

Proposed Regional Official Plan Policy Amendments

Chapter 7: Implementation	
7.3 The Planning Process	
7.3.6.2.2	Replace “public health impact studies” with “ <i>health background study</i> ”
7.4 Healthy Communities and the Built Environment (a new section after 7.3 and before current 7.4)	
Introduction	The Region of Peel is committed to creating <i>healthy communities</i> . The characteristics of our built environment have an impact on levels of physical activity and therefore health outcomes. One important way of increasing physical activity is to enable and encourage people to incorporate it into their everyday lives through <i>active transportation</i> . In partnership with area municipalities, the region will incorporate health considerations into the planning and development review process through the requirement for a <i>health background study</i> .
7.4.1	Objective To create supportive built environments that facilitate physical activity and maximize the health promoting potential of communities.

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7.4.2	<p>Policies</p> <p>It is the policy of <i>Regional Council</i> to:</p>
7.4.2.1	<p>Endorse terms of reference for <i>health background studies</i> that support the implementation of the policies of this plan by providing standards for the evaluation of <i>development</i> based on built environment characteristics supportive of <i>active transportation</i>.</p>
7.4.2.2	<p>Direct area municipalities to require a <i>health background study</i> as part of a complete application to amend an <i>area municipal official plan</i> or zoning by-law, to approve a plan of subdivision or condominium or to support the consideration of plans and drawings during the site plan control process. In part fulfillment of this requirement, the <i>development</i> proponent will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • consult with area municipal and regional staffs during the pre-application stage to identify the healthy development standards to be assessed in the <i>health background study</i>, and • submit a final <i>health background study</i> for the review of area municipal and regional staffs. <p>Regional staff will review <i>health background studies</i> and provide comment to the area municipal council.</p>

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7.4.2.3	Direct area municipalities to incorporate policies in their official plans that are supportive of the standards included in the <i>health background study</i> terms of reference.
7.4.2.4	Direct <i>area municipalities</i> to prepare assessments of proposed secondary plans, block plans, community improvement plans and design guidelines based on the standards included in the <i>health background study</i> terms of reference in order to ensure that opportunities to realize built environment characteristics supportive of <i>healthy communities</i> are maximized.
7.4.2.5	Ensure regional standards, policies and plans are consistent with the standards included in the <i>health background study</i> terms of reference and direct area municipalities to carry out a similar compliance exercise for their standards, policies, plans and by-laws.
7.4.2.6	Apply the standards included in the <i>health background study</i> terms of reference in the assessment of civic development and infrastructure projects and direct area municipalities to carry out similar assessments for local civic development and infrastructure projects.

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7.4.2.7	Encourage area municipalities to apply funds from development charges to the financing of infrastructure needs identified through the <i>health background study</i> process.
7.9 Performance Measurement, Reviewing and Updating	
7.9.2.9	Prepare, jointly with the area municipalities, an assessment tool that will allow evaluating the public health impacts of proposed plans or development as part of the approval process.
Glossary	
Health background study	Add a new definition: <i>Health Background Study:</i> an assessment that evaluates the extent to which a proposed development contributes to a built environment that encourages and enables physical activity through opportunities for active transportation.