



# **PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING**

## **WELCOME**

## **Urban Structure Review**

### Agenda

- open house 1:30-3:30 p.m.
- presentation at 2 p.m.



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- open house 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- presentation at 7 p.m.



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# Urban Structure Review

## Introduction

### Urban Structure Review. Where did it come from?

Council identified the *Urban Structure Review* in February 2016 as a land use planning policy study required to confirm the town's urban structure.

The Review is a key study of the on-going Official Plan Review. It is the study that will confirm the foundation for accommodating future growth required by the province and it will provide the basis for integrating the North Oakville Secondary Plans within the Livable Oakville Official Plan.

### The Study goal is to:

“Develop an urban structure for Oakville which accommodates transition and change, reflects the identity of the town and is environmentally sustainable while allowing for environmental protection, the provision of a full range of infrastructure and community service facilities, and is fiscally sustainable.”

### Study Process

**Phase 1 – Study Initiation:** Complete

**Phase 2 – Background Review:** Complete

**Phase 3 – Option Development & Review:** Complete

**Phase 4 – Policy Directions Report:** Complete

**Currently:** Draft Official Plan Amendments to the Livable Oakville Plan and the North Oakville East and West Secondary Plans have been prepared to implement the study findings

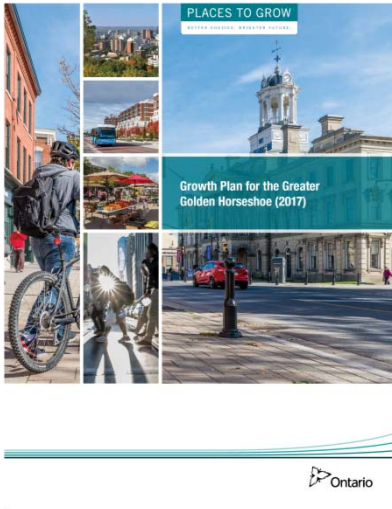




# Urban Structure Review

## Planning for Growth

The *Planning Act* requires municipalities to review their official plan every five years. The Town of Oakville launched its official plan review in May 2015.



### **Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2017**

The Greater Golden Horseshoe (GGH) is one of the fastest growing regions in North America. The Province's Growth Plan sets out where and how to grow in the GGH by forecasting population and employment numbers to the year 2041. The policies of the Growth Plan focus on protecting the environment, curbing urban sprawl and using infrastructure more efficiently. Municipal official plans are required to conform to the Growth Plan.

### **Halton Region Official Plan, 2009**

As an upper-tier municipality, Halton Region provides broad policy directions on strategic matters such as the management of land and growth strategies.



In Oakville, the Halton Region Official Plan defines a Regional Natural Heritage System and urban areas supported by land use objectives and policies, as well as a population and employment distribution to implement the Growth Plan.

### **Livable Oakville Official Plan, 2009**

Livable Oakville applies to the lands south of Dundas Street and was adopted by Oakville Council in 2009. It sets out policies for land use and growth management.



### **North Oakville Secondary Plans**

The North Oakville Secondary Plans, part of the Official Plan, apply north of Dundas Street. These plans are under review and will be consolidated with Livable Oakville.



# Urban Structure Review

## What is Urban Structure? Why is it important?



Urban structure is the pattern formed by built and unbuilt areas. The importance of urban structure is reflected in the fact that it establishes where we live, work and play and as such is a major determinant of community livability.

It is also important because it determines the location and capacity of community infrastructure that is required to support development. This includes hard services but also green infrastructure and public service facilities.



### Why does the town need this review?

The town must consider how to accommodate required growth given that development in all areas of the town is underway or planned.



Instead of developing outward, the town needs to determine the best approach for managing development within the town's existing boundaries.

Oakville's Urban Structure Review is looking at the town's urban structure — including natural heritage and open space, as well as residential, commercial, employment and mixed-use areas – to see if changes are necessary to accommodate growth.



The *Urban Structure Review* is a key study in the town's ongoing comprehensive Official Plan Review that will provide the basis for the policies in the Official Plan and the framework for making planning decisions.

