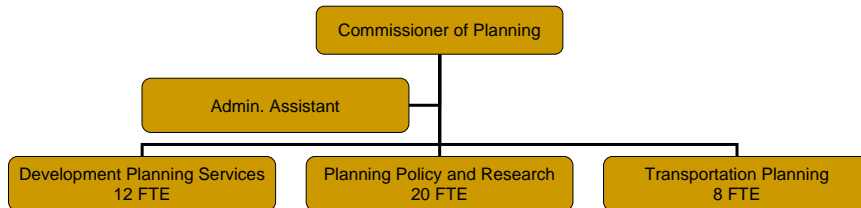

Service Level Review

Regional Planning
September 30, 2004

Presentation Objectives

- To review Regional Planning organisation
 - To describe the legislative framework for Regional Planning
 - To provide an overview of current services and service levels
 - To provide a status on program objectives
 - To present program issues
 - To identify actions to support objectives over the next 2 – 3 years
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Regional Planning Organisation



Regional Planning Organisation cont.

- May 2000 – Maintain Regional Planning Department and Recruit Commissioner
- Roles and Responsibilities negotiated with Area Municipalities and approved by Regional Council
- November 2001- New organisational structure for Regional Planning

Legislative Framework

■ Planning Act – Official Plans

Sec.	Responsibility	L/IS
17(13)	Region of Peel Official Plan (plan) mandatory	L
17(14)	Local official plans discretionary & must conform	
27(4)	Where conflict between Regional and local official plans, Region of Peel plan prevails	L
24	All public works and by-laws to conform with Region of Peel plan: planning supports other Regional Departments	L/IS

- The Regional Official Plan is both legislated and an important Internal Service guide to Regional Infrastructure planning and delivery

Legislative Framework cont.

■ Planning Act – Provincial Policies

Sec.	Responsibility	L/IS
3(5)	Any authority exercised under the Planning Act shall have regard to provincial policy statements	L
	Region of Peel plan approved by province October 1996 with modifications to implement provincial policy statements in Peel	

- The Official Plan is the key strategic document to implement provincial planning policy within Peel
- Regional Council is the agent of the Province for planning in Peel

Legislative Framework cont.

- Planning Act cont. – Regional Official Plan cont.
 - Major themes
 - The Natural Environment
 - Resources (Agriculture, Mineral Aggregate, Water)
 - Population & Employment Forecasts
 - Regional Structure (Urban System & Rural System, Transportation)
 - Regional Services (Human Services, Water & Wastewater, Waste Management)
 - Implementation

Legislative Framework cont.

- Planning Act cont. – Development Review

Sec.	Responsibility	L/IS
17(3)	Region of Peel approval authority for local plans and amendments - By-law 60-96 sub-delegates authority to Commissioner - By-law 1-2000 exempts local official plans from Peel approval subject to conditions	L/IS
41(8)	Site Plans: local municipality shall not approve until Region of Peel conditions met	L/IS
50(1)(a)	Consents: Region of Peel is approval authority - By-law 66-97 sub-delegated to Brampton/Mississauga; - By-law 28-2003 sub-delegated to Caledon.	L/IS
51(5)	Subdivisions: Region of Peel is approval authority - By-law 96-96 sub-delegated to Brampton/Mississauga - By-law 9-2001 sub-delegated to Caledon.	L/IS

Legislative Framework cont.

- Planning Act cont. – Development Review
 - Over 500 development applications annually
 - 40 Plans of subdivision
 - 250 site plans
 - 100 rezoning
 - 80 local official plan amendments
 - 50 condominium applications

Legislative Framework cont.

- Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Act

Sec.	Responsibility	SRR
9	Region of Peel is required to adopt implementing plan policies	L

- Niagara Escarpment Act

Sec.	Responsibility	SRR
	Region of Peel is required to adopt implementing plan policies	L

Pending Legislation

- Strong Communities (Planning Act Amendment)
 - Provincial Policy Statement
 - Places to Grow
 - Greenbelt
 - Drinking Water Source Protection Act
 - Greater Toronto Transportation Authority
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Internal Support

- Projections
 - Maintain current so consistency across the departments
 - Track Development
 - Link to Public Work's programs and Finance
 - Research
 - Human Services initiatives e.g. immigration, older adults working group, homelessness
 - Corporate Support
 - Implement Strategic Plan
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Planning Overview

Current Services and Levels

- Policy Development
 - Policy Implementation
 - Planning Research
 - Data Creation, collection and analysis
 - Planning studies
 - Development and maintenance of planning models
 - Mapping/Geographical Information Systems
 - Development review
 - Professional planning services
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Planning Overview

Current Services and Levels cont.

- **Planning Research**
 - Planning Policy and Research
 - Research on Regional and inter-regional matters
 - Focus on Regional responsibilities
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Planning Overview

Current Services and Levels cont.

■ **Planning Research**

□ **Transportation Planning**

- Investigate transportation trends in Peel and changes in travel behaviour e.g. trip rates for work, non-work trips; transit modal split
 - Draw on most recent research by agencies such as TAC, TRB
 - Participate in investigations by partners
 - Estimating future road needs to support Capital Planning
 - Review of best practices e.g. for TMA's
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Planning Overview

Current Services and levels cont.

■ **Data Creation and Analysis**

□ **Planning Policy and Research**

- Create, collect and analyse data across the whole Region
 - Data shared with Area Municipalities and other Stakeholders
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Planning Overview

Current Services and Levels cont.

