

Information Summary

Notwithstanding the information summary provided below, staff advise that, prior to finalizing recommendations to Council, this application will be further evaluated for consistency with the Provincial Policy Statement (2020), conformity with the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (2019), the Region of Peel Official Plan and the City of Brampton Official Plan.

Planning Act R.S.O 1990 and Provincial Policy Statement (2020)

The proposal will be reviewed for its compliance to matters of provincial interest as identified in the Planning Act R.S.O 1990 in terms of:

- (h) The orderly development of safe and healthy communities;
- (j) The adequate provision of a full range of housing, including affordable housing;
- (p) The appropriate location of growth and development;
- (q) The promotion of development that is designed to be sustainable, to support public transit and to be oriented to pedestrians;
- (r) The promotion of built form that,
 - (i) Is well-designed,
 - (ii) Encourages a sense of place, and
 - (iii) Provides for public spaces that are of high quality, safe, accessible, attractive and vibrant;

The proposal will also be reviewed for its compliance with the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS). The PPS provides policy direction on matters of provincial interest related to land use planning and development. Section 3 of the *Planning Act* requires that decisions affecting planning matters “shall be consistent with” policy statements issued under the Act. The site is within a Settlement Area as defined by the PPS. The PPS policies that are applicable to this application are as follows:

1.1.1 - Healthy, liveable and safe communities are sustained by:

- a) promoting efficient development and land use patterns which sustain the financial well-being of the Province and municipalities over the long term;
- b) accommodating an appropriate affordable and market- based range and mix of residential types (including single-detached, additional residential units, multiunit housing, affordable housing and affordable housing for older persons), employment (including industrial and commercial), institutional (including places of worship, cemeteries and long-term care homes), recreation, park and open space, and other uses to meet long-term needs;

- e) promoting the integration of land use planning, growth management, transit supportive development, intensification and infrastructure planning to achieve cost-effective development patterns, optimization of transit investments, and standards to minimize land consumption and servicing costs;
 - f) improving accessibility for persons with disabilities and older persons by addressing land use barriers which restrict their full participation in society.
- 1.1.2 Within settlement areas, sufficient land shall be made available through intensification and redevelopment and, if necessary, designated growth areas.
- 1.1.3.1 Settlement areas shall be the focus of growth and development.
- 1.1.3.2 Land use patterns within settlement areas shall be based on densities and a mix of land uses which:
- a) efficiently use land and resources;
 - b) are appropriate for, and efficiently use, the infrastructure and public service facilities which are planned or available, and avoid the need for their unjustified and/or uneconomical expansion;
 - c) minimize negative impacts to air quality and climate change, and promote energy efficiency;
 - d) prepare for the impacts of a changing climate;
 - e) support active transportation;
 - f) are transit-supportive, where transit is planned, exists or may be developed.
- 1.1.3.3 Planning authorities shall identify appropriate locations and promote opportunities for transit-supportive development, accommodating a significant supply and range of housing options through intensification and redevelopment where this can be accommodated taking into account existing building stock or areas, including brownfield sites, and the availability of suitable existing or planned infrastructure and public service facilities required to accommodate projected needs.
- 1.1.3.4 Appropriate development standards should be promoted which facilitate intensification, redevelopment and compact form, while avoiding or mitigating risks to public health and safety.
- 1.4.1 To provide for an appropriate range and mix of housing options and densities required to meet projected requirements of current and future residents of the regional market area, planning authorities shall:

