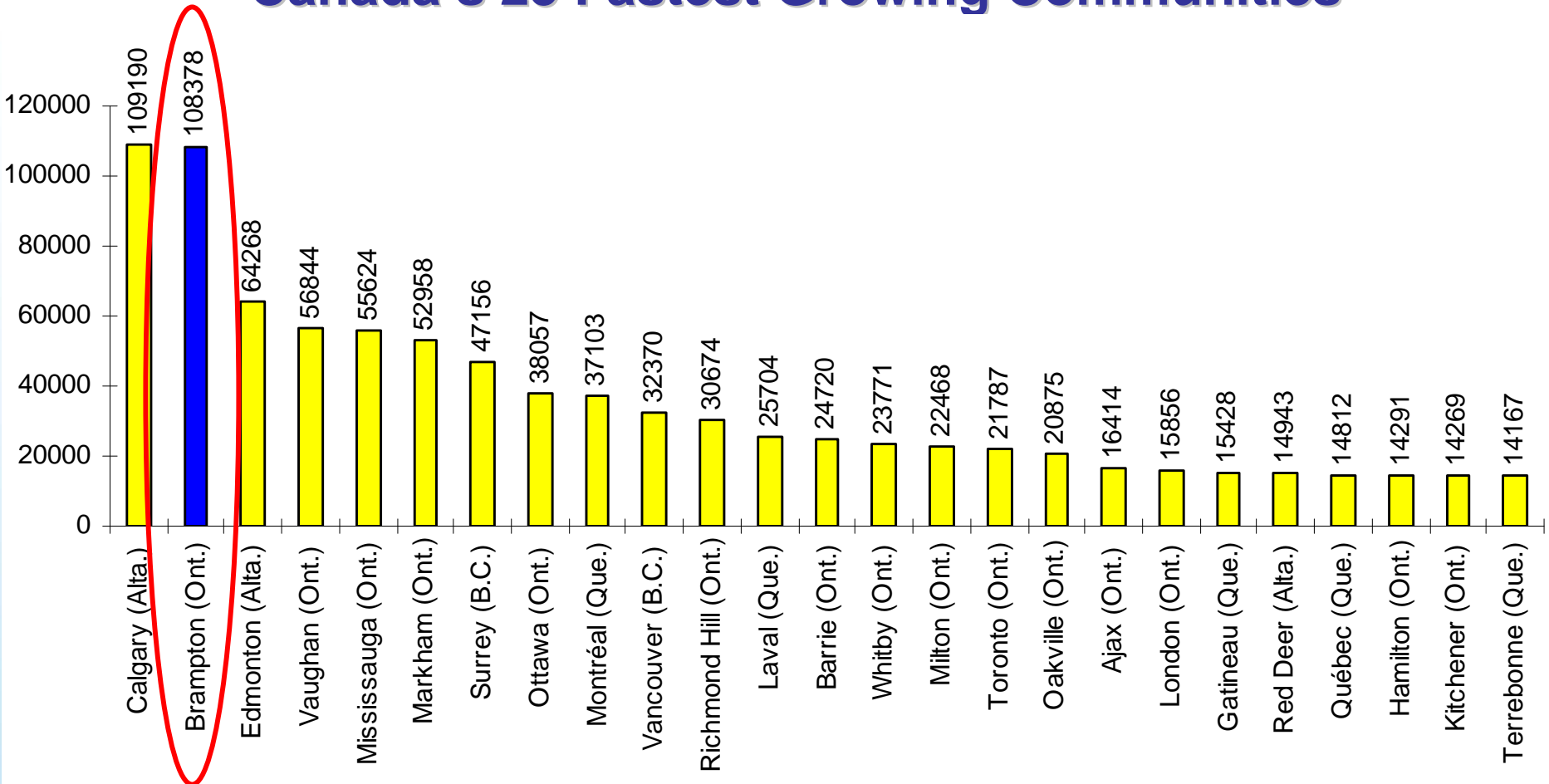
# Brampton Forecast



## Population Forecasts



## Canada's 25 Fastest Growing Communities



Source: 2006 Census



Create Compact, Vibrant and Complete Communities



Support a Strong and Competitive Economy



Optimize Infrastructure to Support Growth



Protect Natural Resources



## Create Compact, Vibrant and Complete Communities

- Encourage a mix of land uses within a community.
- Utilize land in a more efficient manner through more compact development.
- Maximize use of existing infrastructure through intensification.
- Provide more opportunities for people to live close to where they work.
- Direct growth to downtowns with a goal towards revitalization.





