

## Welcome!

# Growth Concepts Public Information Centre



# We look forward to hearing from you!

Region-Wide PIC - June 29, 2021



# **Community Engagement**

Virtual Public Information Centres (Start at 7pm):

- May 4 Halton Hills (completed)
- May 6 Milton (completed)
- May 11 Burlington (completed)
- May 13 Oakville (completed)
- May 17 North Aldershot Planning Area (completed)
- June 29 Region-Wide

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# Participant Poll #1





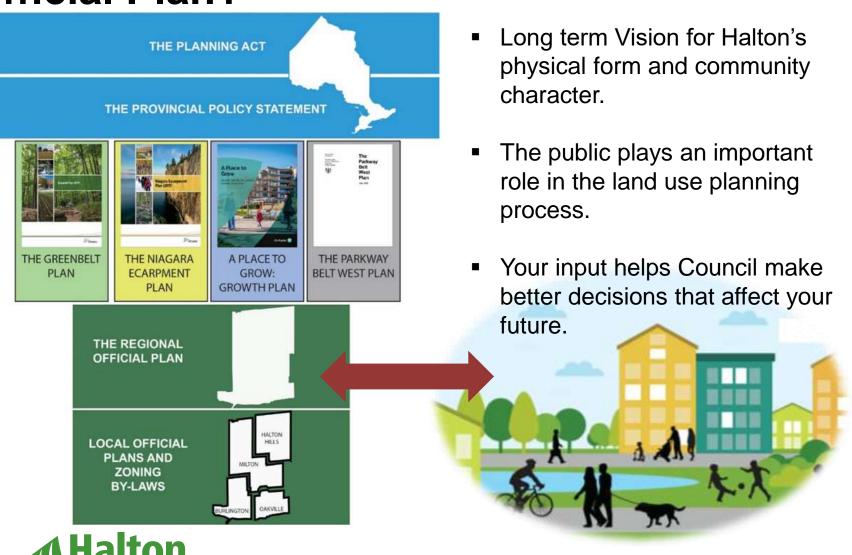
# Participant Poll # 2





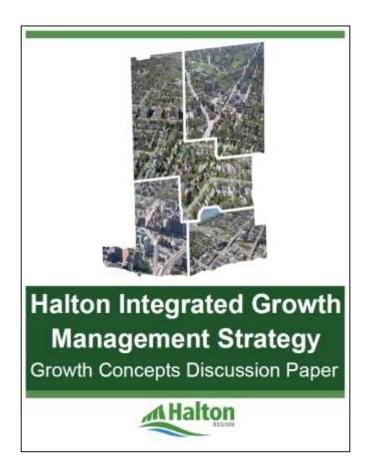


# What is and Why Review the Regional Official Plan?





# Integrated Growth Management Strategy Growth Concepts Discussion Paper



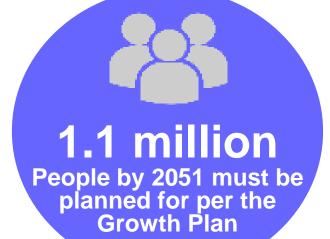
- The Growth Concepts Discussion Paper:
  - Provides an evaluation of four Growth Concepts, supported by technical analysis, including with respect to potential settlement area boundary expansion
  - Will be used to develop Preferred Growth Concept, as basis for a draft Regional Official Plan Amendment
  - New concept 3B added for the purposes of public consultation

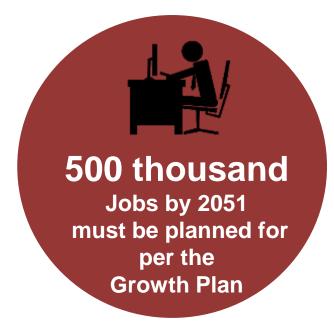


## **Growth Plan Forecast**

	2021	2031	2051
Population	621,000	768,000*	1,100,000
Employment	281,000	350,000*	500,000

- 147,00 people and 69,000 jobs in next 10 years in current approved urban areas
- 334,000 people and 150,000 jobs between 2031 and 2051 which must be planned for now









<sup>\*</sup> Current Regional Official Plan plans for 780,000 people and 390,000 based on last Official Plan Review

