



The Corporation of the Town of Milton

Report To:	Council
From:	Barbara Koopmans, Commissioner, Planning and Development
Date:	November 18, 2019
Report No:	PD-043-19
Subject:	We Make Milton - Issues Identification (Special Council Report)
Recommendation:	THAT Council receive Report No. PD-043-19 for information; AND THAT staff be directed to consider all comments received in the preparation of a new Official Plan.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

We Make Milton is the Town's new Official Plan Project, which was launched in July 2019 through report PD-030-19. In accordance with the *Planning Act*, Council is required to hold a Special Meeting, open to the public, to discuss policy issues that will be addressed as part of the project. The following report provides a summary of issues identified to-date, based on 'Listening and Learning' (Phase One of the project), which are organized into the following broad themes:

1. A Modern Community Vision for Milton
2. Conformity to Provincial Legislation and Plans
3. Conformity to the Regional Official Plan (ROP)
4. Implementation of Cross Divisional Plans and Studies
5. Input from Local Stakeholders and Members of the Public

This public meeting serves as special meeting and a forum for members of the public to make written/oral submissions to Council with respect to the identification of issues. All comments provided will be considered by Town staff as part of We Make Milton.

REPORT

Background

The *Planning Act* prescribes certain municipal requirements related to land use planning in Ontario, including the need to update Official Plan documents. Milton's current Official Plan was approved in 1997 and has served the community well in guiding and managing a rapidly growing community. However, existing policies for managing change have become less relevant and effective. Therefore, We Make Milton was launched in July



2019 through Report PD-030-19. This important project will result in a modern land use vision and policy framework to guide future change in Milton to the year 2041.

Under the *Planning Act*, a Municipal Council is required to undertake the following prior to the preparation of a new Official Plan:

- Hold a Special Meeting of Council, open to the public, to discuss the revisions that may be required;
- Have regard to any written submissions as to what revisions may be required, and give any person who attends the Special Meeting of Council an opportunity to be heard on that subject; and
- Consult with the approval authority and with the prescribed public bodies with respect to the revisions that may be required.

This public (special) meeting in open session of a Council Meeting will receive public comments in order to ensure that the new Official Plan addresses local issues and that it reflects the needs of the community. This meeting meets the legislative requirements of the *Planning Act*.

Community engagement is an important part of We Make Milton, and Town staff will continue consult and engage with prescribed bodies and members of the community in all subsequent project phases. This report also identifies upcoming We Make Milton community events and opportunities to provide input.

Discussion

LISTENING AND LEARNING

Since the launch of We Make Milton this past summer, Town staff have been 'Listening and Learning'; listening to the thoughts and concerns of the public, community stakeholders, and local/regional/provincial staff/agencies, and learning about our collective values for the future. Already, Town staff have received well over 1,000 public engagement contributions in the form of written/verbal comments, emails, surveys, quick polls, social media comments and crowdsourcing map input. Additional feedback has been received from Town/Regional staff, relevant agencies, and other local stakeholders. Input collected to-date is summarized below and attached to this Report.

Key tasks completed as part the 'Listening and Learning' phase include the following:

- **Meet the Miltons Communication Launch:** An innovative engagement strategy that focuses on fictional characters (i.e., 'The Miltons') was introduced to the community (online and in physical locations) to generate awareness and interest in the project. An animated video about the Miltons was created by Town staff that communicates to the public that everyone has something important to contribute to We Make

Milton. So far, the video has received more than 20,000 views across several different platforms/locations.

- **Let's Talk Milton:** <https://www.letstalkmilton.ca/WeMakeMilton> as served as the main platform for public engagement and input in the Official Plan project since its launch. Surveys, quick polls, and open-ended questions have been posted to gather input. To-date the project web page has had over 3,200 visitors and over 400 engaged participants have shared their thoughts and concerns. A brief summary of some of the input received through Let's Talk Milton is provided in Appendix A.
- **Other Online Platforms:** Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn have also been used to announce the launch and progression of the project and to provide engagement opportunities through postings from users. More than 100 comments have been collected through these platforms so far, which are summarized in Appendix B.
- **Crowdsourcing:** Town staff have created a crowdsourcing application that allows members of the public to leave specific comments that are targeted on an interactive map. Comments are identified geographically based on the following:
 - Where and how can we do better by making improvements?
 - What do you love about Milton today?
 - What is your wish for Milton in the future?

Almost 300 crowdsourcing comments have been received to this point, and a summary of feedback is provided in Appendix C.

- **Technical Advisory Committee:** A Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) has been assembled to provide technical advice and knowledge throughout the process, and to assist with identifying and resolving planning issues. The Technical Committee consists of Milton staff, Region of Halton staff, Conservation Authorities, school boards, and other relevant agencies. The first We Make Milton TAC meeting took place on Thursday, October 17th, 2019 from 1:00 - 4:30 pm at the Milton Education Village Innovation Centre, and 28 participants were in attendance. A summary of input recorded at this meeting is provided in Appendix D.
- **Input from Town staff:** In addition to providing input through the TAC, Town staff were invited to participate in two separate We Make Milton project launch events, to learn about the importance of the project and discuss issues and concerns with the existing Milton Official Plan. Events were held on July 25, 2019 and July 30, 2019 at Town Hall and at the Milton Operations Centre respectively. Hundreds of staff participated in the launch events and a summary of input is provided in Appendix E.



- **Input from Stakeholders/Interested Parties:** Town staff have received input from local stakeholders, including businesses, landowners, the development community, and other local agencies/community members. These stakeholders have been added to an interested parties list, and will continue to be engaged and informed throughout the We Make Milton process. Preliminary input from local stakeholders and interested parties is documented in Appendix F.
- **We Make Milton Presentations:** On September 4, 2019 and October 3, 2019, two introductory We Make Milton project presentations were delivered to the Milton Chamber of Commerce and Mayor's Roundtable Breakfast, respectively. The purpose of the presentations was to provide an overview of the new Official Plan process and to gather preliminary input on issues to be addressed. Comments received from the Mayor's Roundtable Breakfast in particular are included in Appendix G.
- **Community Pop-up Events:** Town staff have also visited the following locations throughout the community to share information about We Make Milton, to promote upcoming engagement events, and to collect input on local concerns and planning issues:
 - Springridge Farm (Thursday, October 31, 2019)
 - Sherwood Community Centre (Saturday, November 2, 2019)
 - Milton Innovation Centre (Tuesday, November 5, 2019)
 - Milton GO Station (Wednesday, November 6, 2019)

Town staff participated in hundreds of conversations with members of the public at these pop-up events, and a preliminary summary of some of the input obtained is provided in Appendix H.

SUMMARY OF ISSUES IDENTIFIED

Based on the extensive input received to-date through 'Listening and Learning', Town staff have identified and documented a number of land use planning policy issues that are anticipated to be addressed through We Make Milton, as this important project continues to advance. The following is a summary of key issues, which have been organized into five broad themes:

1. **A Modern Community Vision for Milton:** An Official Plan is a forward-looking document that describes the community's long-term vision and sets out related goals and policies for directing land use and development and guiding decision-making by Town Council. In this context, the Official Plan serves as a powerful community tool/resource, which is based on a collective vision to guide not only future development, but the evolution of our community.

Milton's existing 1997 Official Plan reflects what was seen as a 'renewed vision' at the time of approval. This renewed vision emerged out of Milton's first comprehensive strategic planning exercise, called 'DESTINY MILTON', which involved extensive consultation with residents, local businesses, and community organizations. Since then, the Town has completed two additional comprehensive strategic planning exercises, DESTINY MILTON 2 (in 2006), and DESTINY MILTON 3 (in 2015). The outcome of DESTINY MILTON 3 is identified as the vision for the future of our community in the most recently amended version of Milton's Official Plan:

Together, we will shape the future of Milton by building a vibrant, thriving and innovative community, where everyone feels welcome, safe, connected and engaged.

Milton now requires a new planning document to be prepared under the framework of an updated community planning vision; one which responds to Milton's current growth and development context; addresses 21st century challenges/opportunities; and sets out community **inspirations** and **aspirations** for the future.

Based on an updated vision, the new Official Plan will provide more detailed guidance for the type, location, and appearance of growth, redevelopment, and preservation throughout the Town over the next 20-year planning horizon.

2. **Conformity to Provincial Legislation and Plans:** Section 26(1) of the *Planning Act* requires that the Official Plan conform to provincial plans/not conflict with them, be consistent with policy statements, and have regard for matters of provincial interest. Significant changes to the Ontario *Planning Act*, related legislation, and provincial plans and policy documents have been put into effect over the past 10-15 years. The following is an overview of some of these changes, to which the Town's Official Plan must now be brought into conformity:

Changes to the *Planning Act*.

- The *Clean Water Act, 2006*, resulted in the creation of Source Protection Plans that identify threats and vulnerable drinking water supplies and places restrictions and prohibitions on land uses that contribute to those threats.
- *The Smart Growth for Our Communities Act, 2015*, introduced amendments to increase citizen engagement and foster more decision-making at the local level.
- *The Promoting Affordable Housing, 2016*, required municipalities to adopt Official Plan policies that authorize inclusionary zoning.
- *The Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act, 2017*, established the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal and attempted to provide greater support for local decision making.

- *The More Homes, More Choices Act, 2019*, repealed many of the changes as a result of the 2017 Planning Act amendment (including appeal provisions), reduced municipal processing timelines, and introduced the community benefit charges tool (and replaced height and density bonusing provisions).

Provincial Plans and Policies:

- In 2015, Source Protection Plans were approved by the Province to protect Ontario's drinking water sources.
- In 2017, both the Niagara Escarpment Plan and the Ontario Greenbelt Plan were updated as part of a coordinated Provincial Plan Review.
- In 2019 a new Growth Plan was released with changes that are intended to: expand economic opportunity, increase housing supply, and protect jobs while maintaining protections for the Greenbelt, agricultural lands, the agri-food sector, and cultural and natural heritage systems.
- In 2019, a new Provincial Policy Statement was proposed by the Province, and changes are intended to work together with other recent changes to the land use planning system (i.e., the More Homes, More Choices Act and the 2019 Growth Plan) to support overall goals related to increasing housing, supporting jobs and reducing red tape.

Therefore, a fulsome provincial conformity review is required as part of We Make Milton to identify changes that are required to bring the Town's policy framework into conformity with the current Provincial planning framework.

3. **Conformity to the Halton Region Official Plan (ROP):** Section 27(1) of the *Planning Act* requires that the Official Plan for the lower-tier municipality conform to the Official Plan of the upper-tier municipality. As a lower-tier municipality, Milton's Official Plan must therefore conform to the Halton ROP.

Recently, in response to changes to legislation, provincial plans, and the Regional planning context, the Region of Halton determined that specific policy areas need to be updated, modernized, and refined. A ROP review project was launched in 2017 that focuses on fine-tuning and improving certain land use policy areas.