- **Data Creation, Collection and Analysis**

- **Transportation Planning**

- Collect data needed for planning Peel's multimodal transportation system
 - Data is collected on a regional, GTA or provincial basis
 - Data that explains not just what is happening, but why
 - E.g. TTS, Cordon Count, CCDRS, POW, Goods Movement
 - Partner with province and other Regions on data initiatives/ issues (TISC, TRAGMAG, DMG)
 - Assemble data to track how the Regional transportation system is performing
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Planning Overview

Current Services and Levels cont.

- **Planning Studies**

- **Planning Policy and Research**

- Studies to support Regional OP and Regional Services
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Planning Overview

Current Services and Levels cont.

- **Planning Studies**

- **Transportation Planning**

- Identify Peel's future transportation needs for the movement of people and goods region-wide e.g. Transportation for Disabled, Goods Movement, Transportation Plan Consolidation Study
 - Alternatives (all modes) are tailored to Peel's unique needs
 - Done within the GTA and provincial context involving other agencies
 - Forecast the performance of alternative solutions across the region
 - Plans are developed closely with area municipalities e.g. CATS, TTMP
 - Regional road network planning e.g. TPC
 - Boundary studies are done over a larger area e.g. BATS
 - Ensure Peel's interests are communicated to other agencies
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Planning Overview

Current Services and Levels cont.

- **Development & Maintenance of Planning Models**

- **Planning Policy and Research**

- Develop and maintain WhatIf? Model
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Planning Overview

Current Services and Levels cont.

- **Development & Maintenance of Planning Models**

- **Transportation Planning**

- Develop and maintain a Peel Region Transportation Forecasting Model
 - Model results made available to area municipalities and consultants
 - Use in plans, EA's, special investigations, DC by-law, Capital Planning
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Planning Overview

Current Services and Levels cont.

- **Mapping/Geographical Information Systems**

- **Planning Policy and Research**

- Create, acquire, maintain, manage and update geographic data
 - Used as input into models
 - Create datasets for other departments, area municipalities and agencies
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Planning Overview

Current Services and Levels cont.

■ Development Review

- Legislated Responsibility
 - Supports Regional Responsibilities
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Planning Overview

Current Services and Levels cont.

■ Professional Planning Services

- Regional Planning provides advice and consulting services on Regional development projects
 - Improves quality of submissions, early problem resolution, faster approvals
 - Close working relationship with Area Municipalities
 - Saves money on outside consultants
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Planning Overview

Current Services and Levels cont.

■ Staffing

Responsibility	Level of Effort %
Policy Development	32
Policy Implementation including Development Review	27
Research	14
Data Creation, Collection and Analysis	7
Development & Maintenance of Planning Models	9
Mapping/GIS	9
Professional Planning Services	2

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Major Accomplishments

- Regional Official Plan Strategic Update (ROPSU)
 - Population Employment Projections ROPA 8
 - Oak Ridges Moraine ROPA 7
 - Human Services ROPA 11
 - Long Range Transportation Planning
- Peel Data Centre Bulletins (15 releases)
- Assessed implications of transportation trends in Peel (TTS, Cordon Count)

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Major Accomplishments cont.

- Leadership GTA Smart Commute initiative
 - Dealt with approx. 500 development applications a year
 - Reviewed development process and made many improvements
 - Facilitated settlement discussions on Caledon aggregate policy dispute
 - Facilitated approval of the Battleford CRC which is now operating
 - Leadership GTA Agricultural Action Plan
 - Cordon Count 2004 Data Collection completed
 - Peel Region Safe and Active Routes to School Committee (Joint with Health)
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Objectives 2005 SSBP

- Balance the competing demands of economic, social and environmental interests when managing growth and change
 - Preserve, protect and enhance Peel's natural environment and resources
 - Achieve a more sustainable land use and transportation system
 - Provide innovative and responsive regional planning
 - Foster a working environment that supports an effective Regional Planning team
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Issues 2005 SSBP

- Given the high level of growth, shaping growth and change at a regional level, while improving the quality of life in Peel
- Developing and implementing, with the Province and GTA municipalities, a long term growth plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe Area
- Need for an integrated land use and transportation system in Peel that is more sustainable in the long term
- Protecting the social, economic and natural environment in the face of continuing growth and change

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Actions/Implications for Next 2 -3 Years

- Liveable Peel initiative
- Environmental Lands Securement Strategy (with CAs)
- New Transportation Plan For Peel
- Smart Commute and Goods Movement implementation
- Trip reduction program for Peel staff
- School Transportation Initiatives
- Continue fast & accurate turnaround times on development application comments
- Improve relationships with partners
- Data collection and analysis – 2006 TTS, 2004 & 2006 Cordon Count
- Implementing provincial directions (Places to Grow, Greenbelt, GTTA.

Difference in Regional and Area Municipal Perspective on Planning

Perspective	Region	Area Municipal
Scale	Regional and GTA	Municipal, Community, Parcel
Time	Longer term focus	Shorter term focus
Development Pressure	Try to look beyond immediate development pressure	Manage development pressures
Infrastructure	Basis of very large and expensive infrastructure program	Focus on community services
Economies of Scale	Seek to capitalize on economies of scale. Research, information, GIS Support other agencies	Less opportunity to capitalise on economies of scale.

Potential Ways to Make Planning More Efficient

- **Look at both Regional and Area Municipal Planning Responsibilities Together**
- **Capitalize on potential economies of scale**
 - One official plan
 - Subdivision approval at the Region
 - One GIS
 - Big picture transit planning as part of Regional Transportation Planning
 - Consolidate data creation, collection and analysis
 - Changes proposed by senior levels of government will provide opportunity to investigate these and other ideas.

Regional Planning Service Level Review

- Questions?
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