# Current Urban Structure

## What do we have to build on?

The Town of Oakville actually has two official plans in effect. The Livable Oakville Plan, pictured below, applies to the lands south of Dundas Street and to the lands north of Highway 407. The North Oakville East Secondary Plan (right) and the North Oakville West Secondary Plan (left) apply to the lands between Dundas and the 407.

A main goal of the *Urban Structure Review* is to provide the basis for integrating the North Oakville Secondary Plans within the Livable Oakville Plan.

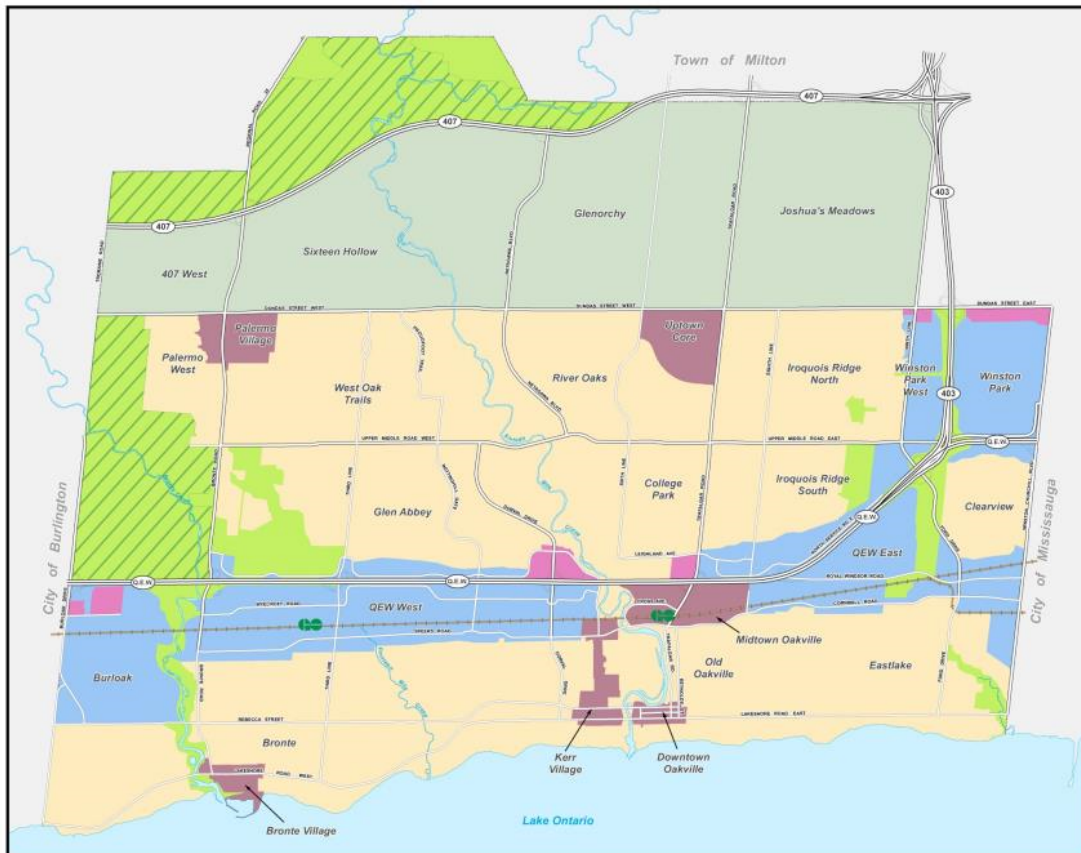
North Oakville West Secondary Plan