Currently, the ROP update is in Phase 2, which involves the preparation of a series of discussion papers and recommendations for the Region's three systems, including distribution of 2041 population and employment projections from the Province. Ultimately, the Town's new Official Plan will be required to implement the 2041 regional growth allocation, and other key planning policy directions, as part of a Provincial and Regional conformity exercise.

Through the ROP update, the Town also has an opportunity to make some focused local decisions about long term growth.

By undertaking the We Make Milton project at this phase in the Region's Official Plan project, the Town is able to respond strategically to the Region's recommendations, and align 'Milton-focused' policy directions, as identified through the new local Official Plan project.

4. **Implementation of Cross Divisional Plans and Studies:** Milton's Official Plan is a legal document that must be implemented through local decision making. According to the Planning Act, no major municipal public works shall be undertaken, and no municipal by-law passed for any purpose, that does not conform to the Official Plan. It is also the basis for municipal activities such as the creation of secondary plans and the review/approval of development applications.

Since the adoption of the existing Official Plan in 1997, there have been a number of significant studies, strategies, and planning documents prepared or initiated by the Town that will provide direction for future growth and land uses. They include:

- Major Transit Station Area/Mobility Hub Study (on-going)
- Mature Neighbourhood Study (on-going)
- Milton Education Village secondary Plan (on-going)
- Parkland Provision Strategy (on-going)
- Community Services Master plan (on-going)
- Subwatershed Study (on-going)
- 2019 - 2023 Milton Transit Services Review and Master Plan Update (2019)
- Trafalgar Secondary Plan (2019)
- Agerton Secondary Plan Concept and Planning Framework (2019)
- Transportation Master Plan (2018)
- Downtown Study (2018)
- Mid-rise and Tall Buildings Urban Design Guidelines (2018)
- Future Urban Structure and First Principles of Growth (2017)
- Land Base Analysis and Supporting Studies (2017)
- Employment Lands Municipal Comprehensive Review (2014)
- Intensification Strategy (2008)

The Milton new Official Plan project is therefore an opportunity to ensure that the Town's policy framework is current and implements the key findings and directions from other Town plans and studies, and brings local policies into alignment with strategic planning directions.

5. **Input from Local Stakeholders and Members of the Public:** Community engagement is an important part of We Make Milton, and Town staff will continue to consult and engage with members of the community, local stakeholders, and prescribed bodies and in all subsequent project phases. Input will be received, documents, and addressed throughout the identification of issues, potential policy options, recommended policy changes, and the drafting of a new Official Plan.



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WE MAKE MILTON VISIONING NIGHT

Town staff are kicking off the next round of public engagement with a focus on working with the community to set a vision for Milton's future to the year 2050. The community is invited to provide input at a special We Make Milton Visioning Night event:

Date: Wednesday, November 20, 2019
Time: 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Location: Jean Vanier Catholic Secondary School: 1145 Bronte Street South, Milton

The We Make Milton Visioning Night is a dynamic event designed to open conversation and inspire visionary thinking about Milton's future. All members of the community are invited and encouraged to attend and provide input at this important event. Opportunities to contribute will also be available online for those who are unable to attend.

Financial Impact

None arising from this Report.

Respectfully submitted,

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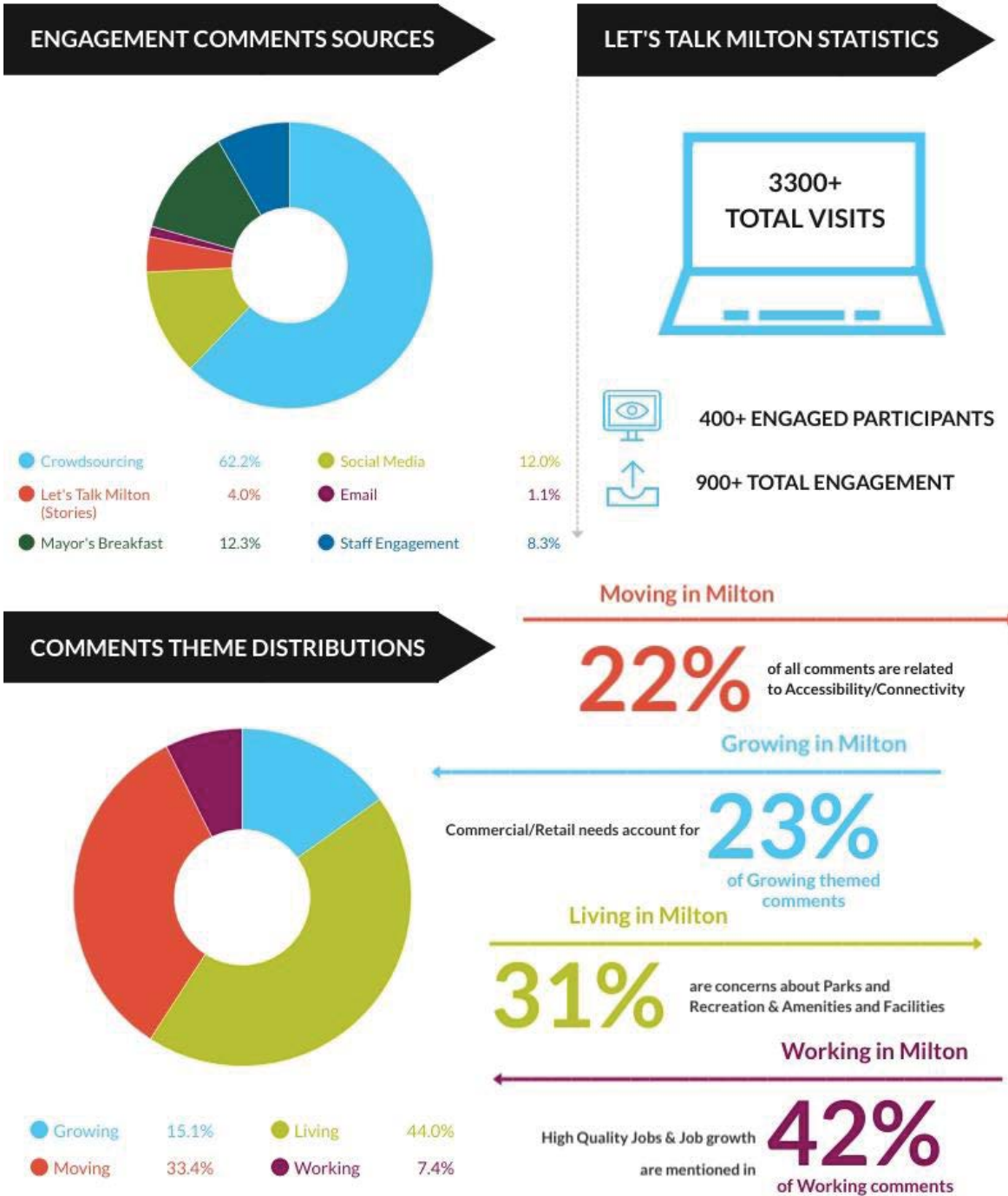
For questions, please contact: Nancy Reid, MES, MCIP, RPP Phone: Ext. 2332
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Attachments

Appendix A - Preliminary Summary of Input from Let's Talk Milton
Appendix B - Preliminary Summary of Input from Other Social Media Platforms
Appendix C - Preliminary Summary of Input from We Make Milton Crowdsourcing
Appendix D - Preliminary Summary of Input from Technical Advisory Meeting #1
Appendix E - Preliminary Summary of Other Staff Input
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Appendix G - Preliminary Summary of Input from Mayor's Roundtable Breakfast
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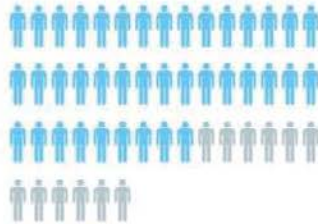
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Acting Chief Administrative Officer

Preliminary Summary of Input from Let's Talk Milton

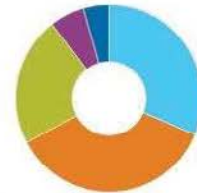


How Miltonians prefer to participate and share their input on WeMakeMilton

76.4% of you want to participate by filling online surveys or polls



How much does the Milton Official Plan impact Miltonians day-to-day life



Very significant impact	31.3%
Significant impact	35.8%
Moderate impact	22.4%
Minimal impact	6.0%
No impact	4.5%

Miltonians believe that the **Escarpment, Natural environment, as well as Parks and trails** are Milton's biggest strengths

Traffic and cars, Infrastructure gaps are believed to be Milton's biggest planning challenges over the next 20+ years

Which Milton's character do Miltonians relate the most with

30.9% of respondents relate the most with Jas, who relies on Milton Go service to commute to work.



- Jas** - Commutes to Toronto and wants more eco-friendly infrastructure.
- Stella** - Long-time resident who wants to preserve existing neighbourhood character.
- Ian** - First-generation Canadian who values pedestrian safety and efficient traffic.
- Sara** - Athlete who wants more spaces for activities, like outdoor skating rinks.
- Patrick/Becky** - Farm owners in rural Milton who value natural heritage and agricultural land.
- Jack** - University student who would like to see more job opportunities in Milton.
- George** - Long-time resident concerned about new development and potential flooding to his home in the new downtown.
- Fatima** - Entrepreneur who wants to purchase a live-work unit in Milton.
- Lola** - Small business owner excited about bringing more people into the downtown area.
- Andrew** - Student who wants more parks and community spaces to hang out with friends.
- Matthew** - High school student who wants more options for moving around independently.



Do you have a story about Milton that you'd like to share? Tell us about the places and spaces that make Milton great.

Let's Talk Milton Responses/Stories
I would prefer that in summer the town consider cutting the grass in many of the ravines/storm drains so its more inviting and allows family to spend time/do picnics. This is normal practice in Australia such as Brisbane and Canberra
Town Square, parks and gardens, shops and restaurants
More accessible transit outside of the town. Example, Newmarket - Finch station transit down yonge street. If we want people to live here and do business here we need accessible options.
We are a group of 20 individuals who enjoy outdoor workouts. For 3 times a week, we all go to Mississauga or Burlington to workout. They all have outdoor workout parks with chinup bars, dipbars, bench's, and much more all with rubber flooring. My friends and I would greatly like to see this as there many specialized parks such as skateboarding and tracks. Thank you
England requires ministry approval in order to put in stop signs. Traffic flows much smoother using roundabouts and limited signage. We seem to take the opposite approach putting in unnecessary stop signs grinding traffic to a halt on purpose
There are no high rise developments in other suburban centres around the world I have traveled to. Why does Ontario push unreasonable density requirements on us we don't have the transportation or the jobs to justify these developments, they will be an eyesore to our community ,create crowding in our schools and gridlock on our roads
Boardwalk, celebration square, Hudson Yards, walkable neighborhood with mixed use developments

I would love to see Milton have the same kind of draw that Stratford, St Jacobs, and Niagara on the Lake have, as well as Nelson, BC. These communities have a strong commitment to the arts and local history. Stratford and NOTL are famous for their live productions, and draw a million people to their downtown core and have populations much smaller than Milton. Nelson BC has local museums, cafes, boutiques, restaurants, and more working artists per capita than any other community in Canada. They have public art all throughout their downtown area, and galleries and museums that support local talent and their proud history. Every block is a delight to explore. What their downtown DOESN'T have is major corporations. Starbucks, Walmart, MacDonalds, and other big chains were kept out of the downtown core on purpose so there was more room for local. Our downtown has far too many nail salons, insurance offices, politician offices, and other stores that don't belong. Honestly...why is there a mattress store in a prime location downtown? That seems like a missed opportunity for a more interesting anchor store, restaurant, or experience. I'd love to see an artist or artisanal "village" or area similar to Glen Williams in Georgetown. Aside from the downtown, our parks could use some attention. The newly built or renovated parks don't seem that exciting for tween to young teens. In Nanaimo, BC, some parks have outdoor wellness stations, like built-in structures for chin ups, etc. These are great to engage older kids who have outgrown playgrounds.

