

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 (2017), the Region of Peel Official Plan and the City of Brampton Official Plan.

Planning Act:

The proposal will be reviewed for its compliance to matters of provincial interest as identified in Section 2 of the *Planning Act* R.S.O 1990. A preliminary assessment identified that the sections applicable to this application include, but are not limited to:

- a) The protection of ecological systems, including natural areas, features and functions;
- 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; and,
- q) The promotion of development that is designed to be sustainable, to support public transit and to be oriented to pedestrians.

Provincial Policy Statement (PPS):

The proposal will also be reviewed for its consistency with the matters of provincial interest as identified in the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS). The PPS policies that are applicable to this application include but are not limited to:

- Section 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 range and mix of residential, employment, institutional, recreation, park and open space, and other uses to meet long term needs.
 - c. Avoiding development and land use patterns which may cause environmental or public health and safety concerns;

- d. Avoiding development and land use patterns that would prevent the efficient expansion of settlement areas in those areas which are adjacent or close to settlement areas;
 - 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. Ensuring that necessary infrastructure and public service facilities are or will be available to meet current and projected needs
- Section 1.1.3.1 – Settlement areas shall be the focus of growth and development.
- Section 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 services and avoid 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;
- Section 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.
- Section 2.1.1 - Natural features and areas shall be protected for the long term
- Section 2.1.2 - The diversity and connectivity of natural features in an area, and the long-term ecological function and biodiversity of natural heritage systems, should be maintained, restored or, where possible, improved, recognizing linkages between and among natural heritage features and areas, surface water features and ground water resources.
- Section 2.6.1 – significant built heritage resources and significant cultural heritage landscapes shall be conserved.
- Section 2.6.3 - Planning authorities shall not permit development and site alteration on adjacent lands to protected heritage property except where the

proposed development and site alteration has been evaluated and it has been demonstrated that the heritage attributes of the protected heritage property will be conserve

A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe:

The Growth Plan promotes development that contributes to complete communities, creates street configurations that support walking, cycling and sustained viability of transit services which creates high quality public open spaces. The subject lands are located within the 'Settlement Area' and within the 'Built-Up Area' within the Growth Plan. The proposal will be evaluated against the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (GGH) to ensure that it conforms to the Plan. A preliminary assessment of the Greater Golden Horseshoe sections applicable to this application include but are not limited to:

- Section 2.2.1.2 – Forecasted growth to the horizon of this Plan will be allocated based on the following:
 - a) The vast majority of growth will be directed to settlement areas that:
 - i. Have 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;
 - ii. Strategic growth 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

- Section 2.2.4.10 – Lands adjacent to or near existing and planned frequent transit should be planned to be transit-supportive and supportive of active transportation and a range and mix of uses and activities.

- Section 2.2.6.2 –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 Official Plan, 2016

The Region of Peel 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 application is within the 'Urban System' within the Regional Official Plan. The proposal will be evaluated against the Region of Peel Official Plan to ensure that it conforms to the Plan. The Region of Peel Official Plan sections that are applicable to this application include but are not limited to:

- Section 5.3 – The Urban System is composed of a variety of communities that contain diverse living, working and cultural opportunities. The Urban System in Peel consists of lands within the 2031 Regional Urban Boundary as shown on Schedule D of the Plan. It includes: lands identified and protected as part of the natural environment and resources in the preceding chapters of the Plan, the Toronto-Lester B Pearson International Airport, urban growth centres and Regional Intensification Corridors.
- Section 5.3.1.1 – To conserve the environmental and resource attributes of the Region.
- Section 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
- Section 5.3.1.4 – Contributing to achieving intensified and compact form and a mix of land uses in appropriate areas that efficiently use land, service, infrastructure and public finances while taking into account the characteristics of existing communities and services.
- Section 5.3.1.5 – To achieve an urban structure, form and densities which are pedestrian friendly and transit supportive.
- Section 5.3.1.7 – To recognize the integrity and physical characteristics of existing communities in Peel.
- Section 5.3.1.8 – To provide for the need of Peel's changing age structure and allow opportunities for residents to live in their own communities as they age.
- Section 5.3.2.2. – Direct urban development and redevelopment to the Urban System within the 2021 Regional Urban Boundary, as shown on Schedule D, consistent with the policies of this Plan and the area municipal official plans;
- Section 5.3.2.3 – Plan for the provision and financing of Regional services so as to efficiently use existing services and infrastructure, and generally accommodate a pattern of compact forms of urban development and redevelopment.