## Create Compact, Vibrant and Complete Communities

- Provides each Region with 2031 population and employment projections, which municipalities must plan to accommodate.
- Accommodate population and employment growth by:
  - Directing a significant portion of growth to the built up areas;
  - Providing convenient access to transit;
  - Building compact communities in greenfields; and,
  - Planning intensification corridors to accommodate growth.
- Designated 25 Urban Growth Centres in the Greater Golden Horseshoe with a focus towards revitalizing downtowns.
- Specifies density and intensification targets that must be met.





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# What this Means for Brampton

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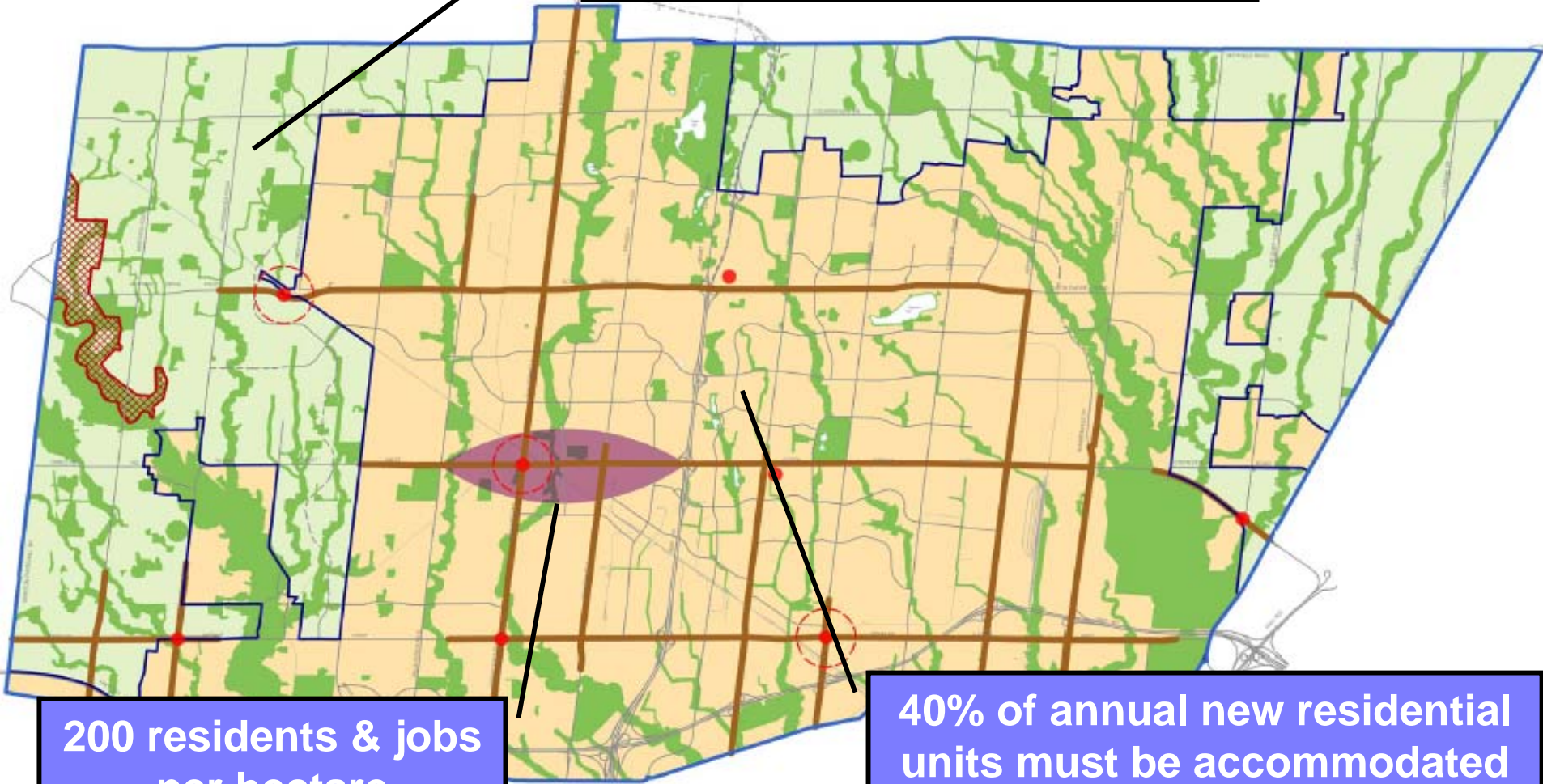