# **The Growth Concepts**

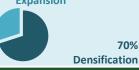
#### Concept 1

# Moderate Greenfield Expansion

60% Densification

#### Concept 2

Limited Greenfield Expansion



#### **Concept 3A**

**Employment Area Only Greenfield Expansion** 



#### **Concept 3B**

No Greenfield Expansion



80% Densification

#### **Concept 4**

Greatest Greenfield Expansion



50% Intensification

#### **Similarities**

- At least 50% of all new units assigned to built within the Built-Up Area
- All new Community Designated Greenfield Area is planned for a density of 65 persons and jobs per hectare

#### Differences

- 50% densification to 2031, then 60% densification to 2051
- Lower share of employment growth in Employment Areas relative to Concept 4
- 70% densification (2031 to 2051)
- Share of employment growth in Employment Areas midway between Concepts 1 and 3A
- One-half the amount of new Community
   Designated Greenfield
   Area of Concept 1
- About 80% densification (2031 to 2051)
- Build out of existing Community Designated Greenfield Area only
- Least share of employment growth in Employment Areas/More employment shifted to Major Office
- About 80% densification (2031 to 2051)
- Build out of existing Community Designated Greenfield Area only
- No new Community or new Employment
   Designated Greenfield
   Area expansion
- Employment growth must be accommodated in greater shift to Major Office and and intensification of existing Employment Areas

- 50% intensification in Built-Up Area (2031 to 2051)
- Greatest share of employment growth in Employment Areas









#### Where Can The Growth Go?



**Built-Up Area** 

#### **Designated Greenfield Area**



**Employment Area** 



Community Area

#### **Strategic Growth Areas**



**Urban Growth Centres** 



Major Transit Station Areas

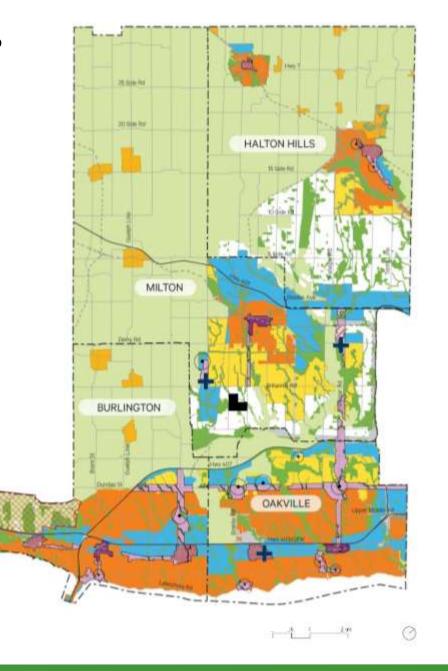


Regional Nodes



Corridors









#### Housing Growth by Location in Halton Region by Concept

Location of Halton's Housing Growth, 2021 - 2051

**Existing Potential New Community Area Community Area Built-Up Area** Concept 1: Moderate 51% 29% 14% **Greenfield Expansion Additional High Density Units in Existing** 60% **Community Area** Densification Location of Halton's Housing Growth, 2021 - 2051 Existing **Potential New Built-Up Area Community Area Community Area** Concept 2: 52% 10% **Limited Greenfield Expansion Additional High Density Units in Existing** 70% **Community Area** Densification Location of Halton's Housing Growth, 2021 - 2051 **Existing Built-Up Area Community Area** Concept 3A/Concept 3B: 54% 16% **Employment Area Only Greenfield Additional High Density Units in Existing** Expansion/No 80% **Community Area Greenfield Expansion** Densification Location of Halton's Housing Growth, 2021 - 2051 **Existing Potential New Built-Up Area Community Area Community Area Concept 4: Greatest** 50% 20% Greenfield **Expansion Additional High Density Units in Existing** 50% **Densification** 



