

## **NOTICE OF ADOPTION Niagara Official Plan**

The Council of the Regional Municipality of Niagara adopted the Niagara Official Plan under Section 17(22) of the *Planning Act, 1990* on June 23, 2022 by By-law No. 2022-47. Once the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing approves the Niagara Official Plan, it will come in to force and effect, replacing the existing Regional Official Plan.

The new Niagara Official Plan was prepared pursuant to Section 26 of the *Planning Act, 1990* to comprehensively apply provincial policy and plans, while also addressing Regional priorities and providing direction for local community planning.

This notice of adoption is issued pursuant to Section 17(23) of the *Planning Act, 1990*.

### **PURPOSE AND EFFECT**

The Niagara Official Plan is a long-term land use planning document that shapes and defines our community to the year 2051, with policies that set out what we protect, where and how the region will grow, and policy tools for success. The plan addresses matters such as protection of the natural environment, agriculture, source water, aggregates and petroleum, and cultural heritage and archaeology. It establishes a regional urban structure to strategically manage growth, and facilitates intensification, attainable and affordable housing, and identification of employment areas for protection. Tools such as district and secondary planning, subwatershed planning and urban design, along with supporting infrastructure and transportation systems, are important to growing sustainably and achieving complete and vibrant communities.

### **MORE INFORMATION**

Information regarding the Niagara Official Plan is available in the Planning and Development Services Department at Niagara Region, 1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, ON, L2V 4T7, Monday to Friday between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm after July 4, 2022 and at <https://www.niagararegion.ca/official-plan>. Questions regarding the Niagara Official Plan may be directed to David Heyworth, Manager of Long Range Planning, by email at [David.Heyworth@niagararegion.ca](mailto:David.Heyworth@niagararegion.ca) or phone at 905-980-6000 x3476.

### **WRITTEN AND ORAL SUBMISSIONS**

All statutory written and oral submissions made on the Niagara Official Plan have been reviewed and suggestions incorporated, where appropriate. For further information on how consultation on the proposed Niagara Official Plan for the public meeting was addressed, please refer to the relevant appendices in Information Report PDS 14-2022 and Recommendation Report PDS 17-2022 on the Niagara Official Plan website noted above.

## **RIGHT TO APPEAL – 2022**

The decision of the Council of the Regional Municipality of Niagara to adopt the Niagara Official Plan is not subject to appeal.

## **APPROVAL AUTHORITY**

Under Section 17(1) of the *Planning Act, 1990*, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing is the approval authority for the Niagara Official Plan adopted under Section 17(22) of the *Planning Act, 1990*. The adopted Official Plan will be forwarded to the Minister as required by Section 17(31) of the *Planning Act, 1990* for a decision.

Any person or public body will be entitled to receive notice of the decision from the approval authority if a written request is made. Requests to be notified of the decision should be sent by mail to:

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Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
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Dated this 29th day of June 2022.