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50 residents & jobs per hectare

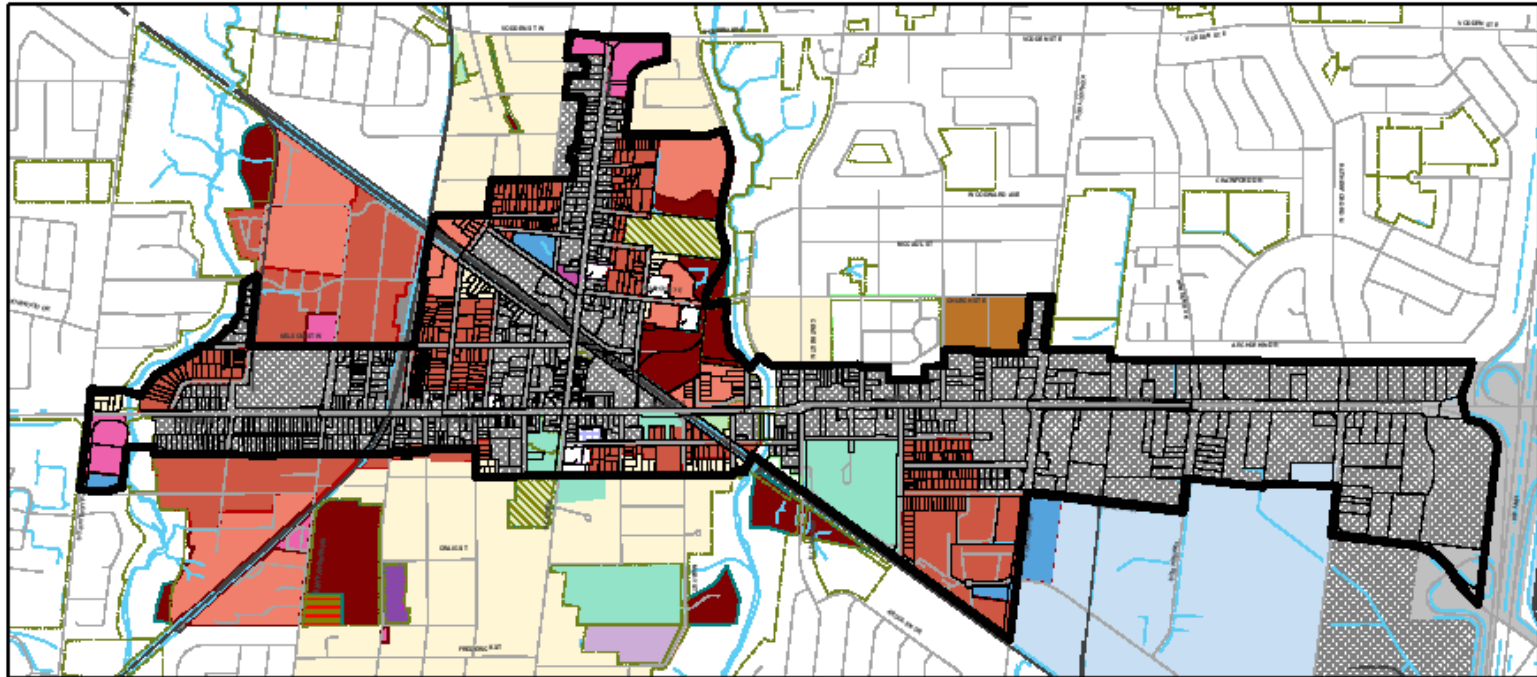
200 residents & jobs  
per hectare

40% of annual new residential  
units must be accommodated  
within the built-up area.



# What this Means for Brampton

## Brampton



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|---|--------------------------------------|--|
| URBAN GROWTH CENTRE BOUNDARY                | CENTRAL AREA MIXED USE               | NEIGHBOURHOOD PARK                             |
| PARCELS WITHIN THE URBAN GROWTH CENTRE      | CONVENIENCE COMMERCIAL               | SPECIAL POLICY AREA 5-HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL |
| STREETS                                     | HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL                   | OPEN SPACE                                     |
| RAILWAYS                                    | SERVICE COMMERCIAL                   | PARKETTE                                       |
| WATER COURSES                               | INDUSTRIAL                           | PRIVATE COMMERCIAL RECREATION                  |
| PARKS & OPEN SPACE                          | INSTITUTIONAL                        | SPECIALIZED PARK                               |
| CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY                   | LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL              | CEMETERY                                       |
| CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY VALLEYLAND        | MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL           | PLACE OF WORSHIP                               |
| ORANGEVILLE RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION | MEDIUM HIGH-HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL | SCHOOL   |
| HIGHWAY 410                                 | HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL             | SEPARATE SCHOOL                                |



