

Mayor's Town Hall Meeting

***Brampton's Response to 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 other Provincial plans, policies and municipal Official Plans.
- The Province requires that Official Plans conform with the Growth Plan by **June 16, 2009**.



The Need to Manage Growth

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...



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.

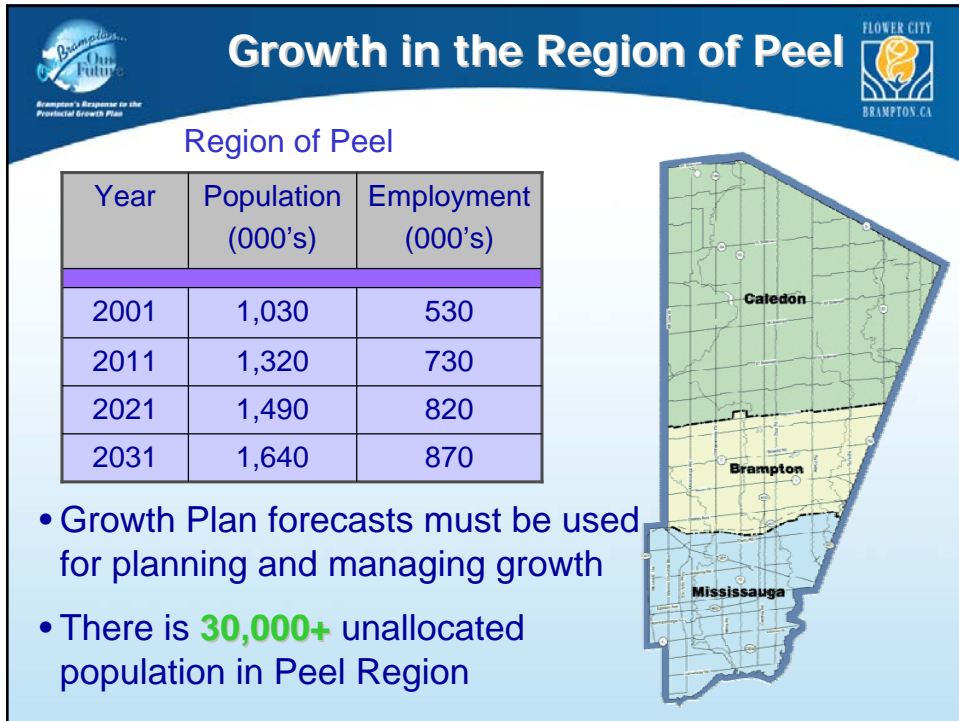
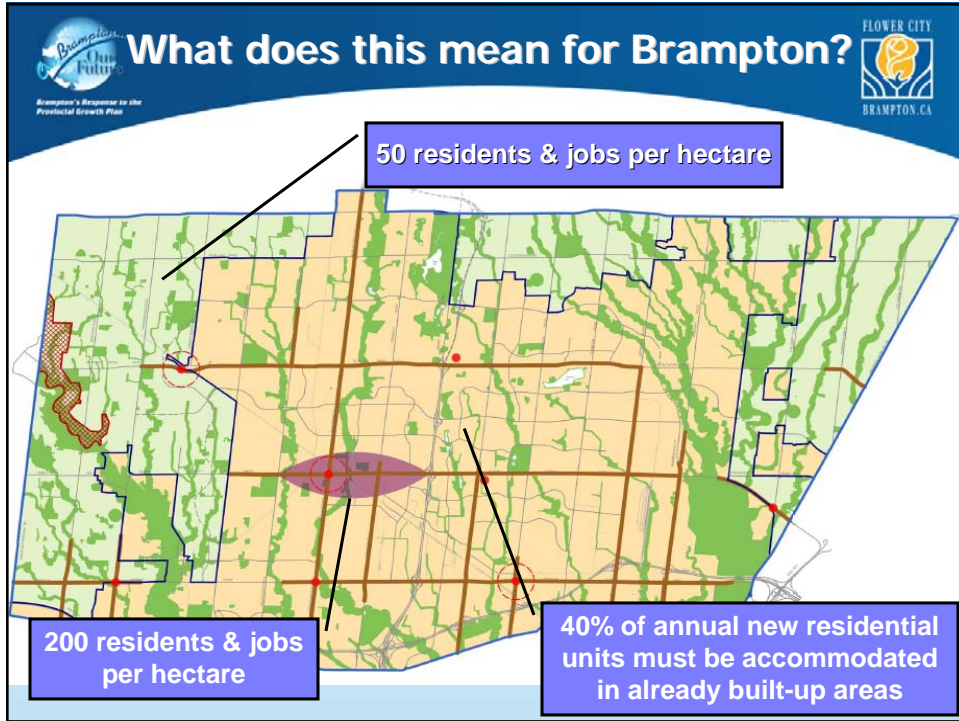


Source: Province of Ontario

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 protect farmland and green spaces
- **Reducing traffic gridlock** by improving access to a greater range of transportation options