North Oakville East Secondary Plan



Livable Oakville Plan





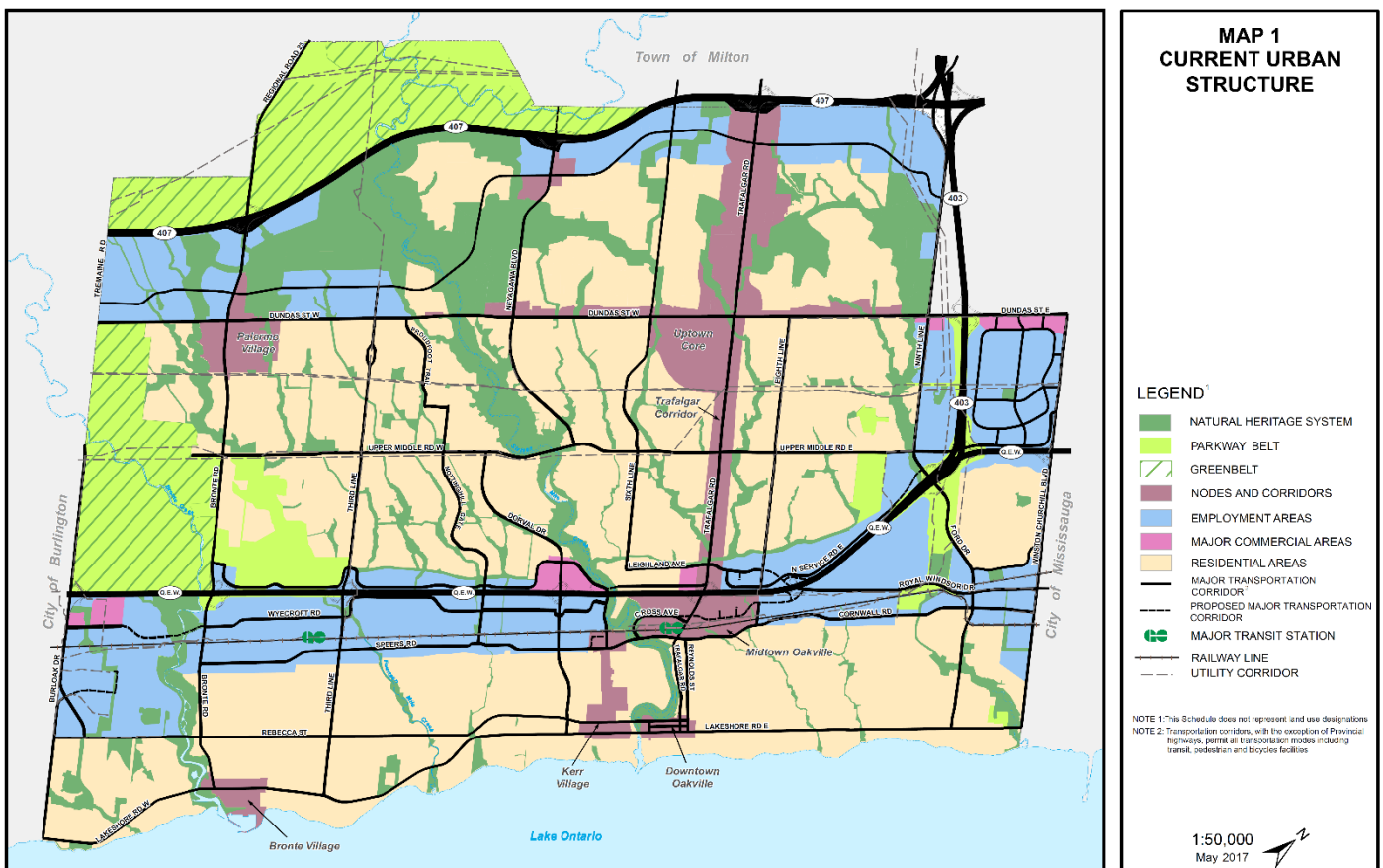
# Current Urban Structure

## What is the starting point for the town's future urban structure?

The town has an identifiable existing and planned urban structure. However, it is not clearly articulated on a town-wide basis in the Official Plan. This reflects the history of the town's development south of Dundas that has evolved over two centuries compared to the lands north of Dundas that have been established relatively recently through a comprehensive planning process on greenfield lands.