Sarnia has dedicated Pickleball courts

Lethbridge, Alberta: Henderson Park Rotary-sponsored/funded pool and gardens is amazing. The town is the same size (population) and has similar or worse weather conditions. Do something like this somewhere in the new areas of Milton and include an arts/nature learning centre (pottery studio, demonstration gardens, community gardens etc). Maybe even add a new seniors centre and Abbeyfield home to the same site. Partner with Hort Society/arts community, horticulture programs at colleges, local garden centres, Conservation Halton, Rotary, Abbyfield and other organizations to fund it. <https://www.lethbridge.ca/Things-To-Do/Aquatics-Pools/Pages/HendersonPool.aspx>
<http://www.miltonhortsociety.com/sunny-mount-community-garden/>
<https://hamiltongardens.co.nz/collections/productive-collection/sustainable-garden/>
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<https://www.abbeyfield.ca/start-a-house/>

Adult workout stations that use body weight. These can be seen in Haliburton, Calgary, Mississauga (Meadowvale). A water bottle filling station/water fountain at parks. See attached photo of the one in Haliburton

Georgetown and Guelph have beautiful and vibrant downtowns. Georgetown is involving residents in city planning by showing actual drawings of potential changes to the downtown core area as well as the plans for the new development once the water pipeline is up. Our downtown is quaint and needs to be protected and responsible development needs to involve community input.

I like the setup in European countries that allows you to live work and play within walking or biking distance of home. Let's do more of that instead of endless acres of cardboard boxes

Cycle tracks, physically separated/protected bike lanes, protected intersections, Dutch roundabouts, raised crosswalks, traffic calming, roadways designed for slow/safe speeds, mixed-use developments, family sized condos, frequent and convenient transit service, crossrides with bike signals, complete and safe bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure network, safer intersections, Barcelona superblocks, secure bike parking, complete streets, walkable communities, no 6 lane roads, narrow traffic lanes, reduced intersection radii

All other municipalities in the GTHA are looking after the environment by looking after their existing trees, planting vast numbers of new trees, and protecting them all through by-laws both on public and private property. I.e. actively halting the declining urban canopy and reversing it. Milton is the joke of the GTHA when it comes to importance of trees and the benefits they provide and the assets they are. All Council wants is to keep taxes unrealistically low at the expense of the health and future of us residents. Time for the Mayor to get out of the last millennium or get out of the Mayor's seat



Preliminary Summary of Input from Other Social Media Platforms

Comment
I would like to see more affordable housing for seniors
This is a beautiful town. I moved here to escape the fast paced cities and it seems I've made a mistake. The small town feel is quickly dissipating with so many new homes being built, farmlands disappearing quickly and not enough infrastructure in place to accommodate the rapid development. I'd love it if we could grow at a moderate pace, keep our farmlands and farming active as we put that right structures in place to accommodate the growth all the while ensuring the small town feel remains.
I agree we do need bigger and wider roads before more and more people move in
Since Milton is acquiring more citizens, I can't help wondering why more merchandise stores are not interested in setting up in Milton. We have so many restaurants in the downtown core - Parking is unavailable - traffic on Main Street is congested. There are many seniors residing in the downtown core - where are the stores available for groceries, a library, a post office???? After all, "Seniors" pay taxes too!!!
I would like to see a Mandarin.
I Like to see People keep the TOWN Clean and CUT their LAWN MILTON is new TOWN
Keep the town small it's big enough
I like to see Milton grow - however, we don't have wide enough roads to accommodate all the traffic resulting from the fast growth - what is the solution to this?????
Big enough don't need anymore growth and leave the old area the way it is stop tearing house which are affordable down to build monster homes

Comment
Id like to see bigger roads before we keep brining more and more people into the city
Mountain bike skills park other then Kelso. Kind of like Mississauga Challenge Park
Put the bike path in on Trudeau that was supposed to have gone in when the subdivision was planned.
The bike network is pretty good, but there's some gaps in some critical areas that seem to be forgotten...
Transit link between Milton GO and the Velodrome, please!
I want to see Milton left alone now!! If Jas wants this then he can move closer to Toronto and not take the train or bus at all.
Jon Shortt There is no parking at the go station or room on the train and no plans for more trains and god help him at night if he has to take a wiz before he rides his bike home washrooms closed at the go station, Jaz should go to Burlington
I would love to see a farm boy, and a gas station near Bronte and Louis st Laurent
Jennifer Malandrino YES! A gas station there is a must. I do not like driving all the way to Derry and Hwy 25 or to Derry and Tremaine to get gas. I'm at LSL and Savoline.
oh am so on board with the gas station in that area
Grocery store or market selling plants as well as groceries . Grocery store and oh yes, grocery store.
Milton needs to embrace its diversity as lots of us were not born or raised here but happily call it our home now
Stop building more condo's and townhouses!! Roads are already busy now with what we've got! I've seen at least four, possibly five, new buildings being built

Comment
currently! Where will those people's cars go? Oh, that's right...the same roads that are
Agree with a farmboy. Perhaps at the old PO/habitat location. Shine up some of the old / beat up places.
How about bulldozing the mall and building a shopping mall! Instead daycare and more dentists there. Duh
Connie Port so true. Tired of having to go to Oakville Mississauga (forget Outlets) malls when u need something.
Connie Port agree with you there! I'd also add a few nice restaurants too!
Offer rent-to-own homes
She can't afford to purchase a home because they are way overpriced!!!
Truth
Maybe if Milton stopped opposing good jobs and plastering signs saying " Milton says no" that would help?!
We need more gas stations ASAP
think about ur bus services
1) 7 days public transport, Trans ticket transfer facility for 2-3 hrs any where in Milton, route expansion to West steeles Rd till Bronte st 2) FreshCo 3) Commercial area at south Milton near Britannia/Hwy 25 west 4) Quick Halton Police Service e.g police reports 5) University
Learn something from Mississauga, wide 3 lane roads, walking distance to strip malls and plazas. Can't imagine how the traffic would look like after giant towers at Derry and Ontario
we are all the same no matter what culture we are we love our neighbors and we would do anything for our neighbors we are a friendly neighborhood - (on Milton's strengths)



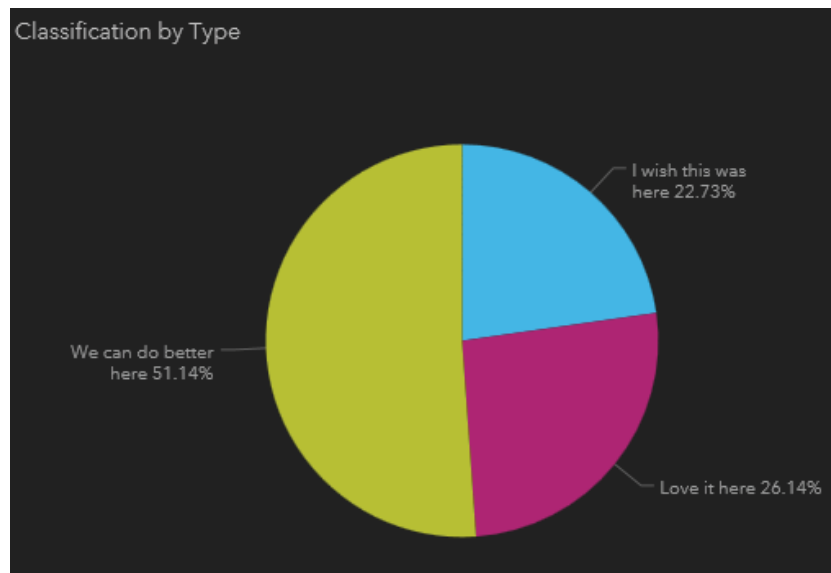
Comment
Twitter or any social media as it's too quick
pools? Isn't the town trying to decide if rotary should stay or not?
I have suggested many times now a sidewalk, bike path or increased Transit going north on RR25 beyond the 401. I see many people walking on the shoulder beside very fast moving transport trucks coming off the 401. It's a very dangerous area and a lot of teens are being put at risk. I would love to know if there are any plans to address this area.
No one has given me any response so I now know who to speak with in regards to sidewalks and bike lanes - the town should still look into the Transit schedules.
Please offer better rates for high school students on Milton Transit. \$60/mo for a monthly pass, (or \$22 for only 10 rides) for a grade 9 student is quite costly.
How about Mayor and Council recently approving a 25 storey condo building...not sure that coincides with the surrounding residential and commercial areas - it will negatively stand out and further contribute to traffic congestion....keep sharing your ideas and concerns!
Our sense of community: no matter how large Milton has grown, our citizens celebrate together, respect one another, we share well, we recreate together and we maintain a sense of history in our community. I am very thankful to live in the one of the most beautiful towns in the world.
I see some promising projects for Milton, well done, let's make it a more lively and active town

Preliminary Summary of Input from We Make Milton Crowdsourcing

Crowdsourcing Questions:

- Where and how can we do better by making improvements?
- What do you love about Milton today?
- What is your wish for Milton in the future?

Summary of Crowdsourcing Comments By-Type:



Comments Provided: *(note: georeference is not included)*

Comment Type	Comment
Love it here	Love the outdoor pool at rotary park!!
We can do better here	We need more roads into Oakville.
We can do better here	We should develop mixed use condos and commercial locations at James Snow south of Derry
I wish this was here	I would like to see a COSTCO store in Milton
We can do better here	Britannia needs 2 to and from Mississauga it's always so backed up
Love it here	Am so glad to live here... Awesome neighborhood and location.
Love it here	Love working here... An awesome community hospital.