**DRAFT**  
 City of Brampton:  
 Proposed Urban  
 Growth Centre  
 (With Underlying Parcels)

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## Create Compact, Vibrant and Complete Communities

- More growth accommodated in medium and high density housing.
- Where appropriate, existing communities will be intensified.
- More availability and reliance on public transit.
- Mixing of land uses within neighbourhoods.
- Greater variety of housing choices.





## Create Compact, Vibrant and Complete Communities

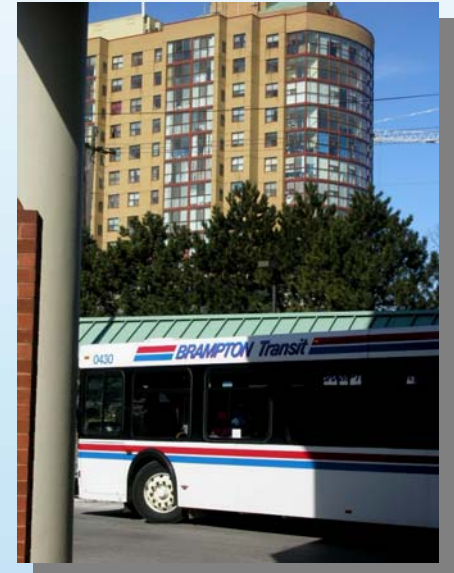
- Numerous Planning programs aimed at managing and coordinating growth including:
  - New policies in the 2006 Official Plan;
  - Growth Management Program;
  - Annual development allocation program; and,
  - Multi-stage comprehensive planning process.
- In October 2007, Council approved interim growth management policies.
- Pathways Master Plan prepared in 2002.
- Community Improvement Plan and Development Charges Incentive Program in portions of the Central Area.





## Create Compact, Vibrant and Complete Communities

- Identifying Brampton's ability to accommodate intensification.
- Determining Brampton's ability to meet Growth Plan target of 50 residents and jobs per hectare in greenfields.
- Participating in studies being undertaken at the Regional level.
- Recommending policy revisions to conform to the Growth Plan.





## Support a Strong and Competitive Economy

- Ensure that as the economy grows, that sufficient and appropriate employment lands are provided and protected, to foster that growth.
- To group employment areas, leading to higher productivity and increased innovation.
- To encourage municipalities to plan for a healthy employment to population ratio.
- Provide more opportunities for people to live close to where they work.





## Support a Strong and Competitive Economy

- Urban Growth Centres will be planned to serve as high density major employment centres and as focus areas for investment.
- Municipalities must maintain an adequate supply of lands to support a variety of employment uses.
- Major office and institutional development should be located in areas with planned or existing frequent transit services.
- Conversions of employment lands only permitted through a municipal comprehensive review.



## Support a Strong and Competitive Economy

- Greater mix of uses in communities and neighbourhoods.
- People could live closer to where they work.
- Transit could be a more viable option to get to work.
- More lands may be designated for employment purposes.
- More variety of employment lands available.





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# What is Brampton Doing Now?



## Support a Strong and Competitive Economy

- Business service sector studies are undertaken regularly.
- Target industry sectors with high employment growth opportunities.
- Promote local research and development capabilities.
- Provide assistance to new and expanding businesses.
- Supporting start-up and entrepreneurial ventures through the Small Business Enterprise Centre.





## Support a Strong and Competitive Economy

- 2006 Official Plan has updated Employment policies.
- Interim growth management policies deem employment land conversions premature pending completion of Brampton's response to the Growth Plan.
- Employment study is currently underway.
- Participate in studies being undertaken at the Regional level.
- Recommend policy revisions to conform to the Growth Plan.





## Optimize Infrastructure to Support Growth

- Ensure the effective and efficient movement of people and goods through the Greater Golden Horseshoe.
- Reduce time and distance people travel to work.
- Increase modal share of transit.
- Plan for more sustainable modes of transportation.
- Reduce green house gas emissions.
- Ensure transit infrastructure is optimized by supporting land uses.
- Maintain a high quality of life and economic competitiveness in the Region.
- Maximize the use of existing infrastructure.