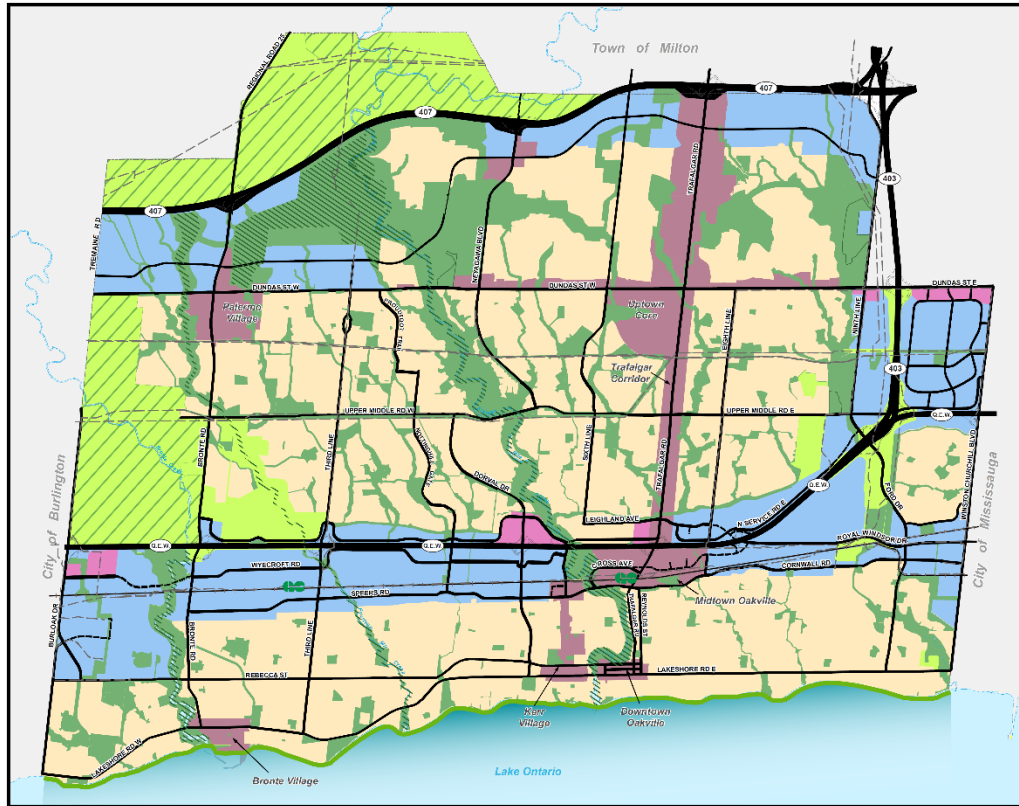
The town's future urban structure should confirm current elements such as an overarching natural heritage system and the role of the transportation system. The future urban structure should also recognize that the vast majority of future growth will consist of infill and intensification accommodated in nodes and corridors.

When the various elements of the current urban structure are combined, they become the "starting point" for the establishment of a comprehensive town-wide urban structure for the Town of Oakville's Official Plan.