I wish this was here	We should have one Costco here... Or anywhere in Milton.
We can do better here	Add more lanes to the road.
Love it here	Awesome Canada Day with the kids! Fun activities and reasonably priced.
We can do better here	If this is going to be a high traffic location with new condos we need to improve the flow of traffic. Too many lights that don't work together as well as they can.
We can do better here	There needs to be a better Transit system in Milton to get around as well as getting to other cities. We need more GO trains and Milton buses that go to Mississauga as well as GO Buses as they need to run for longer hours. WE NEED TO BE ON GOOGLE MAPS!!!!
We can do better here	Milton Transit - There is a need to connect Milton Transit to Mississauga Transit as many living in Milton work at Mississauga. One suggestion would be to connect Milton Transit at Erin Mills GO in Mississauga
We can do better here	Would love to see a way to get across traffic here to continue walking these trails.
We can do better here	A way to safely walk across this road to continue using these trails
Love it here	Love the community garden. We need more of these, and places for people to learn about gardening in a public space like this.
We can do better here	The giant building in this park will be horrible. We need to prevent that from ever happening again. Learn from this massive mistake
We can do better here	We need more affordable rental (leased) apartment spaces. Many seniors are thinking of downsizing from their homes but are not yet ready to reduce to an 800 square foot space. We need some new buildings which offer decent sized units of 1100 to 1300 sq.
Love it here	Our conservation areas are beautiful and a great place to take the family for an outing.
I wish this was here	This is a nice little park, with a playground. I wish it had a more active use of the overall field. This type of park is the perfect location for a basketball court to service the community!
I wish this was here	This would have been a great location for a stairway, so one could get from Main Street to the shops (Winners, Shoppers) without walking all the way to the lights, where the sidewalk is only on the Lowe's side of the road.

I wish this was here	I would love to see some 'offroad' bike paths that run to neighbouring cities - Oakville and Mississauga. It would be great to be able to bike down without being on the roads themselves.
I wish this was here	I would love to see some office development in this area, not just warehousing!
I wish this was here	I would love to see a walking / bike path through this area (between Costigan and Cedar Hedge Road).
We can do better here	We need sidewalks here. I always see people walking on the side of the road.
We can do better here	A future bridge here would allow the pipeline trail to run uninterrupted.
Love it here	Great community garden! We should have more!
We can do better here	Let's not have this road extend into the industrial area. Enough dump trucks and other heavy vehicles are already using Clark when Derry is jammed with traffic or just to service residential construction and maintenance projects.
Love it here	I love this plaza. It has a great variety of shops and services and I can walk to it. We should require similar commercial plazas in all new neighborhoods.
We can do better here	We need a crossing here. It can be very difficult for people to cross the road here.
We can do better here	Restore right-in/right-out only access between 4th Line (Cedar Hedge Rd) and Derry Rd.
We can do better here	25 and Whitlock should be a roundabout. Stop jamming up major roads with more congestion.
We can do better here	We need a better crossing here.
We can do better here	Extend Main St to Trafalgar to alleviate traffic on Steeles and Derry when accidents happen on the 401.
We can do better here	We need a traffic light metering system here like they have on the QEW to properly space out rush hour onramp traffic and avoid jamming the 401... even when it is expanded.
We can do better here	We need more stores in general in Milton. Each plaza has the same types of stores. I have to do most of my shopping in Oakville or Halton Hills. We need more specialty shops and places to buy clothes!
We can do better here	Extend Ontario St. N. to the 401 and create an onramp / off ramp with the 401 to unlock the potential of Ontario St. and reduce commuters jamming up 25 and JSP and eventually Tremaine interchanges.

We can do better here	We need a crossing here for all of the high school kids going to stores.
Love it here	Where I call home. I love it.
Love it here	A place of possibilities and for me two Canadian cycling records. This is a core reason as to why I live in Milton. I love it here.
I wish this was here	I wish this land had a developer build gorgeous new homes here, I would buy in a heartbeat.
We can do better here	A really great bakery here would be awesome!
We can do better here	We can do better than be the warehouse capital of Canada. Let's find good progressive industries to build in Milton.
We can do better here	Love it but what is the city doing to get lights on rural roads (brittania, regional rd 25 etc?) for road safety
We can do better here	These two traffics lights in my opinion are not functioning well together and probably account for a great deal of Thompsons, and Milton in general, traffic problems.
We can do better here	Library is far too understaffed! Huge line ups with hardly any librarians available!
We can do better here	So dangerous for pedestrians here, please add sidewalks.
Love it here	Favourite street in Milton, the heritage homes are beautiful.
We can do better here	Development on this heritage property and inevitable loss of the heritage home is a devastating loss. It will change the entire feel of the neighbourhood. What a shame this is allowed to happen.
Love it here	The Velodrome rocks!
We can do better here	This was a sad location for the proposed university. If this opportunity come up again, a location on Main between Ontario and Thompson would help energize that area and be close to the GO station for the students
We can do better here	Not sure how possible this is, but it'd be amazing if there was a pathway between Childs and Nipissing for pedestians to get to the GO station (once the station opens up on Nipissing). Otherwise, residents need to walk an extra 10 mins out to Thompson
Love it here	The paved trails here are amazing for walks and bike rides. It is well maintained so please keep up the good work!
We can do better here	Stop this building
I wish this was here	Bus shelter and as much trees as possible

We can do better here	Play area needs updating, structure is starting to rust- fall apart, my little girl scraped her leg off the rusting stairs going to the slides. More modern equipment with shade should be installed.
I wish this was here	There is no splash pad within a close distance to Hawthorne neighbourhood, the closest one being several KMs away off Laurier next to the school. It would be lovely to have a splash pad between James snow and forth line north or south of Derry :)
I wish this was here	New housing development should have splash pad accessibility within closet proximity to new developments. As well it would be a great location as there are older trees to provide lots of shade.
We can do better here	bicycle path on ontario street and extending it all over Milton
Love it here	love the bicycle path on derry road away from the traffic and under trees
Love it here	just love the library system in milton.
I wish this was here	town of milton could allow free swimming in Milton
We can do better here	free swimming like in the city of toronto
I wish this was here	milton Transit connecting with missisuaga. connection to meadowvale town center
We can do better here	connecting milton Transit to meadowvale town center
We can do better here	Traffic light required or crossing guards should be assigned in school days
We can do better here	Area is populating quickly, public library and park are needed
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We can do better here	A crossing here to connect the trail/path
Love it here	Love the new trails. Could the snow be left on them in winter so we can ski on them?
We can do better here	I wish the land here was better maintained, there are a ton of weeds and tall grass that comes over the side walk. There is also a lot of litter that stays here after the winter is over. I think this space can be enhanced to include a bike/walk path.
I wish this was here	We need more stores in this area, the closest plaza that is walking distance is the Raba at Derry and Trudeau. Maybe a grocery store and some other restaurants.

Love it here	I love going for a walk here and grabbing dinner at one of the many restaurants in downtown Milton!
We can do better here	There is usually congestion here on the left turn signal in the mornings. I think other drivers feel the same way at other major intersections. Miovision technology made a difference in the downtown core, maybe use the traffic system elsewhere too!
We can do better here	Need more roads too and from Mississauga!
Love it here	Best library! I've come here many times over the last four years of living in Milton. Great space to work, study and read!
I wish this was here	I'm constantly going to Trafalgar or Bronte carpool lots to get to Mississauga, Hamilton, Guelph or Oakville. It would be neat if Milton Transit could create routes to these lots if direct lines are not possible right now.
We can do better here	Need recycling bins for all the drink containers.
We can do better here	Recycling bins please!
We can do better here	The water feature in front of Town Hall stinks!! The water is stale looks disgusting, un-maintained, and smells terrible!!
Love it here	Love this trail system! Need more like it throughout Milton!
We can do better here	These stores are a bit grubby, can we provide grants to store owners/building owners to freshen up store fronts
I wish this was here	Can we get some stores/restaurants/cafes here. The empty lot is not well maintained and a waste of prime space in our historic downtown
Love it here	Love the trails and natural spaces located here in the downtown
Love it here	The Saturday morning Farmers market is AMAZING!! I would love it if there was an indoor space which would be used for the off season!
Love it here	Love this park! they recently remodeled and its so lovely to spend time in :)
I wish this was here	More store fronts/shops/cafes/game board cafe/micro brewery on this side of DT, we don't get a lot of pedestrian traffic on this side of downtown
Love it here	I'm glad some new development is happening here, the old buildings and daisy mart were soooo gross!!

We can do better here	The entrance to the Sports Centre is now horrible with McD's across the street. People drive in the bike lanes too. Can something be done?
I wish this was here	I would love to have more parks in this area
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We can do better here	Love the dog park here but we need dedicated dog waste bins- KW installed and creates energy from the waste!! We need innovative solutions like this!
Love it here	Like when road is closed to cars
We can do better here	Protect the historic streetscape around Victoria Park
We can do better here	limit heights of buildings to 4 storeys adjacent to single family homes - Transition to existing homes
Love it here	Love the park - put up bat houses to attract mosquito eating bats
Love it here	Love La Rose store
Love it here	Love the ponds but area needs clean up to be open to public
Love it here	Kelso great place to visit in the summer
Love it here	Love large tree lined historic neighbourhoods
Love it here	Waldies Blacksmith shop and Milton Archives
We can do better here	the stink from this abattoir - they should be encouraged to relocate
I wish this was here	Return the library to this location
We can do better here	Not pedestrian or child friendly just try to cross the intersection Thompson&Main on foot feels scary
I wish this was here	NOT pedestrian friendly, no barriers to the car traffic when walking on the sidewalk
We can do better here	More garden allotments especially with huge condo towers dwellers needing green space
We can do better here	great outdoor pool but wish it was lit so hours could be extended on the hot summer days
I wish this was here	Bicycle trail from Milton to connect to Kelso
I wish this was here	GO Train stop
We can do better here	ridiculous location for a university campus so far from public Transit - students aren't rich

We can do better here	outdoor ice rink like Brampton has
Love it here	Garden in the old jail enclosure is marvelous
We can do better here	pedestrian walkway connection to the other side of the tracks
Love it here	Love the train station was saved and repurposed
We can do better here	no sidewalks on Ontario for pedestrians to get to the GO parking lot
We can do better here	Need seperate pedestrain/bicycle access to GO station, path where the cars don't go
We can do better here	Allow for secondary apartments,dwellings and garden suites throughout the rural area
I wish this was here	more on-farm diversification opportunities
I wish this was here	affordable housing for seniors
We can do better here	Expand opportunities for home-based businesses in hamlets and countryside
We can do better here	Great plece forsurrounding commmunity to take walks. It pond can have a paved walking/jogging track around it to have kids/seniors take walks. This can be a minimalist improvement with just paved path. I have seen this in many places.
We can do better here	long term transportation plan for road safety
We can do better here	Revitalization/Community Improvement and investment in our hamlets
I wish this was here	This should be a commercial development hub, not a warehousing dump. Bring offices. Attract High Tech business to open technology centres and offices. It is a great location close to HWY 401 and 407. Need some good politics with businesses
We can do better here	upgraded municipal water and sewage
Love it here	amazing quality of life and wonderful local grade school
Love it here	Love having local businesses like Dar's Bakery
Love it here	great school
Love it here	Strong rural community

We can do better here	When I walk to the Go station this area is always filled with garbage from the nearby shopping area, making the walk less enjoyable. Since we are encouraging people to walk and bike to the station can we keep this area clean?
I wish this was here	Wish we could get a Panera Bread in this location
We can do better here	Too many occupancy designated for a small area.
We can do better here	Need a stop signs here, cars don't stop for pedestrians.
We can do better here	Stop signs are needed since cars don't stop for pedestrians
We can do better here	Traffic lights? see to many cars do the rolling stops
We can do better here	Human and dog water fountain needed
We can do better here	stop leaving large amounts of grass trimmings, people can not use the park afterwards
We can do better here	Regional forests should be for tax paying community and not for hunters
We can do better here	Downtown and historic area is plagued by the flood plain area. Mitigation steps must be taken to address this issue with all levels of governments. Historic buildings in the area need to be preserved from flood and retailers need to feel better about spac
Love it here	Mill pond is a great asset to the downtown.
We can do better here	It is insane to think a set of large high rise buildings will work here. There's already a traffic issue at this intersection.
We can do better here	Plow this over - they're all on the streets anyway.
Love it here	Love the trails.
We can do better here	We need a Sunday bus route. Seniors need access to reliable transportation 7 days a week.
I wish this was here	Express GO trains to union similar to the Lakeshore line
I wish this was here	A pedestrian crossing, a lot of kids cross here for the Community Park
I wish this was here	It would be great to have a day care option at Boyne Public School for local families.
Love it here	Love the Saturday morning farmer's market!
Love it here	Great gym!
Love it here	Rattlesnake Point Conversation Area is a fantastic spot for families!