- Section 5.5.2.2 – Direct a significant portion of new growth to the built-up areas of the community through intensification
- Section 5.9.2.5 – Optimizing the use of existing and new Regional transportation infrastructure to support growth in an efficient, compact form.

City of Brampton Official Plan, 2006

The City of Brampton's Official Plan provides comprehensive policies that facilitate land use decision making. The purpose of the City of Brampton's Official Plan is to give clear direction as to how physical development and land use decisions should plan to meet the current and future needs of its residents. The property is designated as 'Residential' and 'Open Space' on Schedule A of the Official Plan. Schedule D of the Official Plan identifies part of the property as 'Valleylands /Watercourse Corridors'. Schedule A2 of the Official Plan designates the lands as 'Convenience Retail'.

The Official Plan policies that are applicable to this application include but are not limited to:

- Section 4.2.1.1 - The Residential designations shown on Schedule "A" permit predominantly residential land uses including a full range of dwelling types ranging from single detached houses to high-rise apartments. Complementary uses, other than Places of Worship, shall be permitted subject to specific Secondary Plan policies or designations, and may include uses permitted in the Commercial and Institutional and Public Use designations of this plan, such as schools, libraries, parks, community and recreation centres, health centres, day care centres, local retail centres, neighbourhood retail, convenience retail or highway and service commercial uses.
- Section 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 areas.
- Section 4.2.7.1 – Residential development proposals and complementary uses, including schools, shall be evaluated in accordance with the Development Design Guidelines and Urban Design section of this Plan.
- Section 4.6.7.4 – Through the development approval process, valleylands and watercourse corridors including associated environmental hazards and defined conservation buffers will be gratuitously conveyed to the City of Brampton. Municipal conveyance of these corridors and buffers will not be considered as contributing towards the parkland dedication requirements under the Planning Act.

- Section 4.7.1.2 – The Open Space designation on Schedule “A” indicates major open space features. These features include public and private open space, valleylands/watercourse corridors, wetlands and woodlands. Many of these environmental features have been recognized as having city-wide, regional or provincial significance, as described in Section 4.6 Natural Heritage and Environmental Management.
- Section 4.10 speaks to cultural heritage resources and it is the objective of these policies to:
 - a. Conserve the cultural heritage resources of the City for the enjoyment of existing and future generations;
 - b. Preserve, restore and rehabilitate structures, buildings, or sites deemed to have significant historic, archaeological, architectural or cultural significance and, preserve cultural heritage landscapes, including significant public views; and
 - c. Promote public awareness of Brampton’s heritage and involve the public in heritage resource discussions affecting the municipality.

The applicant has submitted an application to amend the Official Plan to remove the lands from Schedule A2.

Secondary Plan:

The subject property is within the Brampton Flowertown Secondary Plan (Area 6) and is subject to OP-2006-121, which designates the subject property as ‘Service Commercial’ and ‘Parks and Open Space’. The policies that are applicable to this application include but are not limited:

- Section 2.4.1 – Uses permitted on lands designated Service Commercial on Schedule 6 shall be used predominately for service commercial purposes comprising of small-scale retail and convenience stores, service uses, restaurants, recreation facilities, and small offices.

An Amendment to the Secondary Plan is required to facilitate the proposal.

City of Brampton Zoning By-law:

The subject land is zoned ‘Service Commercial – special section 2524’ (SC-2524) and ‘Open Space (OS) by By-law 270-2004, as amended. The ‘Services Commercial’ zone permits a variety of uses including a bank, retail establishment, office, service shop, etc. and the ‘Open Space’ zone permits recreation facilities, conservation areas and purposes accessory to other permitted uses. A Zoning By-law Amendment is required to permit the proposed development.

Sustainability Score and 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 proposed application has a Sustainability Score of 39, which achieves the City's Bronze threshold. City staff will verify the sustainability score prior to the Recommendation Report.

Documents Submitted in Support of this Amended Application:

- Planning Justification Report
- Acoustical Report
- Traffic Impact Study
- Draft Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment
- Functional Servicing Report
- Site Servicing and Grading Plan
- Heritage Impact Assessment
- Urban Design Brief
- Phase One Environmental Site Assessment
- Tree Inventory Preservation Study
- Sustainability Score and Summary
- Concept Plan
- Pre-consultation Checklist
- Public Consultation Strategy
- Survey

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.