# Proposed Elements

## ENHANCED OPEN SPACE AND NATURAL AREAS



**MAP 2  
ENHANCED  
RECOGNITION  
OPEN SPACE AND  
NATURAL AREAS**

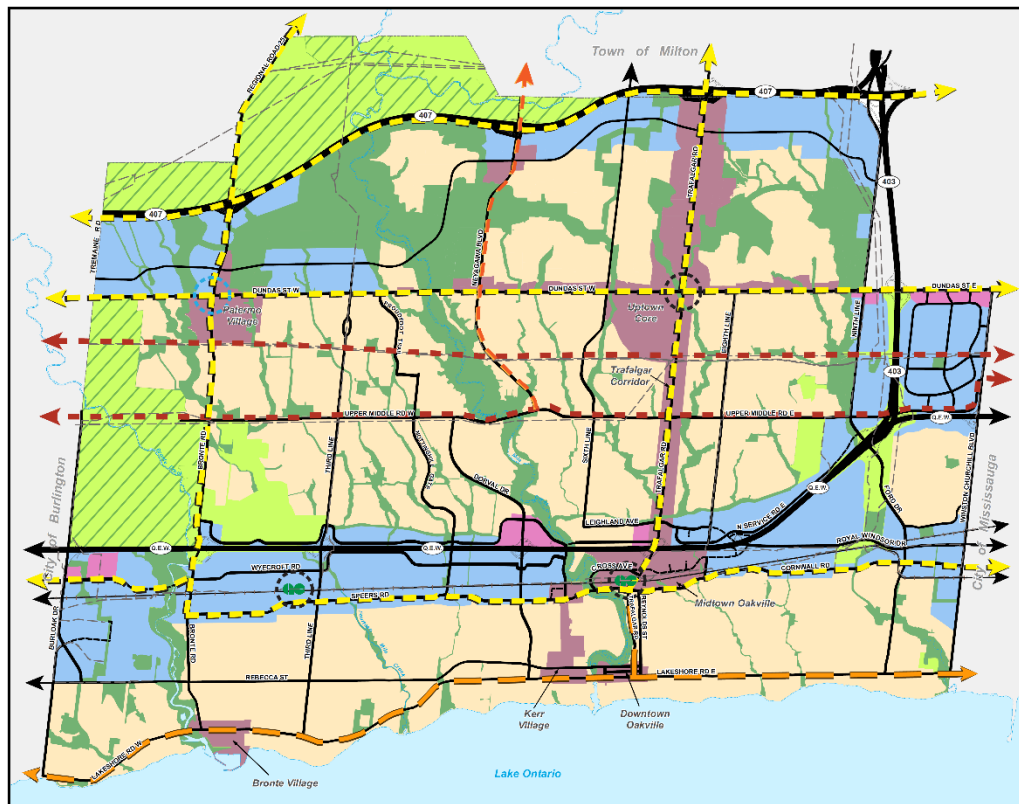
**LEGEND<sup>1</sup>**

- NATURAL HERITAGE SYSTEM
- PARKWAY BELT
- GREENBELT
- PARKS, OPEN SPACE & CEMETERIES
- URBAN RIVER VALLEYS
- WATERFRONT ENHANCEMENT AREA
- NODES AND CORRIDORS
- EMPLOYMENT AREAS
- MAJOR COMMERCIAL AREAS
- RESIDENTIAL AREAS
- MAJOR TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR<sup>2</sup>
- PROPOSED MAJOR TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR
- MAJOR TRANSIT STATION
- RAILWAY LINE
- UTILITY CORRIDOR

NOTE 1: This Schedule does not represent a final use designation.  
NOTE 2: Transportation corridors, with the exception of provincial highways, permit all transportation modes including transit, pedestrian and bicycles facilities.

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## ENHANCED CONNECTIVITY



**MAP 3  
ENHANCED  
CONNECTIVITY**

**LEGEND<sup>1</sup>**

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- PARKWAY BELT
- GREENBELT
- NODES AND CORRIDORS
- EMPLOYMENT AREAS
- MAJOR COMMERCIAL AREAS
- RESIDENTIAL AREAS
- TRANSIT PRIORITY CORRIDOR
- TRANSIT PRIORITY CORRIDOR
- MOBILITY LINK
- MAJOR ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION CONNECTIONS
- SCENIC CORRIDOR
- MAJOR TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR<sup>2</sup>
- PROPOSED MAJOR TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR
- MAJOR TRANSIT STATION
- REGIONAL TRANSIT NODE
- PROPOSED REGIONAL TRANSIT NODE
- RAILWAY LINE
- UTILITY CORRIDOR

