



**Brampton's Response to the  
Provincial Growth Plan**

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# ***How Should Brampton Grow?***

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

**Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008  
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

**Main Ball Room, Holiday Inn Select  
30 Peel Centre Drive, Brampton**

**PLEASE USE THIS WORKBOOK TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK  
DURING THE BREAKOUT GROUPS.**

**IF YOU HAVE INDIVIDUAL COMMENTS NOT INCLUDED IN GROUP DISCUSSIONS,  
LEAVE YOUR COMPLETED WORKBOOK ON YOUR TABLE.  
IT WILL BE COLLECTED AT THE END OF THE WORKSHOP.**

# Agenda

## **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's 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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6:00 p.m.     **Registration and Refreshments**

6:30 p.m.     **Welcome and Opening Remarks** – John Corbett, Commissioner

6:35 p.m.     **Workshop Purpose and Agenda Review** – David Dilks, Facilitator

6:40 p.m.     **Presentation: Overview of the Provincial Growth Plan** – Tara Buonpensiero, Planner

*Questions of Clarification*

7:15 p.m.     **Roundtable Discussions – Achieving the Goals of the Provincial Growth Plan: Challenges and Opportunities**



**Goal #1: Create Compact, Vibrant and Complete Communities**



**Goal #2: Support a Strong and Competitive Economy**



**Goal #3: Optimize Infrastructure to Support Growth**



**Goal #4: Protect Natural Resources**

*Thinking about your table's Growth Plan goal...*

- Recognizing that Brampton must follow the Provincial Growth Plan policies, what do you think are the most important challenges that need to be considered in achieving your table's Growth Plan goal?
- What opportunities or strengths do you see that Brampton can build on to help achieve your table's Growth Plan goal?

8:15 p.m.     **Roundtable Reports and Discussion Highlights** – Led by David Dilks, Facilitator

8:55 p.m.     **Next Steps and Closing Remarks** – Janice Given, Manager

9:00 p.m.     **Adjourn**



## Growth Plan Goal 1:

# Create Compact, Vibrant and Complete Communities

### ***What the Growth Plan is Trying to Achieve***

- 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.
- Reducing sprawl and the consumption of agricultural land.
- More efficient use of existing infrastructure through intensification.

### ***Growth Plan Policies***

- 40% of new residential units across the entire Region of Peel are to be accommodated through intensification within the *built up area* by 2015.
- *Designated Greenfield areas* are to achieve a density of 50 residents and jobs per hectare in order to be transit supportive, among other objectives. The *Greenfield density target* is to be measured across all of the Region of Peel's Greenfield areas.
- Brampton's Urban Growth Centre is to be planned to accommodate a minimum density of 200 residents and jobs per hectare.
- Intensification corridors planned to attract a significant portion of growth through diverse and compatible mix of land uses

### ***What This Could Mean for Brampton***

- More growth accommodated in medium and high-density housing.
- Infill and intensification of existing communities.
- Greater variety of housing such as live/work units and housing making use of laneways.
- Greater mixes of uses within neighbourhoods.



### ***What Brampton is Doing Now***

- Brampton's Growth Management Program coordinates distribution of growth with delivery of services and infrastructure
- Planning programs aimed at managing and coordinating growth including:
  - New Official Plan approved in 2007;
  - Growth Management Program;
  - Annual development allocation program; and,
  - Multi-stage comprehensive planning process.
- Interim growth management policies to guide intensification pending completion of the City's response to the Growth Plan.
- Intensification and Greenfield analysis is underway.
- Pathways Master Plan prepared in 2002.
- Community Improvement Plan and Development Charges Incentive Program for development in portions of the Central Area.





## Growth Plan Goal 2:

# Supporting a Strong and Competitive Economy

## ***What the Growth Plan is Trying to Achieve***

- Improved quality of life, prosperity and diversity.
- Healthy population to employment ratio.
- More jobs located closer to each other – leading to higher productivity and increased innovation.
- Reduced travel time for the movement of goods and services.

## ***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.
- Conversions of employment lands to non-employment uses are only permitted through a municipal comprehensive review.
- Ensure infrastructure is provided to support current and forecasted employment trends.
- 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.

