

CHAPTER 2

THE TOWNSHIP OF WOOLWICH AND THE REGION OF WATERLOO

2.1 RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP AND THE REGIONAL OFFICIAL PLAN

As approved by the Region, this Official Plan is be deemed to conform to the Regional Official Plan and the Provincial Growth Plan (2019) as amended (2020), and to be consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020. All future amendments to this Plan will only be made in conformity with and/or consistency with these planning documents as the case may be.

The policies in this Plan expand on and provide greater detail on the region-wide wide policies contained in the Regional Official Plan to indicate how the regional policies will be applied and implemented in the Township.

Township Council may request the Region to delegate its approval authority for plans of subdivision and condominiums to the Township. Council may also seek to obtain other development approval authority responsibilities from the Region as provided under the Planning Act. Where such delegation of authority has been transferred by the Region, the Township will continue to collaborate with the Region during the review of *development applications* to expedite the approval process and ensure that any Regionals requirements are appropriately addressed or secured as conditions of approval.

Where differences of opinion arise, the Township Council is responsible for interpreting any policy, principle or map contained in the Official Plan, except in those instances where such policy, principle or map is within the Region's or Province's jurisdiction.

2.2 MATTERS OF REGIONAL AND PROVINCIAL INTEREST

The Township will consult with the Region of Waterloo on the preparation of any amendments to this Plan and be given an opportunity to review all supporting information and material in accordance with the regulations under the Planning Act. In general, it is recognized that the Region may provide comments related to Region and/or Provincial areas of interest to ensure conformity with the Regional Official Plan and the Provincial Growth Plan, and for consistency with the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020.

2.3 CO-ORDINATION WITH THE REGION

2.3.1 The Township will take a co-ordinated approach and work collaboratively with the Region to support growth and development through public investments in such areas as:

- a) The Regional transit system;
- b) The Regional Road and cycling network, and the pedestrian environment;
- c) *Municipal water wastewater water systems;*
- d) *Public service facilities;*

- e) *Community Improvement Plans*;
- f) Waste management; and
- g) Other programs that support the goals and objectives of this Plan, the Regional Official Plan and Provincial policies.

2.3.2 The Township will collaborate with the Region and other local municipalities as required in the *municipal comprehensive review* of the Regional Official Plan to provide policy direction to implement this Plan, including:

- a) Identifying minimum *reurbanization* targets for the Township based on the capacity of delineated *built-up areas*, including the applicable minimum density targets for *designated greenfield areas*, to achieve the minimum *reurbanization* target in this Plan;
- b) Identifying minimum density targets for *employment areas*;
- c) Identifying minimum density targets for the *designated greenfield areas* of the Township, to achieve the minimum density target for the Region;
- d) Allocating forecasted growth to the horizon of this Plan to the Township in a manner that would support the achievement of the minimum *reurbanization* and density targets in this Plan; and
- e) Addressing matters that cross municipal boundaries.

2.4 IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES

It is intended that the policies as set forth in this Official Plan may be further supported by Implementation Guidelines, which may detail the manner in which any policies covered by the Official Plan will be implemented.

These Implementation Guidelines will not become part of the Official Plan but will be guideline documents adopted by resolution of Council. Such Guidelines will not be used to introduce new policy directions but will provide direction to implement or define existing policy, which could be used for the basis for denying applications under the Planning Act, or for interfering with the natural justice rights of the public.

Implementation Guidelines will be in conformity with the Official Plan provisions and policies. Official Plans, amendments thereto and Implementation Guidelines will be prepared in consultation with the Region, appropriate agencies and the public.