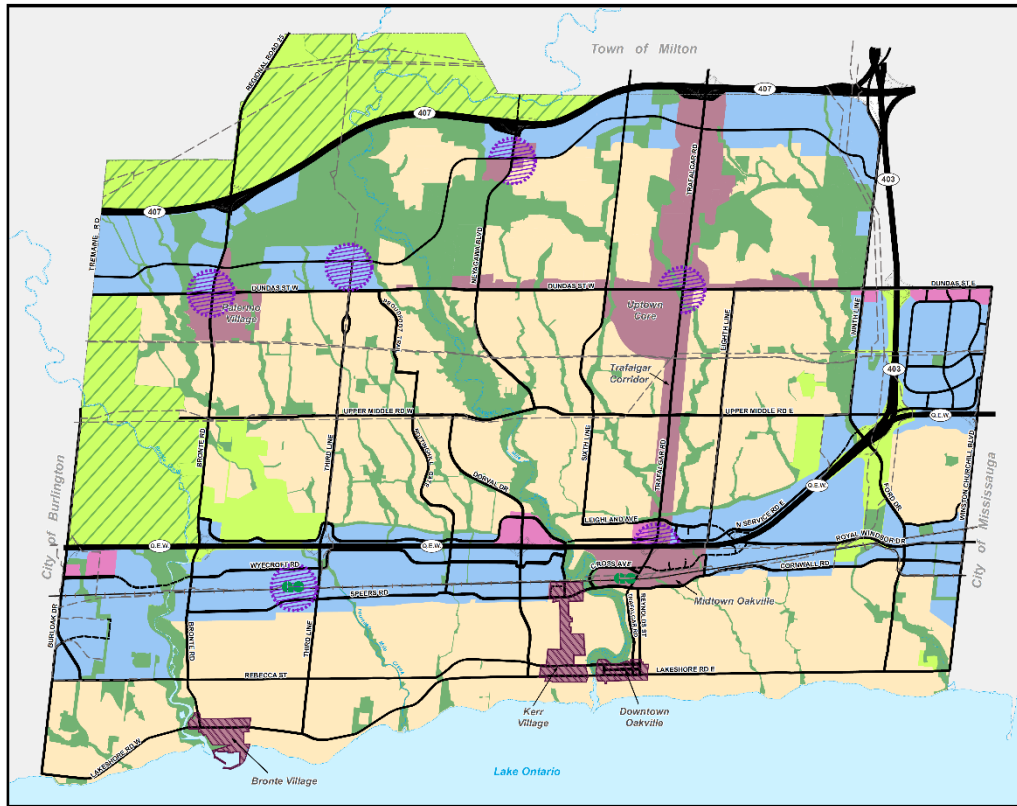
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# Proposed Elements