- a) maintain at all times the ability to accommodate residential growth for a minimum of 15 years through residential intensification and redevelopment and, if necessary, lands which are designated and available for residential development;
 - b) maintain at all times where new development is to occur, land with servicing capacity sufficient to provide at least a three-year supply of residential units available through lands suitably zoned to facilitate residential intensification and redevelopment, and land in draft approved and registered plans.
- 1.4.3 Planning authorities shall provide for an appropriate range and mix of housing options and densities to meet projected market-based and affordable housing needs of current and future residents of the regional market area by:
- b) permitting and facilitating:
 - 1. all housing options required to meet the social, health, economic and well-being requirements of current and future residents, including special needs requirements and needs arising from demographic changes and employment opportunities; and
 - 2. all types of residential intensification, including additional residential units, and redevelopment in accordance with policy 1.1.3.3;
 - c) directing the development of new housing towards locations where appropriate levels of infrastructure and public service facilities are or will be available to support current and projected needs;
 - d) promoting densities for new housing which efficiently use land, resources, infrastructure and public service facilities, and support the use of active transportation and transit in areas where it exists or is to be developed; and
 - e) requiring transit-supportive development and prioritizing intensification including potential air rights development, in proximity to transit, including corridors and stations.
- 1.6.7 Transportation Systems
- 1.6.7.4 A land use pattern, density and mix of uses should be promoted that minimize the length and number of vehicle trips and support current and future use of transit and active transportation.

The Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe includes policy and direction intended to accommodate and forecast growth in complete communities. These are communities that are well designed to meet people's needs for daily living throughout an entire lifetime by providing convenient access to an appropriate mix of jobs, local services, public service facilities, and a full range of housing to accommodate a range of incomes and household sizes. The Growth Plan is intended to be a framework for implementing the Province's vision for supporting strong prosperous communities through managing growth in the region through 2041.

The subject lands are located within the "Built-up Area" as defined by the 2019 Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (GGH). The proposal will be evaluated against the policies of the Growth Plan to ensure its conformity with the plan. The sections that apply to this application include, but are not limited to the following:

2.2.1.2 Forecasted growth to the horizon of this Plan will be allocated based on following:

- a) the vast majority of growth will be directed to settlement areas that:
 - i. have a delineated built boundary;
 - ii. have existing or planned municipal water and wastewater systems; and
 - iii. can support the achievement of complete communities;
- c) within settlement areas, growth will be focused in
 - i. delineated built-up areas;
 - iii. locations with existing or planned transit, with a priority on higher order transit where it exists or is planned; and
 - iv. areas with existing or planned public service facilities;
- d) development will be directed to settlement areas, except where the policies of this Plan permit otherwise;

2.2.1.4 Applying the policies of this Plan will support the achievement of complete communities that:

- a) feature a diverse mix of land uses, including residential and employment uses, and convenient access to local stores, services, and public service facilities;
- b) improve social equity and overall quality of life, including human health, for people of all ages, abilities, and incomes;
- c) provide a diverse range and mix of housing options, including second units and affordable housing, to accommodate people at all stages of life, and to accommodate the needs of all household sizes and incomes;

- d) expand convenient access to:
 - i. a range of transportation options, including options for the safe, comfortable and convenient use of active transportation;
 - ii. public service facilities, co-located and integrated in community hubs;
 - iii. an appropriate supply of safe, publicly-accessible open spaces, parks, trails, and other recreational facilities.
- e) provide for a more compact built form and a vibrant public realm, including public open spaces.

2.2.2.1 By the time the next municipal comprehensive review is approved and in effect, and for each year thereafter, the applicable minimum intensification target is as follows: a) A minimum of 50 per cent of all residential development occurring annually within each of the Cities of Barrie, Brantford, Guelph, Hamilton, Orillia and Peterborough and the Regions of Durham, Halton, Niagara, Peel, Waterloo and York will be within the delineated built-up area.

2.2.2.3 All municipalities will develop a strategy to achieve the minimum intensification target and intensification throughout delineated built-up areas, which will:

- a) identify strategic growth areas to support achievement of the intensification target and recognize them as a key focus for development;
- b) identify the appropriate type and scale of development in strategic growth areas and transition of built form to adjacent areas;
- c) encourage intensification generally throughout the delineated built-up area;
- d) ensure lands are zoned and development is designed in a manner that supports the achievement of complete communities;
- f) be implemented through official plan policies and designations, updated zoning and other supporting documents.