Love it here	Love this park space!
I wish this was here	An outdoor skating rink for families
Love it here	Milton Hydro is awesome. Love having a local and municipally owned utility. NEVER SELL IT
We can do better here	Too many trucks block this road illegally while waiting for the truck wash.
We can do better here	Market Drive is a giant mess all the time. Needs to be completely redesigned and rebuilt. Absolutely horrible. The business owners here miss out on a lot of business caused by how poorly the traffic is managed here.
We can do better here	East/Westbound streetlights are poorly timed at Thompson/Woodward. Streetlights should be changing more frequently and allowing traffic to flow east/west better.
We can do better here	East/West traffic lights at this location are poorly timed. They should change more often to allow traffic to better flow west/east.
We can do better here	East/West Traffic lights need to be better timed here to allow traffic to flow west/east better on Woodward Ave.
We can do better here	Stop the suburban sprawl and build up instead.
We can do better here	Stop the suburban sprawl. Build up instead of out. Protect the environment, our planet is dying.
We can do better here	Traffic is terrible at main/James Snow 24/7. The design encourages racing towards the 401.
We can do better here	Garbage cans in parks and woodlots need to be changed more frequently.
We can do better here	Garbage cans in parks and woodlots need to be changed more frequently.
Love it here	Dog parks are great, should be expanded and encouraged, and partnership should be strengthened between the volunteers running the program and the Town.
We can do better here	Parking enforcement needs to be improved in this neighbourhood.
We can do better here	Median should be extended to block people from turning left across 4 lanes into the plaza at southeast corner
We can do better here	Median should be extended to block idiots from trying to turn left across 4 lanes of traffic into the gas station on N/E corner.
We can do better here	A separated and dedicated cycling lane along martin would go a long way towards reducing car traffic to the surrounding industrial areas.

We can do better here	A separate and dedicated cycling lane would go a long way towards encouraging more people to cycle to work in the industrial areas.
We can do better here	Make main street pedestrian only in the downtown core.
I wish this was here	Fewer cars
We can do better here	This intersection needs to be improved. Tim Hortons causes lots of trouble with the sheep lining up out into traffic, and transport trucks blocking entire lanes so they can get their cup of hot brown water.
We can do better here	Something needs to be done with Milton Mall, but NOT CONDOS.
Love it here	love it here
We can do better here	Stop CN Logistics Hub.
Love it here	Great location for the University. Access to major highway at 401 and access to Oakville and Burlington. Huge parcel of land to properly plan the facilities and the community around it. I understand Transit is coming to this area as well. Hope this still
We can do better here	Stop CN Logistics Hub!
We can do better here	Continue to do everything we can to stop the CN Logistics Hub.
Love it here	I love that we still have our Fairgrounds. Too many towns have given theirs up for development. This must not happen in Milton!
We can do better here	slo down we till have kids
We can do better here	Nice park but gets overcrowded esp when kids are playing cricket.
I wish this was here	A grocery Store would be nice to ahve in the downton area
We can do better here	These digital billboard sign GOTS TO GO !!! Hideous Urban Design
I wish this was here	A Town that has built it economic development strategy on Logistics should welcome a Logistic Hub here - Makes perfect sense.
Love it here	This plaza has so many awesome shops1
I wish this was here	yeetus

I wish this was here	cleetus
We can do better here	thissucks
Love it here	pk[[p\p.k/p[k[p/kp]k]kp]pplll
We can do better here	Speed control (e.g. speed bump) - increasing number of young families moving into the neighbourhood and Woodward is becoming a bypass for east west traffic
We can do better here	Pedestrian traffic, especially running is not safe. In several areas of town walk signals are not automatic and do not indicate 'walk' even when the button is pushed. This gives cars the right of way. Very dangerous and frustrating.
I wish this was here	Keep Rotary Park Pool!
I wish this was here	bigger,better park
I wish this was here	w
Love it here	My family loves the outdoor pool. It is the only one that we have in our town! We need to keep and maintain it, not close it down!
Love it here	m
Love it here	rllrty
We can do better here	omg
Love it here	a nic place to live
We can do better here	We need to improve roads greatly
I wish this was here	I wish that urban growth stops!!
We can do better here	better access to hwy 401 and go station trains, need more
We can do better here	Widening Derry road
We can do better here	Connecting city bus service to square one
I wish this was here	safebike lanes
We can do better here	secndary plan for
Love it here	better connection to cconserb

We can do better here	There is nothing worth visting here. Its sad since its such a large space. Something needs to be done, it is depressing in there.
We can do better here	Lack of public water bottle refill stations is aparent here. Most other municipalites have many in/around town hall for the public to use.
We can do better here	Something should be done to eliminate the smell coming from the factory. It is extremely unpleasant
Love it here	Implement an indoor space to continue the farmers market when the weather is too cold outside. It is a great place to meet members of the community and buy local.
We can do better here	Timing of this light can be better. At times the advanced doesn't work and you have a huge lineup of cars all turning left.
Love it here	hi
Love it here	h
Love it here	good place
We can do better here	i dont like the condo that we are building
Love it here	great
We can do better here	This area has many residents who violate bylaws which the town does not enforce consistently or proactively
We can do better here	Condo will lead to a drastic increase in traffic and density with no further investment in the area by the developer or town to make life easier on the residents
We can do better here	Lack of safe crossing over large intersections with a lot of speeders resulting in a lack of safety
We can do better here	Area as a whole requires beautifcation by town and developer
We can do better here	This area should have walking paths and a commercial area residents can congregate at that does not require cars
I wish this was here	Bus shelter for bus and go bus
I wish this was here	Round about to slow traffic with statue, tree or , fountain
I wish this was here	Fence to put boundary between Derry Rd and residential area
I wish this was here	Benches and trash bins
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I wish this was here	More trees large for privacy
We can do better here	agag

Preliminary Summary of Input from Technical Advisory Meeting #1 (Kick-off Meeting)

Discussion Questions:

- A. How can Milton's new Official Plan make your job easier? What are some specific improvements and changes that need to be made to the existing Official Plan?
- B. What background material are you aware of (i.e., plans, studies, reports, and guidance documents) that should be reviewed for policy implication?
- C. Who are the stakeholders we need to engage with?

Department/ Organization	Comment
Halton Conservation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integration of our policies with the Region and Conservation Halton • Natural environment! Natural hazard policies + Stormwater management plan policies, Low Impact Development (for climate change) • Referring between policies • Regulation Mapping • Stakeholder: Land owners + Developers + BILD
Senior Planner, Town of Milton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening strategy for climate change and employment • Green infrastructure strategy (NHS, LID) • Stakeholder: Halton/Peel Employment Panel, Climate Change Network
Manager of Transit, Town of Milton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal is to always try to increase ridership • Increase mobility • Active Transportation • Policies to maximize transit use • Placing transit over car ownership • Density/Bonusing • Transportation Master Plan • New OP should be like a "coffee table" OP • Stakeholders: Metrolinx, Milton Transit customers

<p>Fire Department, Town of Milton</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify station locations, accessibility to service • Time and distance is key when getting to a site that is on fire • Understanding traffic patterns • Part time/full time fire fighters • Issues: High Rise Buildings regulation (safety), hazardous materials, compatibility • Stakeholders: Everyone
<p>Planner, Policy, Town of Milton</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pressure of development: What to keep in terms of heritage • "Proper Vision" • Things to keep in mind: Immigrants, affordable housing, seniors, urban design, GIS enable bonusing clause, attract the best people & climate change • Stakeholders: Historical society, BIA
<p>Director, Building Services & Chief Building Official, Town of Milton</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Well defined land uses but also some flexibility • Want to try avoiding going to council for minor variance • promotion of housing stock • GIS • Stakeholders: Built community, rural community, Terra Blue, Spring ridge farm
<p>Senior Analyst, Planning, Halton District School Board</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flexibility - where to plan for schools • Permits • Daycare • Walkability for students • Transit access • Design guidelines for schools/design guidelines for adjacent lands • Stakeholders: Students, parents, trustees
<p>Acting Manager, Economic Development, Town of Milton</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jobs/companies we want to attract moving to the knowledge based jobs - infrastructure needs for them • Mixed use community/ higher development • New economic development strategy • Stakeholders: Mayor, list of top employers
<p>Manger, Development Engineering,</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate change • Stormwater Management Plan • Transportation networks

Town of Milton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New development impacting heritage areas • Provincial guidelines/standards
Halton Catholic District School Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parks • Social services • day cares • funding for new schools (population analysis to back it up) • Walkability for students • reduce number of cars • Stakeholders: Students, parents, councils
Parks Planner, Town of Milton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sections no longer relevant need to be looked at • Parks strategy • Stakeholders: residents, sports groups, communities
GIS Application Analyst	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visualization • Convey messages to the public • maps • data • NHS
Halton Region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easier to read and interpret (Need!) • creative approaches to local priorities vs region priority • Plan quality
Manager, Forestry & Horticulture, Town of Milton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance from way of design • Operation legacy • Budget issues • growing as a city requires more operation staff for maintenance • secondary plans • vignettes of the standards being proposed • Stakeholders: developers, residents
Manager, Cultural Services, Town of Milton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Height and density initiations • Public art • Place making • places to gather and celebrate • Stakeholders: Arts Milton

<p>Manager, Operations, Town of Milton</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Levels of services (with population growth), road widths • legislation restricting what we do • salt management
<p>Supervisor of Planning, Conseil Scolaire Viamonde</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider mixed use/high density, building in the middle ground • Transit around school • cars are a mess • Permits for temp space (Portables) - zoning • Barriers for school construction • Stakeholders: Other school boards
<p>Senior Development Review Planner, Town of Milton</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear vision, goals and objectives, priorities with policies • stick with our objectives • Neptus • UN report for climate change & litigations • Newcomers • Demographics - understand the new trends • Tourism groups - "How can we make people stop and visit Milton" • Youth (Sports groups, Arts group) • Service groups
<p>Manager, Parks & Facility Planning, Town of Milton</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OP is the starting document for service plans • What are we referencing • What do we need to put in the document • Understanding the Town's assets (Land) • Parks • Land must evolve with population • Good conversations with development review