## NODES AND CORRIDORS



**MAP 4  
NODES AND  
CORRIDOR  
(GROWTH AREAS)**

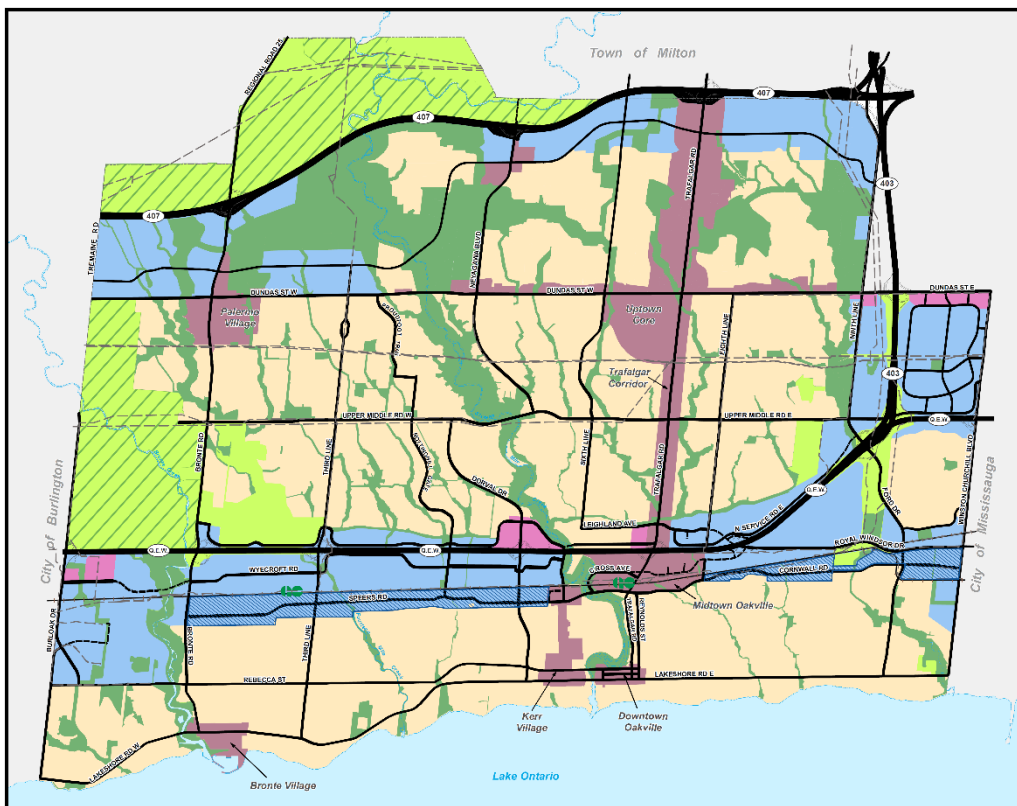
**LEGEND**

- NATURAL HERITAGE SYSTEM
- PARKWAY BELT
- GREENBELT
- NODES AND CORRIDORS
- ADDITIONALLY EXPANDED NODES AND CORRIDORS\*
- MAIN STREET AREA
- EMPLOYMENT AREAS
- MAJOR COMMERCIAL AREAS
- RESIDENTIAL AREAS
- MAJOR TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR†
- PROPOSED MAJOR TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR
- MAJOR TRANSIT STATION
- RAILWAY LINE
- UTILITY CORRIDOR

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 NOTE 2: The axial table of Dundas Street is recognized as having the potential for applications subject to further study, to more properly delineate the extent of such areas.  
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## EMPLOYMENT MIXED USE CORRIDOR



**MAP 5  
EMPLOYMENT  
AREAS**

**LEGEND**

- NATURAL HERITAGE SYSTEM
- PARKWAY BELT
- GREENBELT
- NODES AND CORRIDORS
- EMPLOYMENT AREAS
- EMPLOYMENT MIXED USE CORRIDOR
- MAJOR COMMERCIAL AREAS
- RESIDENTIAL AREAS
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# Draft Official Plan Amendments

## Prepared to address key policy directions:

1. Replacing Section 3, Urban Structure of the Livable Oakville Plan with a new Section 3 outlining a town-wide comprehensive urban structure for Oakville identifying the purpose of the urban structure and describing each of the major elements

The Town's urban structure shall:

- **Protect** natural heritage, open space and cultural heritage
- **Maintain** the character of residential areas
- **Direct** growth to an identified system of nodes & corridors

2. Replacing Schedule A1, Urban Structure of the Livable Oakville Plan with a new schedule consistent with the purpose and descriptions of the urban structure in the new Section 3