2.2.6.1. Upper and single-tier municipalities, in consultation with lower-tier municipalities, the Province, and other appropriate stakeholders, will:

- a) support housing choice through the achievement of the minimum intensification and density targets in this Plan, as well as the other policies of this Plan by:

- i. identifying a diverse range and mix of housing options and densities, including second units and affordable housing to meet projected needs of current and future residents;

2.2.6.2 Notwithstanding policy 1.4.1 of the PPS, 2020, in implementing policy 2.2.6.1, municipalities will support the achievement of complete communities by:

- a) planning to accommodate forecasted growth to the horizon of this Plan;
- b) planning to achieve the minimum intensification and density targets in this Plan;
- c) considering the range and mix of housing options and densities of the existing housing stock; and
- d) planning to diversify their overall housing stock across the municipality.

Region of Peel Official Plan

The Regional Official Plan sets the Regional context for more detailed planning by protecting the environment, managing resources, directing growth and establishing a basis for providing Regional services in an efficient and effective manner. The subject lands are designated “Urban System” on *Schedule D – Regional Structure* in the Regional of Peel Official Plan, which consists of lands included within the 2031 Regional Urban Boundary. The general objectives of the Urban System is to achieve sustainable development, establish healthy complete communities and to achieve an intensified and compact form consisting of a mix of land uses.

The applicable sections of the Regional Official Plan for this development application include:

Urban System Objectives:

- 5.3.1.2 To achieve sustainable development within the Urban System.
- 5.3.1.3 To establish healthy complete urban communities that contain living, working and recreational opportunities, which respect the natural environment, resources and the characteristics of existing communities.
- 5.3.1.4 To achieve intensified and compact form and a mix of land uses in appropriate areas that efficiently use land, services, infrastructure and public finances while taking into account the characteristics of existing communities and services.
- 5.3.1.5 To achieve an urban structure, form and densities which are pedestrian-friendly and transit-supportive.

- 5.3.1.7 To recognize the integrity and physical characteristics of existing communities in Peel

Urban System Policies:

- 5.3.2.2 Direct urban development and redevelopment to the Urban System within the 2031 Regional Urban Boundary, as shown on Schedule D, consistent with the policies in this Plan and the area municipal official plans.
- 5.3.2.6 Direct the area municipalities, while taking into account the characteristics of existing communities, to include policies in their official plans that:
- a) support the Urban System objectives and policies in this Plan;
 - b) support pedestrian-friendly and transit-supportive urban development;

Growth Management Policies:

- 5.5.2.2 Direct a significant portion of new growth to the built-up area of the community through intensification.

Intensification Objectives:

- 5.5.3.1.1 To achieve compact and efficient urban forms.
- 5.5.3.1.2 To optimize the use of existing infrastructure and services.
- 5.5.3.1.3 To revitalize and/or enhance developed areas.
- 5.5.3.1.4 To intensify development on underutilized lands.
- 5.5.3.1.5 To reduce dependence on the automobile through the development of mixed use, transit-supportive, pedestrian friendly urban environments.
- 5.5.3.1.6 To optimize all intensification opportunities across the Region.
- 5.5.3.1.8 To achieve a diverse and compatible mix of land uses including residential and employment uses to support vibrant neighbourhoods.

Intensification Policies:

- 5.5.3.2.2 Facilitate and promote intensification.
- 5.5.3.2.4 Require that by 2015 and for each year until 2025, a minimum of 40 per cent of the Region's residential development occurring annually to be located within the built-up area.
- 5.5.3.2.5 To 2031, the minimum amount of residential development allocated within the built-up area shall be as follows:
City of Brampton: 26,500 units;

City of Brampton Official Plan:

The City of Brampton's Official Plan provides comprehensive policies that facilitate land use decision making. The purpose of the plan is to guide development and infrastructure decisions and set the basis for addressing the challenges of growth in Brampton. The property is designated "Residential" in the Official Plan and is listed on the City's Municipal Register of Cultural Heritage Resources. The Official Plan policies that are applicable to this application include but are not limited to:

- 3.2.8 New communities and new development within existing communities shall be planned to be Complete Communities. Complete Communities meet people's needs for daily living throughout an entire lifetime by providing convenient access to an appropriate mix of jobs, local services, a full range of housing, and community infrastructure including affordable housing, schools, recreation and open space for residents. Convenient access to public transportation and option for safe, non-motorized travel is also provided
 - 3.2.8.1 The City shall consider appropriate forms of infilling to maximize the benefits of municipal services already in place. Specific locations suitable for infilling will be detailed within Secondary Plans.
 - 3.2.8.3 Residential development in areas outside of the Central Area, including the Urban Growth Centre, Mobility Hubs; Major Transit Station Areas or intensification corridors shall generally be limited to 50 units per net hectare. Furthermore, residential and non-residential development outside of these areas shall generally be limited to 4 stories in height.
 - 3.2.8.5 Where the City has deemed that the City Structure would not be compromised, as required by Section 3.2.4, development outside of the Central Area, including the Urban Growth Centres; Mobility Hubs; Major Transit Station Areas or intensification corridors which is seeking to exceed the limits established in Section 3.2.8.3 and 3.2.8.4 may only be considered subject to the submission of an amendment to this Plan. This amendment is required to demonstrate the following:
 - (i) The development is consistent with the general intent and vision of the applicable Secondary Plan;
 - (ii) The development contributes to the City's desired housing mix;
 - (iii) There is a need for the development to meet the population and employment forecasts set out in Section 2 of this Plan;
 - (iv) The development forms part of an existing or planned Complete Community with convenient access to uses which serve the day to-day needs of residents such as commercial, recreational and institutional uses;

- (v) There is sufficient existing or planned infrastructure to accommodate the development;
- (vi) The development has vehicular access to an Arterial, Minor Arterial, or Collector Road;
- (vii) The development is in close proximity to existing or planned higher order transit and maintains or improves pedestrian, bicycle and vehicular access;
- (viii) The form of development is compatible and integrates with adjacent land use and planned land use, including lot size, configuration, frontages, height, massing, architecture, streetscapes, heritage features, setbacks, privacy, shadowing, the pedestrian environment and parking;
- (ix) The development meets the required limits of development as established by the City and Conservation Authority and that appropriate buffers and sustainable management measures are applied, if necessary, in order to ensure the identification, protections, restoration and enhancement of the natural heritage
- (x) The development site affords opportunities for enjoyment of natural open space by the site's adjacency to significant environmental or topographic features (e.g. river valleys, rehabilitated gravel pits, woodlots) subject to the policies of the Natural Heritage and Environmental Management section of this Plan and the City's Development Design Guidelines;
- (xi) The development maintains transition in built form through appropriate height, massing, character, architectural design, siting, setbacks, parking and open and amenity space;
- (xii) Where possible, the development incorporates sustainable technologies and concepts of low impact development, including measures to mitigate the impacts of the development. This should include the submission of a storm water management plan acceptable to the City and Conservation Authority, which identifies the required storm drainage system and potential impacts on downstream watercourses.

3.2.8.6 The extent to which a development satisfies the criteria set out in Policy 3.2.8.5 will determine the appropriate density and massing that may be considered. However, recognizing that the Urban Growth Centre, Central Area, Intensification Corridors, Mobility Hubs, and Major Transit Station Areas are the focus areas for higher densities and massing, development outside of these areas should not generally be permitted in excess of 200 units per net hectare or a floor space index of 2.0.

4.2 Housing in Brampton is to be developed on municipal serviced lands in a sustainable manner where residents have a strong sense of belonging and take pride in their communities. Brampton's residential policy will focus on the following:

- (i) Promoting vibrant, sustainable and accessible residential communities which accommodate a variety of housing forms, tenure, a mix of uses, attractive streetscapes, walkable/pedestrian environment, and accessible open space to create an overall high quality public realm.
- (iii) Ensuring economic efficiency in providing housing on serviced or serviceable lands within a ten (10) year time frame to meet projected requirements of the regional market area in accordance with the Provincial Policy Statement, and following a growth management program which ensures that all the required services and infrastructure are available as residential areas develop.
- (v) Promoting and facilitating intensification throughout the built-up area and in particular within the Urban Growth Centre and Central Area, intensification corridors, Mobility Hubs, and Major Transit Station Areas;