## ***What This Could Mean for Brampton***

- Greater mixes of uses.
- More opportunities for people to work closer to where they live.
- More reliance on public transit to get people to work.

## ***What Brampton is Doing Now***

- New Official Plan approved in 2007.
- Interim growth management policies, which deem the conversion of employment lands to non-employment uses premature pending completion of *Brampton's Response to the Provincial Growth Plan* in 2009.
- Actively study Brampton's business service sector industries to capitalize on the changing North American marketplace.
- Targeting industry sectors with high employment growth opportunities.
- Promoting local research and development capabilities to aid in attracting new businesses or expanding existing companies.
- Assists businesses with site selection, municipal approvals and requirements, market insight, statistics and business listings.
- Supporting start-up and entrepreneurial ventures through the award winning Small Business Enterprise Centre.
- Employment Lands study underway to assess Brampton's ability to meet future employment land demands and achieve a healthy live: work ratio.
- Study to analyze the financial implications of the Growth Plan in Brampton.







### Growth Plan Goal 3:

## Optimizing Infrastructure to Support Growth

### ***What the Growth Plan is Trying to Achieve***

- Ensure more effective and efficient movement of people and goods throughout the Greater Golden Horseshoe.
- Reducing travel time, greenhouse gas emissions and air pollutants.
- Plan for sustainable modes of transportation.
- Increase modal share of transit.
- Ensure transit infrastructure is optimized by supporting land uses.
- Maintain good quality of life and economic competitiveness in 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 expected to integrate walking and cycling opportunities into transportation planning.
- Communities to be built with densities needed to sustain transit investment and support more vibrant, physically active lifestyles.
- The Greater Toronto Transportation Authority, Metrolinx, was established to plan, coordinate and set priorities for a seamless transportation system across the GTA and Hamilton.
- Provide linkages between goods movement corridors and inter-modal facilities.
- Planning for water and sewer systems and community infrastructure (hospitals, long-term care facilities, affordable housing, parks and schools) to be linked with planning for growth.

### ***What This Could Mean for Brampton***

- More reliance on public transit.
- Increased opportunities for cycling and walking.
- Better integration of services between Brampton Transit and other GTA public transit systems.
- A boost for Brampton's efforts to coordinate growth with infrastructure planning.

### ***What Brampton is Doing Now***

- Brampton's Growth Management Program coordinates distribution of growth with delivery of services and infrastructure
- Brampton's Bus Rapid Transit initiative – AcceleRide – is designed to:
  - Respond to Brampton's rapid growth
  - Improve transit service in high demand corridors
  - Encourage increased commuter use of transit
  - More effectively integrate Brampton Transit with other public transit networks in the Greater Toronto Area.
- Funding is now in place for Acceleride, which will be launched in 2010.
- Transit and Transportation Master Plan Update underway.
- Infrastructure capacity review for municipal utilities..
- Planning a transit-oriented community around the Mount Pleasant GO Station.







## Growth Plan Goal 4: Protecting Natural Resources

### ***What the Growth Plan is Trying to Achieve***

- Ensure that growth is directed away from areas that should be protected, including unique natural areas, valuable natural resources and high quality agricultural lands.
- Foster a culture of conservation.
- Ensure 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. **What This Could Mean for Brampton*****

- Continued protection of Brampton's natural areas.
- A boost for the City's efforts to become a sustainable community.
- Continued protection of Brampton's cultural heritage sites.



### ***What Brampton is Doing Now***

- The policies in the 2006 Official Plan reflect current best practices developed in consultation with the Conservation Authorities.
- 2006 Official Plan includes new cultural heritage policies.
- 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 heritage designation program, maintains an inventory of heritage properties, and is working on a Heritage Conservation District Feasibility Study.
- City wide, numerous measures have been taken to be environmentally conscious including:
  - The use of Biodeisel fuel in City vehicles and the purchase of Smart and Hybrid vehicles for City fleet;
  - Successful community clean ups which attract approximately 57,000 participants annually;
  - 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,
  - Partnered with the Ministry of Natural Resources Canada and the Clean Air Partnership to reduce idling in hot spots across the City.
- In 2007, Council directed that an Environmental Advisory Committee be established in Brampton.
- Funding has been approved in the 2008 budget for completion of an Environmental Master Plan.

