

City Council**Motion without Notice**

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Proposed Amendments to the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2019 - Preliminary City Comments - by Councillor Ana Bailão, seconded by Councillor Paula Fletcher

** This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

** This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral. This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.*

Recommendations

Councillor Ana Bailão, seconded by Councillor Paula Fletcher, recommends that City Council adopt the following recommendations in the report (July 28, 2020) from the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning:

1. City Council request that the Province continue to provide land use certainty for all Provincially Significant Employment Zones throughout the City through the deletion of the proposed amendment to policy 2.2.5.10 of the Growth Plan.
2. City Council request that the Province revise Proposed Amendment 1 to the Growth Plan (2019) to extend the date by which municipalities must conform with the policies in the Growth Plan to July 1, 2023.
3. City Council request the Province to revise Proposed Amendment 1 of the Growth Plan policies and mapping to recognize and include additional "Provincially Significant Employment Zones" in the City of Toronto, (including the City's major office parks) as identified in the report entitled "Proposed Amendments to the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2017 - Preliminary City Comments" dated February 25, 2019 adopted by Council at its meeting on February 26, 2019.
4. City Council request the Province to enable the use of Zoning with Conditions as permitted under section 113 (2) of the City of Toronto Act 2006 by passing a regulation under sections 122.1 to allow the City to address the protection and retention of employment uses with any approved conversion request.
5. City Council recommends the Province use "Mock A" Reference forecast in order to maintain the continuity and consistency of the long-range population forecasts in the face of near-term uncertainty as the "Mock A" Reference Forecast for population is recommended for inclusion in the final Amendment 1.

6. City Council recommends that the Province review in consultation with City staff the Reference Forecast for employment for the City of Toronto for 2031 and 2041 with regards to historical trends in the City's employment.
7. City Council recommends that the Province delete the proposed amendment to policies 2.2.1.1 and 5.2.4 as they are inconsistent with the fundamental structure and intentions of regional growth planning embodied in A Place to Grow. Proposed Amendments Growth Plan - Preliminary City Comments Page 3 of 17
8. City Council recommends that the Province provide further detail and the opportunity for the City to review and to provide comments on the draft Land Needs Assessment guidance material prior to it being formally released.
9. City Council request that the Province revise Proposed Amendment 1 to the Growth Plan to continue to protect the habitat of endangered and threatened species from the establishment of new mineral aggregate operations and wayside pits and quarries.
10. City Council forward this item to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing by the Province's commenting deadline of July 31, 2020.

Summary

On June 16, 2020, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing released "A Place to Growth: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe 2019" and "Proposed Land Needs Assessment Methodology for the Greater Golden Horseshoe". The Province is requesting the City to provide comments on both proposals by July 31, 2020.

The Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning has prepared a report which provides preliminary staff comments and recommendations on Proposed Amendments to the Growth Plan which includes new growth forecasts and a new planning horizon, along with a proposed new Land Needs Assessment Methodology.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM23.

(July 28, 2020) Report from Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning on Proposed Amendments to the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2019 - Preliminary City Comments

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2020/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-154214.pdf>