It is the objective of the Residential Policies to:

- b) Encourage the development of built forms that enhance the characteristics of the neighbourhood, protect and enhance the natural heritage, promote public safety, encourage intensification and create attractive streetscapes;
- c) Accommodate residential growth by promoting and facilitating intensification throughout the built-up area and ensuring compact, complete greenfield neighbourhoods;

4.2.1.6 Brampton shall contribute to the achievement of the Region's intensification targets as set out in Section 3.2.2.1 by planning to accommodate at least 26,500 residential units between 2006 and 2031 within the built-up area.

4.2.7 Design

The City of Brampton will strive to create communities that have a high quality of development by:

- (i) Developing a strong community image and character, which may be articulated in the design of built form, protection, enhancement and buffering of natural heritage features, architecture, streetscape design details, gateways, open space/pedestrian/bikeway systems, and road patterns;
- (ii) Contributing to the existing natural features functions and linkages such as woodlands, valley lands, ponds, creeks and streams, as well as built

structures with significant architecture, heritage features or important views and vistas;

- (iii) Enhancing the visual experience of residents, motorists and pedestrians. This may be achieved through the strategic alignment of road right-of-way. The layout of circulation and open space systems and the siting of major features, public uses and built form;

4.10.1.11 A Heritage Impact Assessment may also be required for any proposed alteration work or development activities involving or adjacent to heritage resources to ensure that there will be no adverse impacts caused to the resources and their heritage attributes. Mitigation measures shall be imposed as a condition of approval of such applications.

4.10.1.13 In the event that relocation, dismantling, salvage or demolition is inevitable, thorough documentation and other mitigation measures shall be undertaken for the heritage resource. The documentation shall be made available to the City for archival purposes.

The proposed development is contemplating a density of 91.8 units per hectare. According to Policy 3.2.8.3 and 3.2.8.5 of the Official Plan, an Official Plan Amendment is required. The proposal will be evaluated against other applicable Official Plan policies to ensure its conformity.

Flowertown Secondary Plan (Area 6):

The property is designated 'Low Density Residential' in the Brampton Flowertown Secondary Plan (Area 6). Lands designated Low Density Residential shall be developed in accordance with the New Housing Mix and Density Category of Section 4.2.1.2 of the Official Plan, which allows for single and semi-detached homes, link townhouses small-lot single detached homes with a maximum density of 35 units per net hectare. The proposal is for a townhouse development with a density of 91.8 units per hectare. An amendment to the Secondary Plan is required to accommodate the proposed housing type and density.

Zoning By-law:

The property is zoned "Residential Single Detached B – R1B" by By-law 270-2004 as amended. An amendment to the Zoning By-law is required to rezone the lands to facilitate the proposed townhouse development.

Sustainability Score & Summary:

The City of Brampton's Sustainability Metrics are used to evaluate the environmental sustainability of development applications.

To measure the degree of sustainability of this development application, a Sustainability Score and Summary were submitted. The application has a Sustainability Score of 37 points, which achieves the City's Bronze threshold. City staff will verify the sustainability score prior to the Recommendation Report.

Documents Submitted in Support of the Application

- Concept Plan
- Draft Official Plan Amendment
- Draft Zoning By-law Amendment
- Planning Justification Report
- Swept Path Analysis
- Tertiary Plan
- Sustainability Score and Summary
- Urban Design Brief
- Shadow Impact Study
- Landscape Master Plan
- Arborist Report and Tree Preservation Plan
- Phase 1 and Phase 2 Environmental Site Assessment
- Archaeological Report
- Heritage Impact Statement
- Functional Servicing Report
- Traffic Impact Study
- Parking Study
- Noise Report
- Site Servicing, Grading and Drainage Plan

The City may request further technical information necessary for its review, based on agency circulation or public input. Comments on the circulation of the above noted documents, along with comments on the application from external commenting agencies and City divisions and departments, will be provided in the future Recommendation Report.