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • community energy aspirations • Facility maintenance • Clear language on sustainability, environment and park land • Active recreation • Urban design/streetscape - language specific to that • OP meets greenbelt requirements • Open trails vs fields (different language) • mapping is great (interactive layers) • Move forward with active transportation • Sports/Recreational groups
<p>Planner, Policy, Town of Milton</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urban structure (sub components) • Complete communities, Streetscape (tie in with schools, density) • Mature neighbourhood • Natural heritage
<p>Planner, Policy Planning, Halton Region</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nice to see if we don't have to jump between different policies • Housing options: Family oriented, purpose built • Annual state of housing report • Stakeholders: Developers (merge relationship between municipalities and stakeholders)
<p>Legal Service Director, Legislative & Legal Services, Town of Milton</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am not sure how Milton's Official Plan can make my job easier. On my end, we see the reports on the agenda associated with Official Plan Amendments. While there may always be proposals that require an OP amendment, I know that Planning staff will have to strike balance with the new OP to provide opportunities within the long-term vision (which may result in less OP amendments?), while still ensuring the policies support sustainable development and the protection of resources. I know you are all up for the challenge! • I don't know if there is anything on our end as far as studies, etc. that would inform the OP review process. However, I wanted to share that I have experience with a Comprehensive Zoning By-law Review, in which the ZBL was repealed and replaced without a solid "notwithstanding" clause for appeals before the Board (LPAT), which resulted in the applicant submitting a new

	<p>application and another appeal (see JDCL Hidden Quarry OMB appeal). Just a thought to consider. These may be more zoning, but some of the planning questions that I recently encountered at Guelph/Eramosa were drive thrus (appropriate location ie. commercial adjacent to residential), secondary accessory dwellings within ancillary buildings in the rural areas, quarries, bed and breakfasts (within ag or residential areas), breweries/distilleries in the ag areas (ie. production vs. agri-tourism) and location of places of worship. From the presentation from Mississauga at SMT, it sounds like your team has great comments, so reaching out for lessons learned from another comparable municipality is likely on your list.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I think that you are doing a great job of engaging the community. It's really exciting to see. I wanted to note that legal non-conformity was an issue for us at Guelph/Eramosa, with many property owners seeking letters confirming this status after our new ZBL was adopted. In hindsight, I wish that we had more of a plan to deal with legal non-conformity.
<p>President & CEO, Milton Chamber of Commerce</p>	<p>A) Specific improvements and changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It strikes me that much of the general language in the 2008 OP report can simply be repeated in a new document. This is partly due to the fact that some goals are still laudable. In some cases, it's due to goals not being achieved, whether partially or at all (such as maximizing non-residential assessments). • With some issues needing to be carried forward in the new OP, there may have been some missed opportunities from 2008 to 2019 due to the increased sprawl of development. For example, road allowances and dedicated transit lanes that may have been easier with a greater amount of greenfield are much more difficult now that developments are in place. <p>Some thoughts:</p> <p>2.4.3.6 In support of the Town's retail identity and character the Town will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) promote and support a farmer's market and other similar initiatives in the downtown cores; b) facilitate cross-marketing between attractions and auxiliary services in downtown cores, such as retailers and restaurants; c) encourage residential and commercial intensification of Milton's downtown core that complements existing heritage and retail areas, while recognizing the flood susceptible areas;

d) promote and support the Milton Business Improvement Area, Milton Chamber of Commerce and Campbellville and Area Business Association;

- It's encouraging to see a specific OP goal to promote and support the Milton Farmers' Market. The Town's partnership and assistance is very much appreciated. The future support of the Market, whether still on Main Street or elsewhere (such as the new Precinct) is welcome in the new OP.
- Of course, the promotion and support of the Chamber is also very much appreciated. The tourism brand, Escarpment Country (which is owned by the Chamber) can play a larger role in promoting Milton as a destination, particularly since the Town is not actively involved in tourism promotion.

2.4.3.8 Prior to the availability of additional wastewater and water capacity, the Town will seek to attract water and wastewater efficient industries by:

- a) promoting the fact that Milton has available industrial/commercial lands with adequate water and sewage capacity with which to support resource efficient industries;
- b) working with the Region, the Province and the Federal government to identify and pursue resource efficient industry;
- c) targeting and pursuing warehousing and distribution centres, transportation firms, knowledge-based companies, and other industries that are complementary to Milton's existing base of businesses and are efficient users of water and wastewater infrastructure;
- d) identifying a specific business niche for Milton as part of overall preparations for growth;
- e) maximizing commercial-industrial/residential assessment ratio;
- f) identifying and pursuing opportunities to attract educational and other institutions to Milton; and,
- g) identifying opportunities to attract corporate offices to Milton.

- Aside from the great need for the availability of wastewater and water capacity, most of the above goals could be repeated.
- The one goal that seems to be the on-going and difficult challenge is the attraction of corporate offices (except for those attached to a manufacturing or distribution facility, such as ROCKWOOL or DSV). If the OP is somehow a barrier to the development of office towers in Milton, I would strongly advocate for those changes.

	<p>2.6.3.1 The Town's transportation system shall:</p> <p>a) provide a safe, economic and efficient rail and highway network for both people and goods movement;</p> <p>b) increase accessibility to major areas of employment, shopping and recreation, with an emphasis on accessibility by public transit;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public transportation to commercial/ industrial zones remains an issue. It can also be a barrier to potential economic development or business retention. • Inter-municipal transit, such as the Steeles bus, must be a priority.....and, if needed, must be addressed in the OP. <p>Background materials - not aware of any materials not already being reviewed by the Town.</p> <p>A) Stakeholders to engage with - continuation of meetings with business leaders; developers; land owners. In other words, those that may be affected by any changes in planning or regulations....or those that may in fact help further the new OP with office developments, etc.</p>
<p>Financial Planning Analyst</p>	<p>How can Milton's new Official Plan make your job easier?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The financial impacts associated with the expectations of the Official Plan need to be clearly articulated and Council needs to accept the impacts associated with whatever plan is adopted. The Vision won't be realized if we end up deferring any needed investments because of misalignment with funding tolerance. • Policies should be financially sustainable. • Be mindful of how implemented policies will have financial implications to the Town (i.e., many tiny pop up parks- costly to maintain on operations side and may not fulfill recreation requirements, cul-de-sacs creating winter maintenance issues etc.) • Official Plan could be built with a little more flexibility to address changing service demands without requiring a comprehensive update to the Official Plan. When work was undertaken on the Trafalgar/Agerton Secondary Plan, there were noticeable conflicts with the Amendment that didn't align with the overarching policies and definitions within the Official Plan (ie. Parkland).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Link to and refer to other plans/studies/documents so that there is clear direction on how the implementation of a policy will take place in order to eliminate confusion.• The document should be easy to follow and find information. A user friendly, readable document. <p>What background material are you aware of (i.e., plans, reports, studies and guidance documents) that should be reviewed for policy implications?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Financial Principles Policy (Policy 110), 2017 Fiscal Impact Study, Bill 108, CORS-049-19 & 2020 Town of Milton Budget.• Official Plan should consider the Corporate Strategic Plan and any available departmental master plans. <p>Who are the stakeholders we need to engage with?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• You likely have a solid list, Council should be on this list.• Request that Visioning and Service expectation setting is undertaken with financial impacts considered throughout process.
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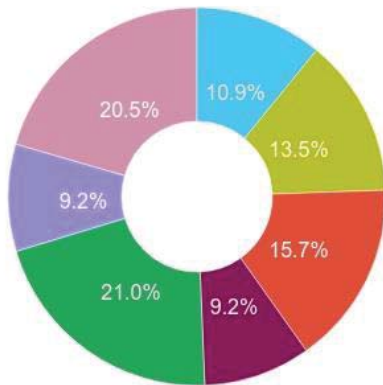


Preliminary Summary of Other Staff Input

Question: In your opinion how can Milton's current Official Plan be improved?

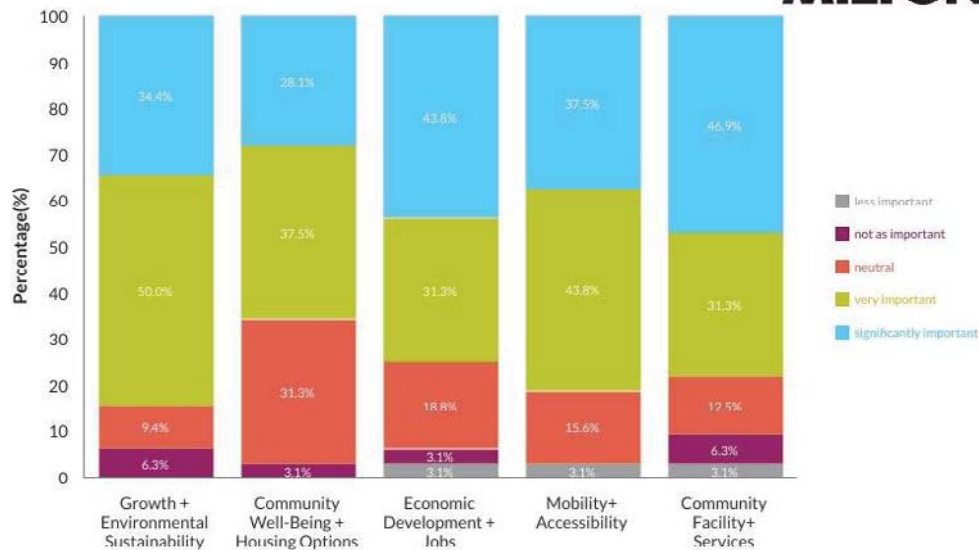
Comment
Better snow removal
Transit
Bike lanes
More attractions
Lose the NIMBY Attitude
Clearer goals for different parts of town
Maps! Visual display
More jobs for youth and young grads
Transit
Plant more trees in development areas
Permit garden suites in the rural areas
Protect green belt, green spaces
Invest in facilities that are used by the public
Better connections - transit
Tiny Homes
More affordable housing for seniors and first time buyers
Flexible to meet future innovations
Cross regional transit
Promote active living and lifestyle
More entertainment hubs/areas
Coordinate policies in town STDS & Best Practices
Spaces for businesses to innovate
Better local transit
Plain language - easy to understand!
Office Space
Costco
Better Parking
More sports fields
More staff
Bigger roads
More WENDY'S
Better park planning

How Town Of Milton Employees Feel Their Work Contributes To Creating A Complete Community As We Grow



Encouraging the community and creating partnerships	25
Ensuring local job securities	31
Managing how and where we grow	36
Planning safe and accessible transportation options	21
Protecting the rural area and the natural environment	48
Providing a range of housing types and options	21
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What is important for Milton's growth



