

Peel 2041: Regional Official Plan Review

Community Update, April 2020

The [Peel Region Official Plan](#) is Regional Council's long-term planning policy framework. It provides direction for growth allocation, environmental protection, resource management, transportation, housing and Regional services.

The Official Plan is currently being reviewed in order to keep it current, meet the goals and requirements of Provincial plans and legislation, and support regional and local municipal community building objectives. This process, known as [Peel 2041: Regional Official Plan Review](#), is being done over a number of years through a series of Regional Official Plan Amendments (ROPAs). Peel 2041 will consider policy changes in the following areas:



Recent Peel 2041

Regional Official Plan Review Milestones:

- **June – September 2019:** Regional staff attended six community pop-up events engaging 400+ residents with the focus on raising general awareness of the Peel 2041: Regional Official Plan Review and establishing a community presence for future consultation.
- **September 26, 2019:** Regional staff updated Council on the Peel 2041: Regional Official Plan Review, including process implications of the new Growth Plan, 2019: A Place to Grow.
- **December 12, 2019:** Regional staff received endorsement from Council to proceed with informal public consultation on draft policies related to Climate Change, Water Resources, Wildland Fire Hazards, Agricultural System, Rural System and Provincial Greenbelt Plans.
- **March 2020:** Open House consultations were held in all three local municipalities. The focus was to gather feedback on environment-related focus areas and to provide an update on all Peel 2041 focus areas including share supporting discussion paper, studies and draft policies developed to date. Peel staff will provide responses to submitted public comments as part of a future council report which will be made available online.

Summary of Feedback at 2019 Community Pop-up Events

In light of ongoing changes to Provincial legislation and policies, engagement focused on informing residents about regional planning responsibilities and gathering general feedback on planning issues across the Region. Overall, public support was high for the planning work being undertaken by the Region. Many residents were learning about the Region's role in planning for the first time, while others were more knowledgeable about issues and plans, based on an understanding from past engagement efforts.

At the 2019 community pop-up events, the following comments were expressed:

- Residents expressed a general understanding of the need to plan for growth, with a focus on density and intensification. Several residents had questions and comments about **where growth should occur**.
- There was support for increased **transit service** and a more comprehensive **network for cyclists and pedestrians** across all three local municipalities.
- Most residents enjoy living in Peel, especially those who live in walkable neighbourhoods, and those who have easy access to both urban and rural environments.
- Residents expressed the importance of **protecting Peel's agricultural lands**.
- Residents also provided insights on how to improve existing communities, including through a variety of retail opportunities, employment and community spaces.

- Resident concerns focused on issues of **congestion**, and apprehension about **how growth and development will affect their communities**. For example, some residents of Caledon were concerned about loss of “small town” feel in Caledon East and Bolton, whereas Mississauga and Brampton residents questioned how development would further **strain existing service infrastructure**.

Next Steps

Peel staff continue to work on the Peel 2041 focus areas and will adjust work plans accordingly, as further Provincial guidance is released. All comments on background studies and draft policies are being compiled, evaluated and considered in our ongoing work and detailed summaries will be made available. Peel staff are committed to continue engagement with the public, businesses, stakeholders, agencies, Indigenous communities and the local municipalities throughout this process.

Conditions under COVID-19 are rapidly changing day-by-day. Peel staff are closely monitoring the situation to understand the challenges Peel communities are experiencing, ensuring public safety, while aiming to work towards Regional Official Plan conformity. Regional staff will continue to provide the latest news and work program updates to Regional Council and on the [Peel 2041 webpage](#).

Additional Information:

- [Current In-Effect Regional Official Plan](#)
- [Peel 2041: Regional Official Plan Review](#)
- [List of Regional Official Plan Amendments](#)

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