**Community Area** 









## Housing Unit Growth Type in Halton Region by Concept

# Total Household Units 174,000

Ground Related Units **78,000** 



Apartment Units

96,000

Concept 1

Moderate Greenfield Expansion 60% Densification

Ground Related Units **68,000** 



Apartment Units

106,000

Concept 2

Limited Greenfield Expansion 70%
Densification

Ground Related Units **56,000** 



Apartment Units

118,000

Concept 3A/Concept 3B

**Employment Area Only Greenfield Expansion/No Greenfield Expansion** 

80% Densification

Ground Related Units **90,000** 



**Concept 4** 

You Tube

Greatest Greenfield Expansion 50%

Densification

84,000



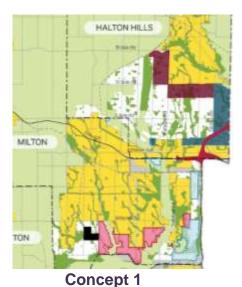


# **Potential New Urban Areas by Concept**

	Concept 1	Concept 2	Concept 3A	Concept 3B	Concept 4	
	Moderate Greenfield Expansion 60% Densification	Limited Greenfield Expansion 70% Densification	Greenfield Expansion  80%  Densification	No Greenfield Expansion  80%  Densification	Greatest Greenfield Expansion 50% Intensification	
New Community Area Designated Greenfield Area (ha)	1,460	730	0	0	2,080	
New Employment Area Designated Greenfield Area (ha)	1,170	1,100	980	0	1,220	
Total Settlement Area Expansion (ha)	2,630	1,830	980	0	3,300	



#### **Urban Boundary Expansion Areas by Concept**



Moderate Greenfield
Expansion

60% Densification

Milton 1,210 ha Halton Hills 1,420 ha



Expansion

Milton 1,000 ha Halton Hills 830 ha



Employment Area Only Greenfield Expansion

80% Densification

Milton 530 ha Halton Hills 450 ha



Greatest Greenfield Expansion



Milton 1,270 ha Halton Hills 2,030 ha



Milton: Potential New Community Area

70%

Densification

Milton: Potential New Employment Area



Halton Hills: Potential New Community Area



Halton Hills: Potential New Employment Area





## The Evaluation Framework



- Urban structure
- **Employment land** supply
- Healthy and complete communities



- Financial impact
- Efficient use of infrastructure



- Agricultural land base and system
- Natural heritage protection
- Climate change



- Travel by multiple means of transportation
- Transit-supportive development
- Moving goods to business, consumers, and industries
- **Employment areas**









## **Climate Change – GHG Emissions Assessment**

#### High-level comparative emissions estimates were completed by SSG

- The analysis was based on Halton Hills emissions data and scaled up for Halton Region – the results are considered high-level estimates and are not the result of rigorous modelling
- The assessment factored in the transition from fossil fuel to electric vehicles well before 2051, as well as Ontario Building Code changes moving to 'net zero' buildings
- Expected emissions in 2051 were modelled for new buildings and transportation and were assessed on a per capita basis -
- tCO2e = tonnes carbon dioxide equivalent of greenhouse gas emissions GHGs like methane (primarily from burning natural gas) and nitrous oxide (primarily from burning gas and diesel) are converted to tCO2e
- Analysis examined emissions intensity by dwelling type (ground-related vs. apartment), average emissions per employee, and emissions per vehicle based on location



## Climate Change – Results (tCo2e) by Emissions Total

Concepts, ranked lowest to highest emissions	New residential building emissions	New commercial building emissions	New PUV transportation emissions	New other transportation emissions	New industrial emissions	New waste emissions	New water emissions
Concept 3A	764,947	343,526	944,240	555,016	179,716	138,753	6,335
Concept 2	775,278	343,526	971,809	555,016	179,716	138,753	6,335
Concept 1	784,663	343,526	992,505	555,016	179,716	138,753	6,335
Concept 4	797,141	343,526	1,011,721	555,016	179,716	138,753	6,335

Concepts, ranked lowest to highest emissions	Total new emissions	Difference	Emissions per capita new population	
Concept 3A	2,932,532	-	6.08	
Concept 2	2,970,433	+1.3%	6.16	
Concept 1	3,000,513	+2.3%	6.23	
Concept 4	3,032,208	+3.3%	6.29	

- Concepts 1, 2 and 4 were compared relative to Concept 3A
- Concept 3A has the least amount of emissions per capita, followed by Concepts 2 and 1, with Concept 4 having a 3.3% difference, which translates into 100 ktCO2e in 2051 (annual emissions of about 23,000 homes)
- Likely that Concept 3B would perform similar to Concept 3A, or potentially better



# Climate Change - Relation to the Growth Concepts

#### **Climate Change Objective**

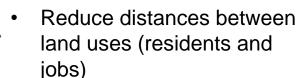
#### How?