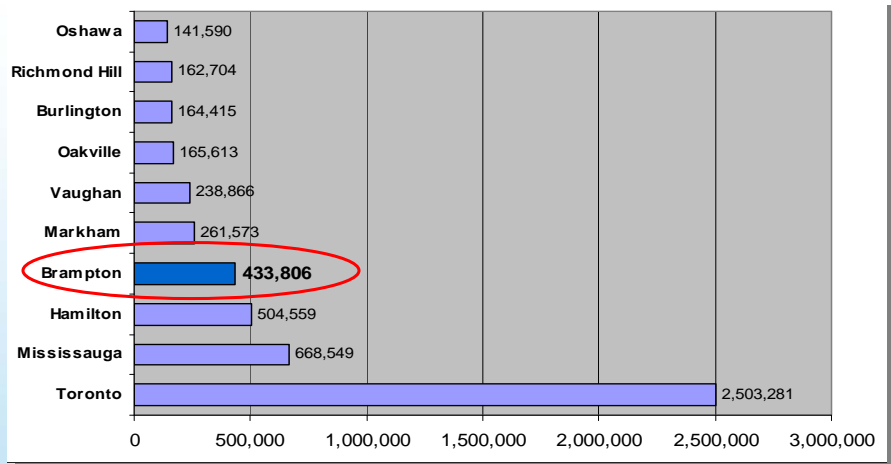
What could this mean for Brampton?

- Brampton may need to accommodate **more growth**
- More growth will be accommodated in **medium and high density housing**
- **Infill** and **intensification** of existing communities
- More reliance on **public transit**
- Greater **variety of housing** such as live / work units and laneways
- Greater **mixing of uses**