## Optimize Infrastructure to Support Growth

- Provide a balance of transportation choices.
- Public transit will be the first priority for moving people.
- Areas that are planned in accordance with the Growth Plan policies may be given priority for future infrastructure investment.
- Provide linkages between goods movement corridors and inter-modal facilities.
- Emphasis on use of existing infrastructure to accommodate growth.





## Optimize Infrastructure to Support Growth

- Reinforcing Brampton's Growth Management Program
- Integration of transit Regionally and inter-Regionally.
- More reliance on public transit.
- Intensification in existing neighbourhoods as appropriate to utilize infrastructure capacity.
- Increased opportunities for cycling and walking.





## Optimize Infrastructure to Support Growth

- Brampton's Growth Management Program will continue to coordinate new development with the provision of infrastructure.
- Funding is now in place for Acceleride, which will be launched in 2010.
- Planning a transit oriented community around the Mount Pleasant GO Station.





## Optimize Infrastructure to Support Growth

- Infrastructure capacity review for stormwater and utilities.
- Preparing an update to the Transit and Transportation Master Plan.
- Participating in studies being undertaken at the Regional level.
- Recommending policy revisions to conform to Growth Plan.





## Protect Natural Resources

- Ensure that growth is directed away from areas that should be protected.
- Foster a culture of conservation.
- Ensure that cultural heritage sites are protected.





## Protect Natural Resources

- Encourage planning authorities to identify natural heritage features and areas that complement, link or enhance natural features.
- Encourage the development of publicly accessible parkland, open space and trails.
- Establish an urban open space system within built up areas.
- Municipalities will implement policies to promote the conservation of water, energy, air quality and integrated waste management and preserving cultural heritage.



## Protect Natural Resources

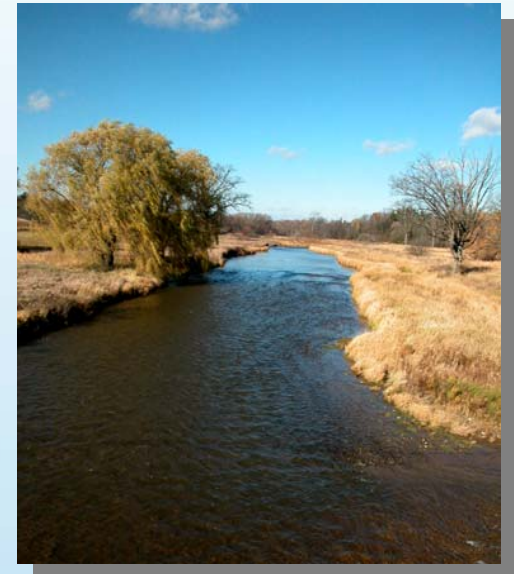
- Continued protection of Brampton's natural areas.
- Reinforcement of the City's objectives related to preparing an Environmental Master Plan.
- Enhanced identification management and protection of Brampton's cultural heritage sites.





## Protect Natural Resources

- 2006 Official Plan reflects current best environmental practices and includes new cultural heritage policies.
- Brampton has adopted an ecosystem based approach to subwatershed planning.
- Pathways Master Plan prepared in 2002, Flower City Strategy 2002 and new Parks, Culture and Recreation Master Plan to be completed in 2008.
- Brampton has a comprehensive cultural heritage preservation program.





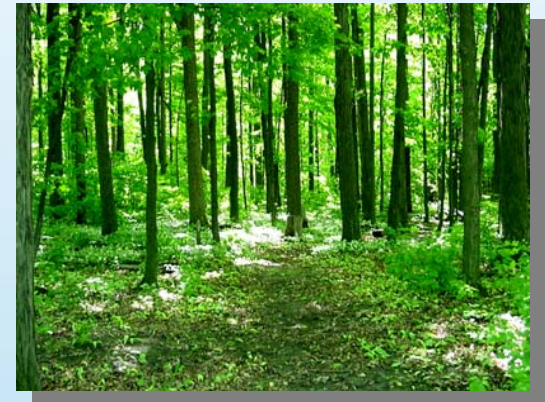
## Protect Natural Resources

- City wide, numerous measures have been taken to be environmentally conscious including:
  - The use of Biodiesel fuel in City vehicles and the purchase of Smart and Hybrid vehicles for City fleet;
  - Successful community clean ups;
  - An annual program to re-naturalize valleys;
  - Repeated recognition for sound environmental practices for the safe storage of salt;
  - Energy conservation audits on all municipal facilities; and,
  - Working to reduce idling in hot spots across the City.