Familiarity with the Official Plan



3% of the respondents use the Official Plan few times a week, 3% use them few times a month, 18.2% only use them when they have to, and 75.8% have never used the Official Plan



PRELIMINARY SUMMARY OF INPUT FROM STAKEHOLDERS AND INTERESTED PARTIES

Submission Date	Comment
2019/09/02	I live on Main St and Thompson. There is a small park close to my place- sprucedale park. My request is to do some modifications in the park so that we have kids playing there. It is so small that no kid likes to play there.
2019/07/31	I am president of Arts Milton and am writing to find out if part of the engagement process will include reaching out to affiliated groups in Milton to get their feedback. I want to ensure that there is feedback from Arts Milton into the Plan, but I'm not sure whether there will be a formal opportunity to do this.
2019/07/11	I feel that “our” rural needs are not being addressed adequately. For example, we have a 60 Acre property with access to two different roads. We cannot sever a piece of our land, of any size, because we do not have adequate access to the sewer systems—we do not have sewers here so we are in a catch 22 situation. Furthermore, although we have two separate septic systems and two separate wells (and room for more) we are not able to build a second dwelling even for family on the property. All of these restrictions and limitations are unfair limitations for rural residents. I fully support protecting the environment and want to do this but I don’t think those are valid concerns. When I once spoke to someone in the planning/permit department, the supportive response I got was “it’s not my fault you bought 60 acres, ma’am.” Internet sucks. Phone lines suck. Television options are limited. What do we get besides the gorgeous scenery to help us live here?
2019/05/07	Milton’s policies on providing shade in public areas. (Protecting the public from ultraviolet radiation, including policies on providing shade in public areas. We are specifically looking at policies that relate to the planning and development of public areas, on both municipally-owned and private property)

2019/09/05	<p>I was just on the Town of Milton website on the official plan web page. It said that the official plan is currently under review. I was wondering when do you expect to release the draft of the official plan?</p>
2019/08/14	<p>The Planning Partnership acts for Samuel, Son & Co. Ltd, the owners of the land at the northwest corner of Fourth Line and Lower Baseline West, known municipally as 5274 Fourth Line. On behalf of our client, we are pleased to submit out attached comment letter on the recently initiated Official Plan Review. A copy of this letter has also been sent to the Region.</p> <p>The public consultation program for the Official Plan Review has recently been initiated, and it is our understanding that visioning process for the new Plan will begin this Fall. We look forward to participating in the Official Plan Review and reviewing background and technical papers when available.</p> <p>In addition, we would appreciate an opportunity to meet with you to discuss the subject site. Please let me know of any potential available dates over the next few weeks.</p> <p>We look forward to participating in the process moving forward.</p>
2019/09/16	<p>The Halton Agricultural Society wishes to propose an amendment to the current definition of the Milton Fairgrounds within the Official Plan Review.</p> <p>The goal of the Halton Agricultural Society (owners of the Milton Fairgrounds) is to protect our historical natural features and green space area from urbanization, to educate the public about the agricultural industry and its' activities and to provide a venue and buildings for community enjoyment and usage.</p> <p>Milton Fairgrounds and exhibition buildings will be used for agricultural fairs, trade and consumer shows, corporate events, warehouse sales and auctions, storage facilities, cultural and religious events, displays, and other private and public exhibition and community celebration events.</p> <p>These existing and related uses will continue for the foreseeable future. The key concern is to ensure a use which best meets the needs of the community as a whole. This plan provides for a diverse range of economic and social activities intended to connect the urban</p>

	<p>and rural communities with agriculture, tourism, recreation, and various other resources.</p> <p>Please advise on any other additional documents or requirements to be provided by the Halton Agricultural Society for this process.</p>
2019/09/21	<p>I am so disappointed that I cannot make this meeting but as I said earlier, the missed opportunity would be too great.</p> <p>Would there be an opportunity to visit the chambers and get a quick 'Coles notes' version of this information with someone in the office</p> <p>I would bring my parents, Tom and Carol Chudleigh who have been an active part of this community since 1955. They will have valuable insights</p>
2019/10/24	<p>Owner of 281 hectares (695) acres of land immediately adjacent to the existing Milton Urban Area is requesting to work with the town of Milton and Region of Halton to include lands in the 2041 Urban Area (full letter attached).</p>



October 24, 2019

Town of Milton
150 Mary Street
Milton, ON L9T 6Z5

Attention: Jill Hogan, Director, Planning Policy and Urban Design

Dear Ms. Hogan:

Re: We Make Milton – Official Plan Review

As an active member of the Milton community, we are pleased to be a part of the *We Make Milton – Official Plan Review* engagement process – as background, being in business for over 60 years, The Remington Group is a multi-faceted development and construction company with lands across the Greater Golden Horseshoe, and specifically within the Town of Milton. Our business model is based on being “nimble” to respond to changes in both market conditions and community desires for new and unique forms of development, whether it be in housing, commercial retail, employment, and / or mixed-use.

We support the principle of population and employment growth that will foster healthy, complete, and sustainable communities, while recognizing the need to manage and balance infrastructure requirements, environmental conditions, and quality of life.

In addition to being a significant owner in both the Milton Phase 4 West and Derry Green Business Park lands, we own approximately 281 hectares (695 acres) of land immediately adjacent to the existing Milton Urban Area (Aerial Context Plan attached), and we are desirous of working with the Town of Milton and the Region of Halton to include these lands in the 2041 Urban Area.

With the above in mind, we wish to provide you with the following information for your review and consideration as we move through the *We Make Milton – Official Plan Review* engagement process.

Environment

Included in our landholdings immediately adjacent to the existing Milton Urban Area is approximately 100 hectares (248 acres) of the Greenbelt Plan system; the Sixteen Mile Creek valley system; and the Regional Natural Heritage system, comprising over 36% of our total land ownership.

Inclusion of our lands in the 2041 Urban Area would provide a complete, comprehensive, and sustainable environmental system from the bottom end of Lower Base Line, north to Britannia Road, into Milton Phase 4 West. In support of this process, we have engaged an environmental consulting team to complete the natural heritage evaluation component of our lands in the context of Conservation Halton's Land Securement Strategy (2017). We will be pleased to share the findings of the study when available.

Existing and Planned Regional Infrastructure

Adding to the above, the Region of Halton's Master Water/Wastewater and Transportation Plans identify the required roads, water, and wastewater infrastructure to service planned growth in the Town of Milton to 2031. Part of this planned infrastructure is to be constructed along the existing Fifth Line and Lower Base Line right-of-ways, immediately across the frontage of our lands (Infrastructure Plan REM-SP attached).

In reviewing the detail of the Region's Infrastructure Master Water/Wastewater Servicing Plan, both with respect to pipe elevations and servicing capacity, it is important to note that the currently planned infrastructure is at an adequate capacity and depth to service our lands without the need for oversizing and/or deepening.

To summarize, inclusion of our lands in the 2041 Urban Area can be serviced (Regional and Municipal roads, water, and wastewater) with no additional cost – this would be an excellent example of maximizing use of the existing and planned infrastructure.

House Supply/Choice

Through our experience, we have had the opportunity to work with Class A office users across the Greater Golden Horseshoe to bring them to our communities, and it's through this process that we understand the number of key criteria that office users consider in locating: strong public transit systems, staff engagement during the lunch and after work hours (ie. restaurants, retail, use of the natural environment), and housing choice.

We applaud the Town's vision for the Agerton lands secondary plan study, recognizing the opportunity to deliver high-quality employment uses; protection and enhancement of the natural environment; public transit/mobility options; and retail and housing choice through mixed-use development opportunities – this forward thinking approach supports a number of the key criteria that we see as needed in delivering office users. However, through our experience, a further key criteria to support office delivery is providing executive style housing choice – there is a strong desire for the office owners/executives to live in the communities where they work and play.

Inclusion of our lands in the 2041 Urban Area will provide the opportunity to deliver executive style housing as part of the Town's overall housing choice strategy. Our lands are cradled by the 16 Mile Creek / NHS / Greenbelt systems and are in close proximity to existing executive style housing found on the east

side of Fifth Line – our lands would be an ideal location for this type of housing choice. We feel that housing supply and types “for all” supports the planned population and employment growth desires of the Town of Milton.

In Closing

Thank you for your time in considering our letter and supporting material attached – we are excited to be a part of Milton’s future, and look forward to working with the Town to deliver healthy, complete, and sustainable communities. Inclusion of our lands into the 2041 Urban Area will further promote and enhance the natural environment; offer the full range of housing choice; and maximize the use of existing and planned infrastructure.

We look forward to being engaged as a key stakeholder in the Town’s Official Plan review and working collaboratively with the Town and partnering stakeholders to achieve the Town’s vision for *We Make Milton*.

We would be happy to discuss further at your convenience should you have any questions or require any additional information.

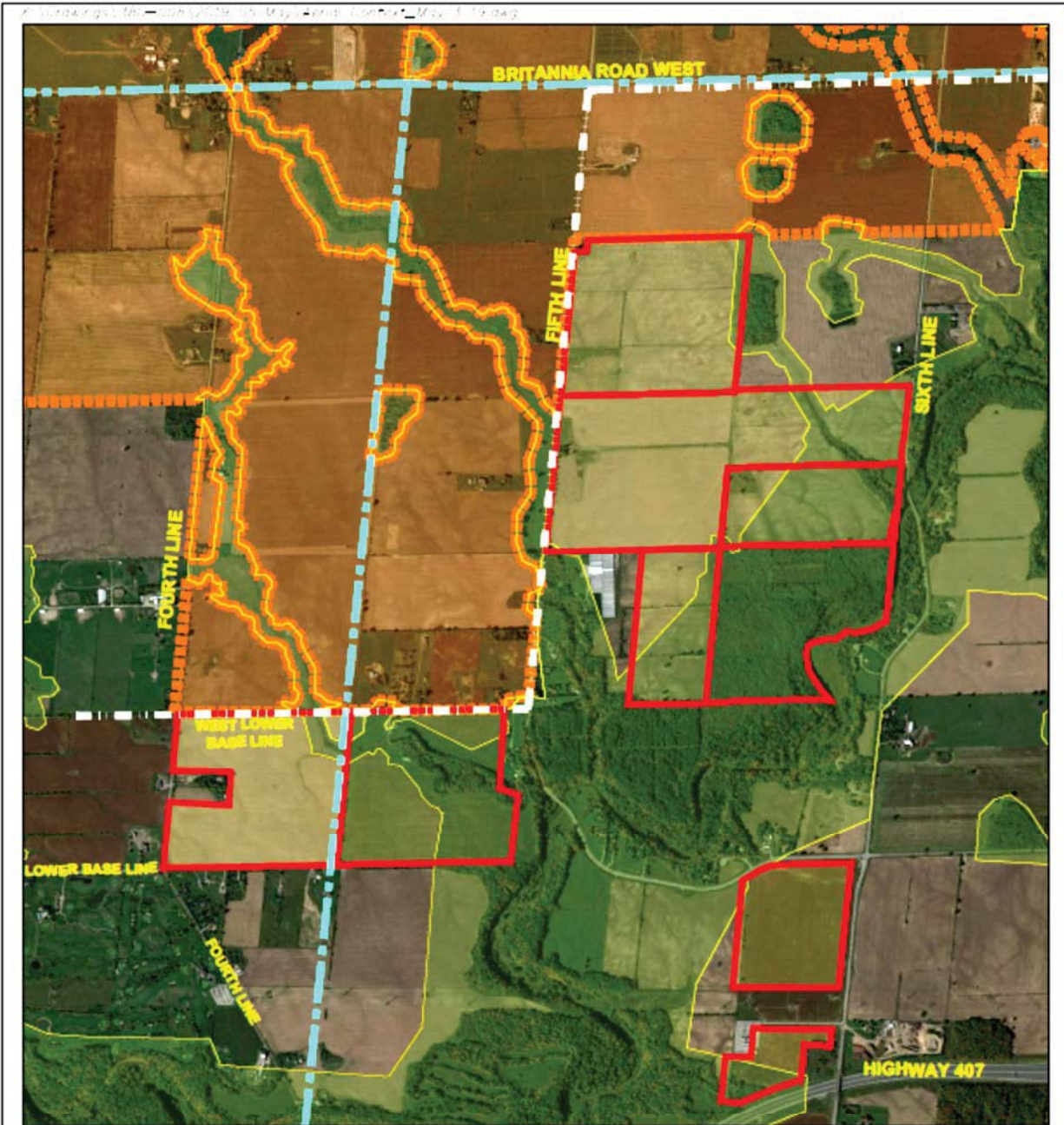
Sincerely,



Jason Sheldon, MCIP, RPP
Vice President, Land Development

Encl.