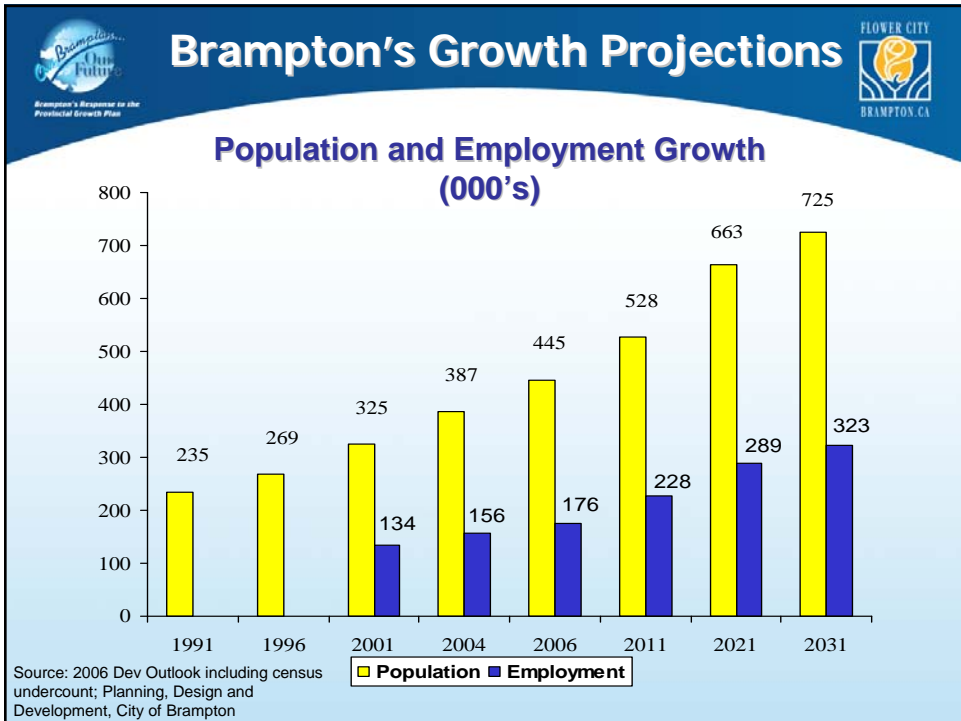


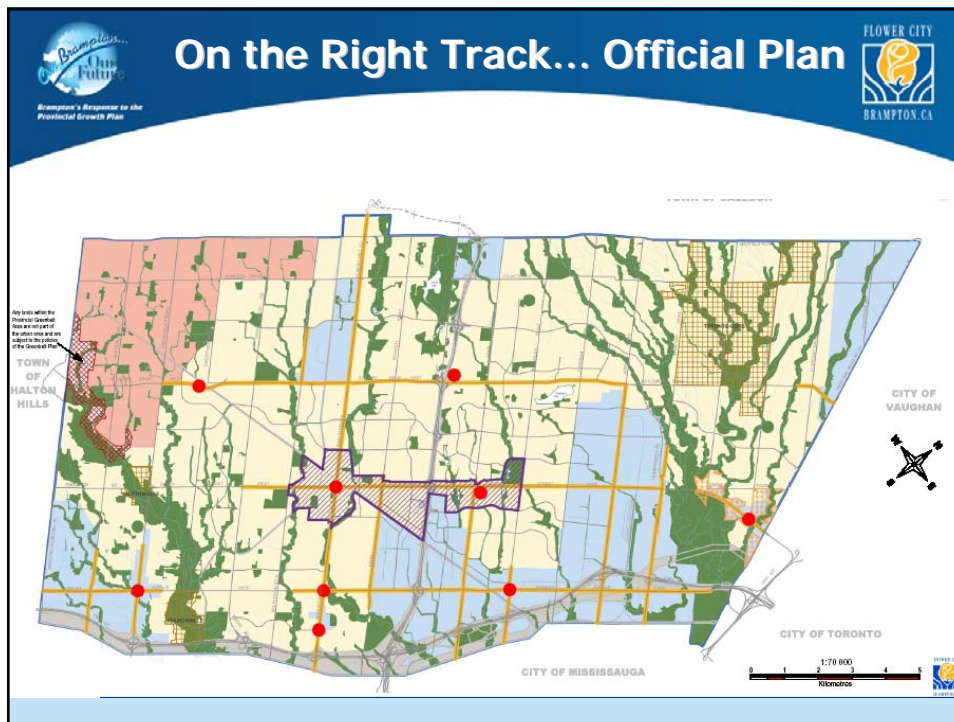
Where are we now?

Most Populated Cities in the GTHA



Source: 2006 Census

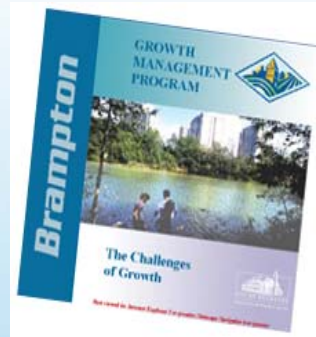




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- Our Brampton, Our Future...**
- Flower City
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- Brampton will be a **dynamic urban municipality** with a population of 725,000 persons and over 300,000 workers by 2031.
 - Brampton will be a **sustainable 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 the “Flower City” root.
 - Brampton’s **multi-dimensional, full service urban economy** will provide residents with ample **live-work opportunities**.

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”



- 2006 Official Plan, approved in 2007
- Development OUTLOOK Report
- Development Allocation Study
- Block Planning
- Infrastructure / Capital Program
- Transit/Transportation Planning



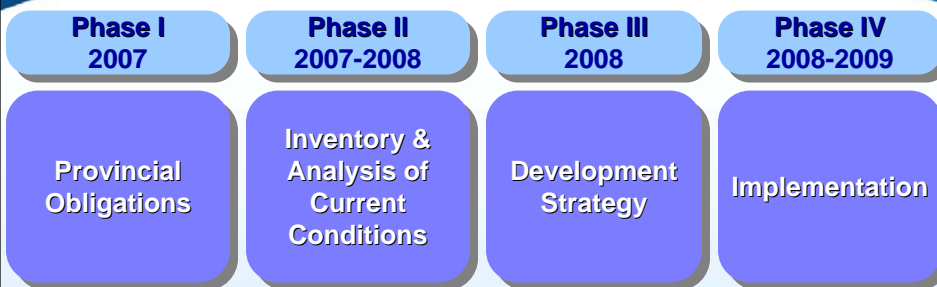
- AcceleRide is Brampton's Bus Rapid Transit initiative implemented to
 - Respond to Brampton's **Rapid Growth**;
 - improve **transit service** in **high demand corridors**;
 - encourage **increased commuter use** of transit; and
 - more effectively **integrate** Brampton Transit with other public transit networks throughout the GTA.
- Addresses **transportation needs** identified at both local and regional levels.
- Will connect to major destinations including the Vaughan Corporate Centre, York University, GO Transit in Mississauga and York Region's VIVA.



Mount Pleasant Transit Village



- There has been a gap between **infrastructure needs** and **available funding**
- **Municipal Infrastructure Deficit** has reached \$123 billion (FCM)
- This is Provincially estimated to be \$25 billion
- This issue is heightened in Brampton because of:
 - The amount of **growth**
 - **Funding restrictions** based on historic practice



Key to the success of the work program will be ongoing public communication and awareness and database development and monitoring.



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- Interim Growth Management Policies**
- Brampton Council approved an amendment to Brampton's Official Plan to include **interim growth management policies** in October 2007.
 - These policies:
 - direct **intensification** to the City's transit nodes, intensification corridors and the Central Area; and
 - deem the **conversion of employment lands** to non-employment uses premature pending completion of the Growth Plan conformity exercise.

- First Public Workshop Growth Plan Objectives – **Early April 2008**
- Next Workshop (Intensification) – **Early Summer 2008**
- **Focus group** meetings
- **Web Site** and **e-mail** presence
- Public meetings, Open Houses, Workshops, Surveys, and feedback through the City's web site (**www.brampton.ca**)

We will encourage 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.**





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.ca**.

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