#### **Land Use Implications**

Reduce Transportation **Emissions** 



- Reduce trips by car
- Increase use of electric vehicles



- Transit accessibility
- Prioritize transit and active transportation

Reduce Building Emissions



- District energy
- Locally generated renewable energy
- Phase out natural gas heating



- Urban areas to be energy production and distribution hubs
- Identify areas for largescale renewable energy production
- Consideration for renewable energy at site and building design











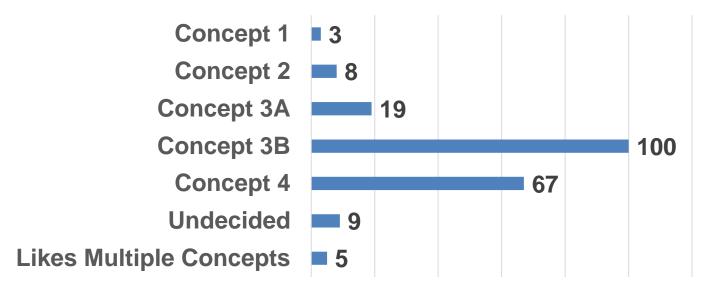
## Climate Change – Preferred Growth Concept

#### **Comprehensive Modelling of the Preferred Growth Concept**

- Modelling of the future offered by Preferred Growth Concept against a baseline scenario
- A detailed base year energy and emissions inventory will be developed, with detailed Region-wide data inputs, such as land use, energy use, modelling of emissions
- Using this baseline, a reference scenario will be modelled to determine expected energy and emissions trajectories over the next 30 years
- The reference scenario will consider socio-economic, technological, and market trends, as well as Halton Region's current land use and development plans.
- Preferred Growth Concept energy use and emissions production will be modelled and compared against the reference scenario to determine the energy and emissions effects of implementing the Preferred Growth Concept.



Halton Region Number of Votes on Preferred Concept Following Breakout Room Discussion





#### What we Heard by Theme

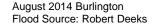
#### Climate Change

- Planning needs to act now to address the climate change crisis
- Plan in a way to reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Concern with the impact of climate change on future generations

Agriculture

- Planning should attempt to preserve prime farmland
- Halton should maintain a local source of food
- Keeping farmland local will reduce greenhouse gas emissions











### What we Heard by Theme

#### **Transportation**

- Important to have a range of available modes of transportation
- Car-oriented cities have major impacts on climate change and environmental air quality (i.e. dangerous pollutants)
- Reduce automobile dependency and encourage 15-minute neighbourhoods



#### **Energy Efficiency**

- Municipalities should require builders to use energy efficient technology and be climate conscious
- Plans should encourage the electrification of cars and other technologies





### What we Heard by Theme

#### **Housing Affordability**

- Housing prices are extremely unaffordable for the majority of residents
- Concern about the housing supply
- Increasing density could increase housing supply



#### Range of Housing Options

- Important to have a broad choice across the market
- Families want a range of larger housing options
- More variety beyond apartments and low-density homes







#### What we Heard by Theme

#### **Employment**

- Diversity of employment types desired in the Region
- The work from home trend may continue into the future and should be accounted for in the plan
- An adequate supply of employment land base for industrial land



#### **Open Space/Natural Heritage**

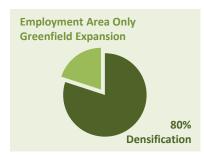
- Protect Natural Heritage Systems
- Preserve as much parkland as possible in Halton
- Encourage growth that is considerate of greenspace





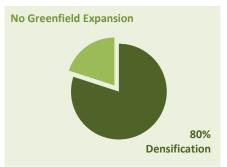
### What we Heard by Concept

#### **Concept 3A**



- Appropriate response to the climate emergency in Halton
- Provides the opportunity to create complete communities
- Ensures businesses are in hubs that are more accessible by all residents

#### Concept 3B

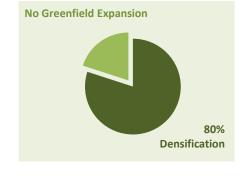


- Encourages new growth that is considerate of green space
- Urban sprawl is unsustainable
- Appropriately addresses the protection of agricultural land and the climate emergency
- Creates denser communities

#### What we Heard by Concept

#### Concerns about Concept 3B

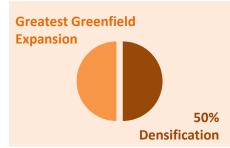
- Concern with the ability to shift all employment growth to office uses from other traditional jobs.
- Similar to 3A, the increase in densities and the willingness of people to move into different housing types given that most currently live in low rise residential dwellings
- Potentially fewer employment opportunities