Copy to: Andrew Siltala, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Barb Koopmans, Commissioner, Planning & Development
Christopher Bratty, President, Land Development and Investments – The Remington Group



**THE REMINGTON GROUP
AERIAL CONTEXT PLAN**

SOUTH OF BRITANNIA ROAD, MILTON
REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF HALTON

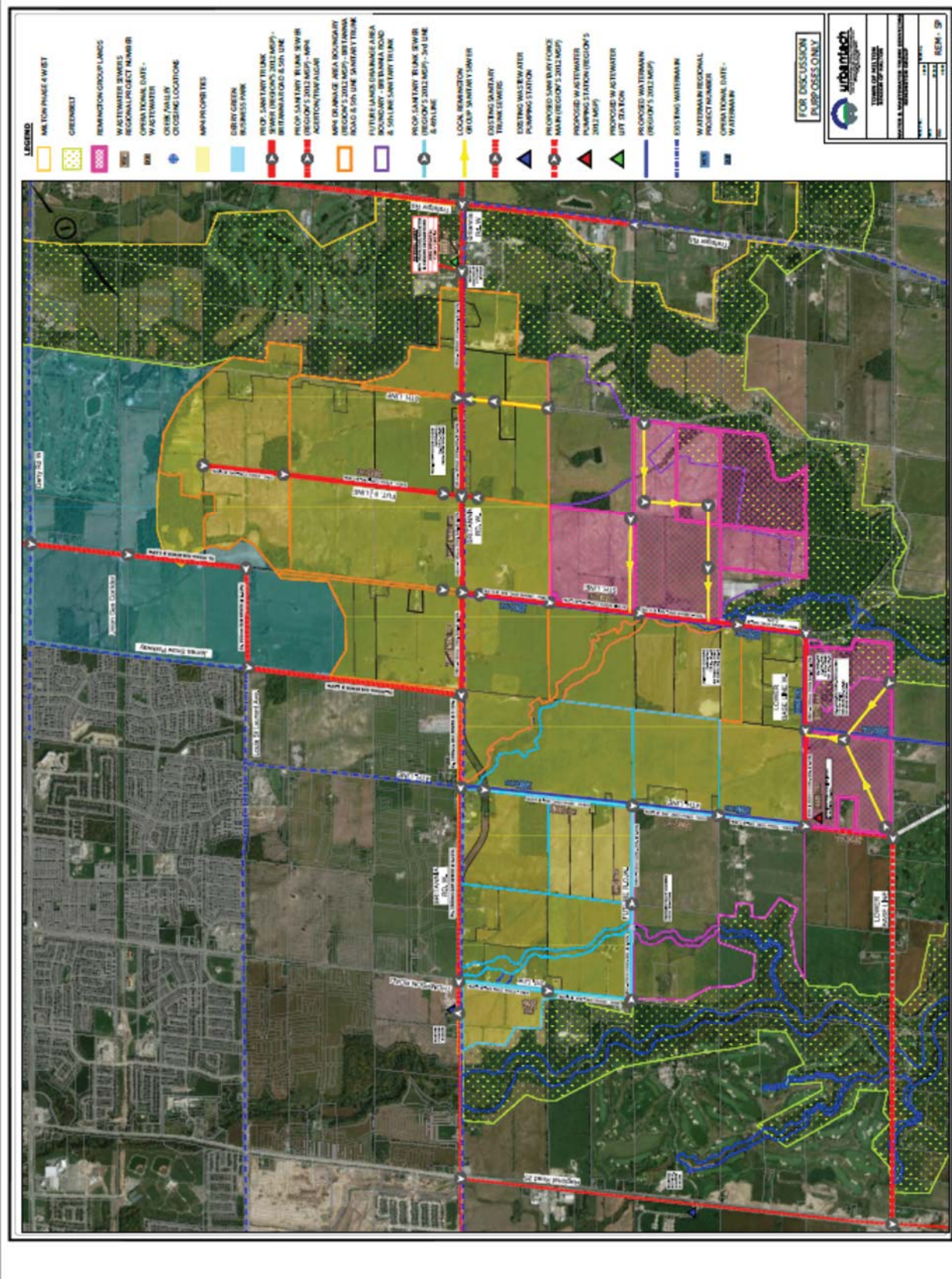
	BRATTY LANDS:	±281.41 ha (698.38 ac)
	RESIDENTIAL NET DEVELOPABLE AREA	±180.99 ha (447.24 ac)
	AREA WITHIN NHS	±100.42 ha (248.14 ac)

-  APPROXIMATE REGIONAL NATURAL HERITAGE SYSTEM (NHS)
-  EXISTING URBAN AREA
-  CURRENT MASTER PLANNED WATER INFRASTRUCTURE
-  CURRENT MASTER PLANNED WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE

NOTE:
LIMITS OF NHS AREA WILL BE REFINED THROUGH THE SUBSEQUENT STAGES OF THE PLANNING PROCESS.
ALL NHS LIMITS SHOWN ARE APPROXIMATE ONLY.


Scale: N.T.S.
May 3, 2019





PRELIMINARY SUMMARY OF INPUT FROM
MAYOR'S ROUNDTABLE BREAKFAST

Question	Comment
<p>What are employers and employees looking for?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research alignment • Laurier - come for school, then stay for work • aspirational versus inspirational • Market needs to be pulled not pushed
<p>Agree or disagree? That is the question: "For most businesses, the issue of location choice now is driven by labour: Will we be able to attract the white collar skills we need? For unskilled or semi-skilled jobs, will we be able to get it at a price we want to pay?"</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide 407 pass to skilled workers • Mix & mingle • Staff come from Guelph and Waterloo • Improves • Biggest concern is looking for Complete communities • This translates to an end user perspective • The product - unit types
<p>Agree or disagree? That is the question: Millennials want everything, Location with cultural amenities (theatres, concerts, all form of entertainment), Don't want to be in the middle of "nowhere", Want bars and restaurants, Want to live close to other high skilled workers, Less desire to drive cars</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing affordability is key • Market home ownership • We can plan for it all we want - incentives will make it happen • Partnerships that have to happen to make housing affordability • Don't put the vision out there unless it is realizable • Draw from Mississauga Pools • Millennials are coming to us against the grain • Goal is that they will leave - but we want them to stay • 1960s - train into Toronto every hour - let's make this happen again • Connections to amenities/ layer urban spaces • Create areas of significant density so that we can make transit viable

Question	Comment
<p>Food For Thought... Is there a hidden economic value of public transit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employees come from Brampton • "transit is the dodo bird" • Housing affordability - people will stay in Milton • Salaries here are more expensive than Brampton • 2 way all day GO is needed! • Steeles bus connections to Brampton • Inter-jurisdiction regulations • Incentives to fund the gaps
<p>Food For Thought... Why does Infrastructure matter?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shift work - need to consider how to support • Culture of Public Transport vs car culture - climate vs distance (Madrid/Barcelona/Denmark) • Lifestyle and affordability → causes rush-hour → picking kids up from daycare • Range of choice - estate to condos • digital connection - remote workers • close gap through process • Aspirational goal - make it easier to live and work in Milton - but the OP has to set framework for this • flex hours • Paradigm of owning your own home • Is that the future? • Can renting become the norm?
<p>Agree or disagree? That is the question: Building a great community is essential to building a strong and resilient economy, People are willing to sacrifice salary for ideal community, Housing cost are a concern for businesses and employees i.e housing options for a range of incomes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Lifestyle piece) Seeing the transition now in Milton. People who come here to work, now married and buying homes here • Trades and High skilled workers required • Shortage of ½ million trades people in Ontario • People are willing to sacrifice salary for time - no commute • Community that is faith based and culture based is desired • Salary is also key if you want to attract workers • Educational system is required for training our future employment base

PRELIMINARY SUMMARY OF INPUT FROM COMMUNITY POP UP
EVENTS

Question: In one word, what is your vision for Milton 2050?

Note: input from the Milton GO Station Takeover were not completed at time of preparing report

Springridge Farm (Thursday, October 31, 2019)
Stop Lights at Derry + Bell school line safety
Community
Balance
How does agriculture fit in
How does agri-tourism fit in? How can it be supported?
Environmental sustainability
More bike lanes
Stop Light at Derry and Bell school line
Slow down (growth)
Sustainable
Community

Sherwood Community Centre (Saturday, November 2, 2019)
More community events
Sherwood library not ideal for families. No parking, no washrooms, no toys
Rich in culture
Greenspace
Downtown Development
Affordable Houses
Kindness
Transit - frequency and route improvements
A nice environment
Cutting edge green technology
Learning from diverse cultures
Growing food in my backyard!
Supporting local farms
Parks in new communities
Opportunities for women to connect
Inclusivity

Green Infrastructure and buildings
More jobs
More community centres
Better traffic flow
Community centres and programs
Better traffic flow
Meaningful connections
Peaceful
Flourishing
Plan our youth's future
Happy
Better traffic flow!
More Jobs
Diversity in restaurants (not chains)
More art
More development/Growth = Services
Affordable Homes
Bike lanes
Have own university
Better transportation and connection
Heritage = Conservation
More GO Parking
Costco + Gas station
Disneyland
Supporting backyard pollination and biodiversity

Milton Innovation Centre (Tuesday, November 5, 2019)
Connection
Diverse + Thriving
Community Spaces
Self Sustainable (not just full of commuters)
Inventive
Go Green
Little Denmark (More Jobs)