## Protect Natural Resources

- Environmental Advisory Committee will be established in Brampton.
- Funding has been approved in the 2008 budget for completion of an Environmental Master Plan.
- Participate in studies being undertaken at the Regional level.
- Recommending policy revisions to conform to the Growth Plan.





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# Brampton's Response ...



|  | 2006 |   |    |   |   | 2007 |   |    |   |   | 2008 |   |    |   |   | 2009 |   |    |   |   |
|--|------|---|----|---|---|------|---|----|---|---|------|---|----|---|---|------|---|----|---|---|
|  | W    | S | Su | F | W | W    | s | Su | F | W | W    | S | Su | F | W | W    | S | Su | F | W |
| <b>Province Provides Draft Final Built Boundary</b>              |      |   |    |   |   |      |   |    |   |   |      |   |    |   |   |      |   |    |   |   |
| <b>Province Provides Brampton's Draft UGC Boundary</b>           |      |   |    |   |   |      |   |    |   |   |      |   |    |   |   |      |   |    |   |   |
| <b>Sub Area Assessments at the Regional Level</b>                |      |   |    |   |   |      |   |    |   |   |      |   |    |   |   |      |   |    |   |   |
| <b>Growth Plan Component Studies</b>                             |      |   |    |   |   |      |   |    |   |   |      |   |    |   |   |      |   |    |   |   |
| <i>Review of Built and Planned Densities</i>                     |      |   |    |   |   |      |   |    |   |   |      |   |    |   |   |      |   |    |   |   |
| <i>Intensification Inventory and Analysis</i>                    |      |   |    |   |   |      |   |    |   |   |      |   |    |   |   |      |   |    |   |   |
| <i>Employment Land Strategy</i>                                  |      |   |    |   |   |      |   |    |   |   |      |   |    |   |   |      |   |    |   |   |
| <i>Natural Systems and Culture of Conservation Policy Review</i> |      |   |    |   |   |      |   |    |   |   |      |   |    |   |   |      |   |    |   |   |
| <i>Infrastructure Review</i>                                     |      |   |    |   |   |      |   |    |   |   |      |   |    |   |   |      |   |    |   |   |
| <i>TTMP Update</i>   |      |   |    |   |   |      |   |    |   |   |      |   |    |   |   |      |   |    |   |   |
| <i>Review Financial and Operational Management Implications</i>  |      |   |    |   |   |      |   |    |   |   |      |   |    |   |   |      |   |    |   |   |
| <b>Reports and Monitoring</b>                                    |      |   |    |   |   |      |   |    |   |   |      |   |    |   |   |      |   |    |   |   |
| <b>Stakeholder Awareness and Engagement Strategy</b>             |      |   |    |   |   |      |   |    |   |   |      |   |    |   |   |      |   |    |   |   |
| <b>Preparation and Approval of Brampton OPA</b>                  |      |   |    |   |   |      |   |    |   |   |      |   |    |   |   |      |   |    |   |   |
| <b>Proceed with Other Updates as Necessary</b>                   |      |   |    |   |   |      |   |    |   |   |      |   |    |   |   |      |   |    |   |   |

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



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# Upcoming Public Involvement...



## Make Sure Your Voice Is Heard!

Winter 2008

**Mayor's Town Hall:**  
February 27<sup>th</sup> 2007

Newsletter Issue 1

April 2008

**Workshop #1:**  
The Provincial Growth Plan

Spring/Summer 2008

**Workshop #2:**  
Supporting a Strong and  
Competitive Economy

Newsletter Issue 2

**Workshop #3:**  
Creating Compact, Complete  
and Vibrant Communities

Fall 2008

**Workshop #4:**  
Protecting Natural Resources

Newsletter Issue 3

**Workshop #5:**  
Optimizing Infrastructure to  
Support Growth



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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](mailto:gmp@brampton.ca)**; or
- Visiting the website at **[www.brampton.ca](http://www.brampton.ca)**.

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



Create Compact, Vibrant and Complete Communities



Support a Strong and Competitive Economy



Optimize Infrastructure to Support Growth



Protect Natural Resources

# Small Table Discussion Questions



1. Recognizing that Brampton must follow the Provincial Growth Plan policies, what do you think are the most important challenges that Brampton needs to consider to meet each Growth Plan goal?
2. What opportunities or strengths do you see that Brampton can build on to help meet each Growth Plan goal?



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## Roundtable Instructions:

1. Appoint a recorder and a reporter.
2. Answer each discussion question.
3. Reports:
  - Reporters present highlights of discussions.
  - Table reporting forms are collected.