### What we Heard by Concept

### **Concept 4**



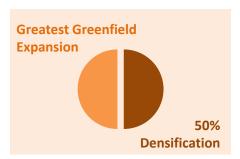
- Represents a larger range of housing options
- Covid-19 pandemic brought a greater demand for low density housing for extra space
- There is still a desire for families to live in groundoriented housing



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### What we Heard by Concept

#### **Concerns about Concept 4**



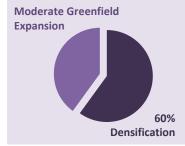
- People want more space but this could consume prime agricultural land
- Maintains the "status quo" and does nothing to address the climate emergency in Halton
- Urban sprawl is unsustainable and will be exacerbated



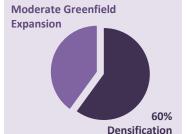
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Concept 1

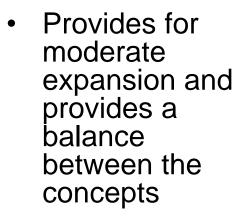
Represents a compromise in terms of the market based housing mix

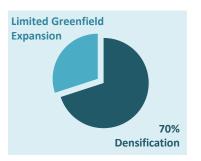


- New families need an opportunity to live in ground related units
- Provides balance/ compromise between the **Growth Concepts**



#### Concept 2





- Offers a seamless transition to additional intensification
- Allows for both intensification and traditional growth

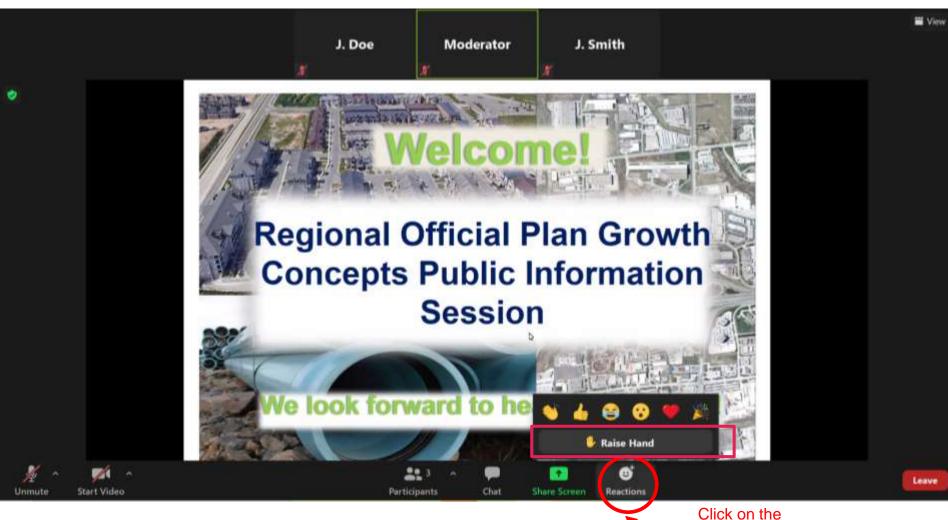


# Participant Poll #3





# **Zoom Meeting Functions – Personal Computer**



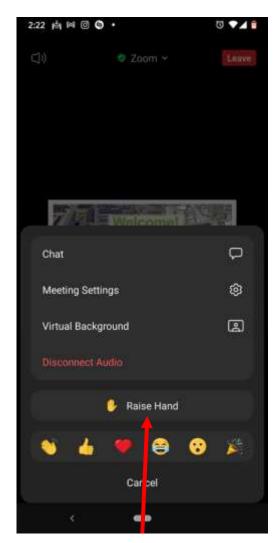


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# **Zoom Meeting Functions – Smart Phone**





Tap the Raise Hand to queue yourself for a question during the Q&A



# **Question Period**







# **Next Steps**

## Integrated Growth Management Strategy & Growth Concepts

- Growth Concepts Discussion Paper has been released for consultation until July 15, 2021
- Draft Preferred Growth Concept to be developed based on feedback
- Final Preferred Growth Concept Report and conclusion of the IGMS anticipated Fall 2021

### Regional Official Plan **Amendment 48**

- To be considered by Council on July 2021
- If adopted by Council, it will be submitted to the Province for approval





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