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Attachment 1 - Supporting Policy Framework

Brampton Vision 2040 and Brampton Plan

Council's endorsement of Brampton Vision 2040 provides a visionary framework for Uptown Brampton, positioning it as a vibrant, dynamic hub that will define the city's future. According to this vision, Uptown Brampton is set to become the 'beating heart' of a thoughtfully designed transit-oriented work/live civic core, encompassing various elements essential for business, commerce, leisure, and tourism. The new urban center is anticipated to become an iconic landmark that showcases a futuristic image, characterized by expressive buildings and inviting public spaces that attract developers to showcase their finest contributions, thereby elevating the overall cityscape with innovative attractions and amenities.

Furthermore, the vision includes a bold and innovative proposal for Uptown Brampton to evolve into a potentially car-free precinct, leveraging advanced civic infrastructure, integrated 'smart city' technology and sustainable innovations to promote a more livable, accessible, and environmentally friendly urban environment. Uptown Brampton is poised to evolve into a destination that captures the spirit of progress, embraces cutting-edge technologies, and fosters a thriving urban community. The endorsed vision paves the way for an inspiring and inclusive future, where Uptown Brampton emerges as a model for sustainable urban development, embracing the aspirations of its residents, businesses, and visitors alike.

The new Brampton Plan envisions a future where residents can access essential services within a 15-minute walk, fostering the development of vibrant, self-sustaining neighborhoods. Central to this vision, Uptown is one of the identified Urban Centers, which will serve as a focal point for urban development and connectivity. These centers will boast robust transit infrastructure, reducing reliance on private vehicles and enabling seamless travel within the city and beyond. Streets will undergo a transformation, evolving into complete streets that prioritize the needs of pedestrians, cyclists, and transit users, creating vibrant and accessible public spaces.

Uptown emerges as a key urban core in this vision, anchored by rapid transit connections along Hurontario Street and Steeles Avenue. Stretching from Sheridan College in the west to the 410 and Steeles in the east, Uptown represents a prime opportunity for transit-oriented development and civic growth. With a focus on design excellence and

placemaking, Uptown will evolve into a vibrant hub of activity, offering a mix of residential, commercial, and recreational spaces while serving as a critical nexus for citywide and regional connectivity. Steeles Avenue, designated as a Primary Urban Boulevard, will play a central role in Uptown's vibrancy, supported by higher order transit systems and designed to enhance the urban experience for all.

Multi-modal road network planning is an integral part of transportation planning and an important consideration for Brampton Mobility Plan (BMP), reflecting a holistic approach to transportation that accommodates not just automobiles but supports trucks for goods movement, and functions as the backbone for sustainable transportation modes, including transit, cycling and walking. This network serves as the foundational structure that connects individuals to essential services, educational and employment opportunities, thereby enhancing community integration and accessibility.

Recognizing that many roads within the City's jurisdiction are increasingly burdened by traffic, there are ongoing plans to augment capacity, transitioning from 4 to 6 travel lanes as part of a broader strategy to improve flow and accessibility. In line with this strategy, the Uptown Brampton Steeles Avenue Urban Streetscape Improvements initiative emerges as a transformative project, one that aligns with Brampton's vision of a sustainable, safe, and integrated transport system. This initiative reaffirms the City's commitment to reducing reliance on vehicular traffic by fostering the development of pedestrian-friendly spaces and cycling infrastructure, thus reinforcing multi-modal transportation as the backbone of Brampton's vibrant urban fabric.

Hurontario-Main Corridor Secondary Plan

The Hurontario-Main Corridor Secondary Plan prioritizes the establishment of an inviting and vibrant public realm, centered on a pedestrian-oriented environment, emphasizing exceptional design and architecture to create an attractive built environment that sets a superior standard for the area.

Urban Design, as outlined in Policy 5.11.1, plays a crucial role in the plan's execution. Sustainability principles are key, encompassing pedestrian-friendly layouts, mixed-use spaces, transit-friendly densities and designs, accessibility enhancement, and an elevated public realm. Additionally, the plan focuses on safeguarding the area's natural and cultural heritage, as well as recreational open spaces. A significant emphasis is placed on expanding and nurturing a robust and diversified urban forest canopy across private and public lands, while promoting water and energy conservation through the encouragement of Green Development and Low Impact Development (LID) principles.

Incorporating these key policies, the Hurontario-Main Corridor Secondary Plan aims to cultivate a vibrant and sustainable corridor that reflects the community aspirations and improves residents' quality of life. By fostering an attractive and inviting public realm with strong commitments to sustainable practices, the plan sets the stage for an urban landscape, embracing the principles of accessibility, environmental stewardship, and community well-being.

Vision Zero Road Safety Strategic Plan 2018-2022

In 2018, the Regional Council took a significant step forward by endorsing the Vision Zero Road Safety Strategic Plan 2018-2022, setting in motion a comprehensive roadmap to enhance road safety and reduce traffic related fatalities and injuries. This strategic plan embodies a shared vision of achieving zero fatalities and serious injuries on the Regional roads, committing to a future where every road user can feel safe and protected.

As Uptown Brampton undergoes re-development and transformation, it provides an opportunity to re-think Steeles Avenue. This evolution provides an opportunity to not only improve aesthetics but also prioritize the safety of pedestrians and cyclists by animating the street edges, fostering a sense of community, and promoting active transportation through dedicated infrastructure.

The overarching goal is to foster a transportation network where safety is paramount, ensuring that all members of the community, whether pedestrians, cyclists, or motorists, arrive at their destinations without compromising their well-being. The shared commitment to Vision Zero, reflects a shared vision of a future where safety takes precedence, paving the way for a more secure and harmonious transportation landscape for generations to come.

Region of Peel Official Plan, April 2022

Regional Council adopted the Region of Peel Official Plan (RPOP) on April 28, 2022. It was approved by the Province with modifications and replaced the Region of Peel Official Plan (2021 office consolidation) originally adopted in 1996. The draft plan has since been submitted for approval by the Province. Schedule E-5 of the draft RPOP, has designated a Primary Major Transit Station Area around Hurontario Street and Steeles Avenue that is also identified as part of the Growth Plan Priority Transit Corridor along Hurontario Street. Steeles Avenue is also designated as Other Rapid Transit Corridor, and a Major Road with a 45-meter ROW.

The RPOP outlines several policies aimed at enhancing the functionality and safety of major roads. These include ensuring transportation capacity meets a defined level of service, exploring multimodal transportation methods and regulating development along road fronts to maintain road safety and capacity. These strategic policies are integral to fostering a safe, efficient, and accessible transportation network across the Region of Peel, aligning with broader goals for sustainable urban mobility and growth management.