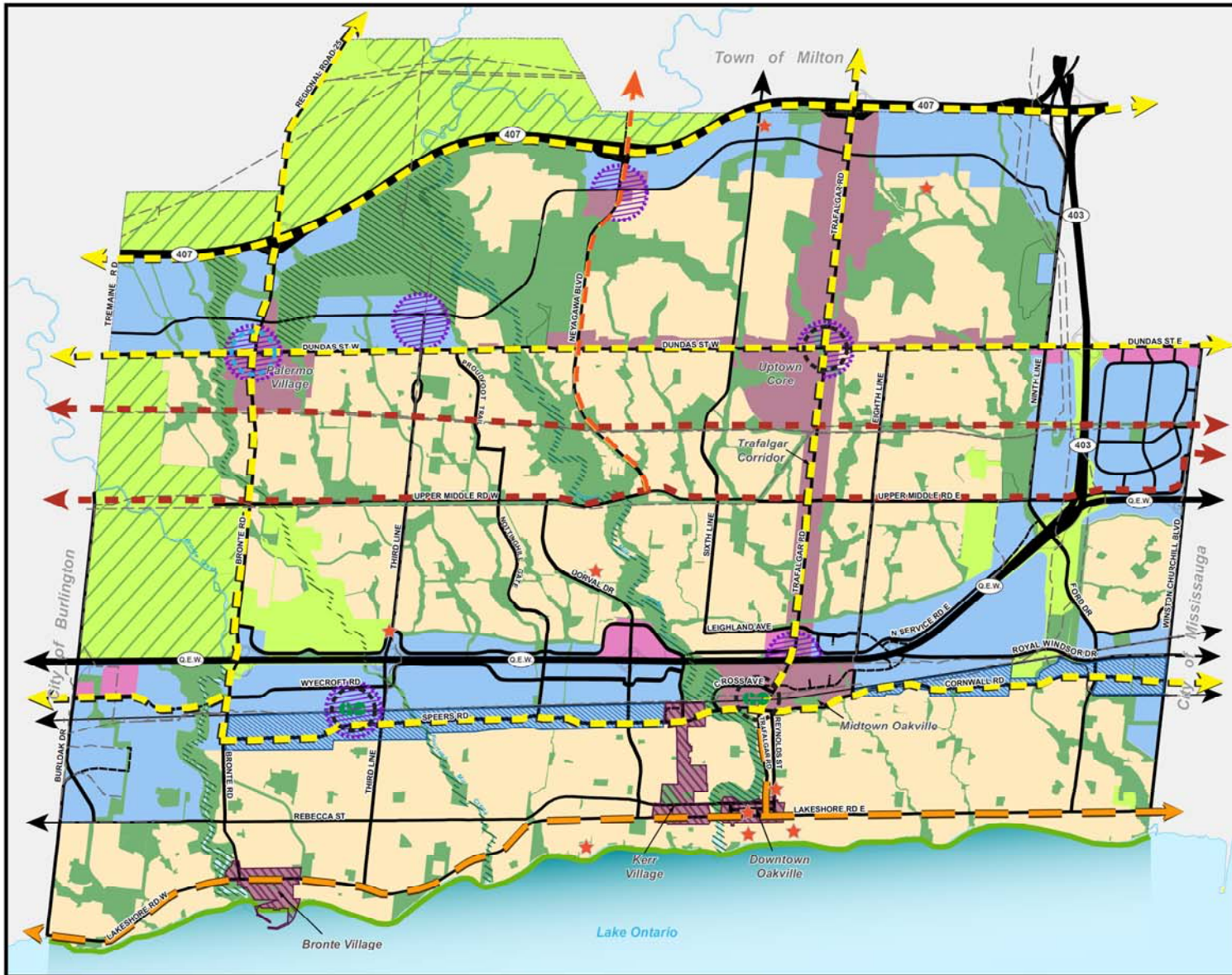


3. New section to Part F, Implementation consisting of criteria for protecting urban structure and evaluating site-specific Official Plan Amendments:

- **Changes only through Municipal Comprehensive Review**
- Down-designating not permitted
- **Site-specific applications do not undermine urban structure in terms of planned functions of other elements including nodes, corridors, NHS, character of residential areas, fiscal impacts etc.**

4. Undertaking revisions to the North Oakville Plans to align them with the changes to the Livable Oakville Plan

# PROPOSED URBAN STRUCTURE



**MAP 6  
PROPOSED URBAN  
STRUCTURE**

**LEGEND<sup>1</sup>**

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- PROPOSED REGIONAL TRANSIT NODE
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- UTILITY CORRIDOR
- HERITAGE CONSERVATION DISTRICTS/  
CULTURAL HERITAGE LANDSCAPES<sup>4</sup>

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 NOTE 3: Transportation corridors, with the exception of Provincial highways, permit all transportation modes including transit, pedestrian and bicycles facilities  
 NOTE 4: Heritage Conservation Districts and Cultural Heritage Landscapes are elements of the Urban Structure. Additional Districts and Landscapes will be added to the Urban Structure Schedule as they are recognized by Council

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# PROPOSED URBAN STRUCTURE

**The urban structure combines all of these elements:**

- Natural Heritage System;
- Parkway Belt and Greenbelt;
- Public Parks and Open Space, Cemeteries;
- Urban River Valleys;
- Waterfront Enhancement Area;
- A system of Nodes and Corridors including additional/expanded nodes and Main Street Areas;
- Major Commercial Areas;
- Utility Corridors;
- Employment Areas with an “Employment Mixed Use Corridor” along Speers/Cornwall;
- Residential Areas;
- Enhanced Transportation System with connectivity for all modes of transportation including transit, walking and biking;
- Heritage Conservation Districts; and Cultural Heritage Landscapes



# Next Steps & Timeline

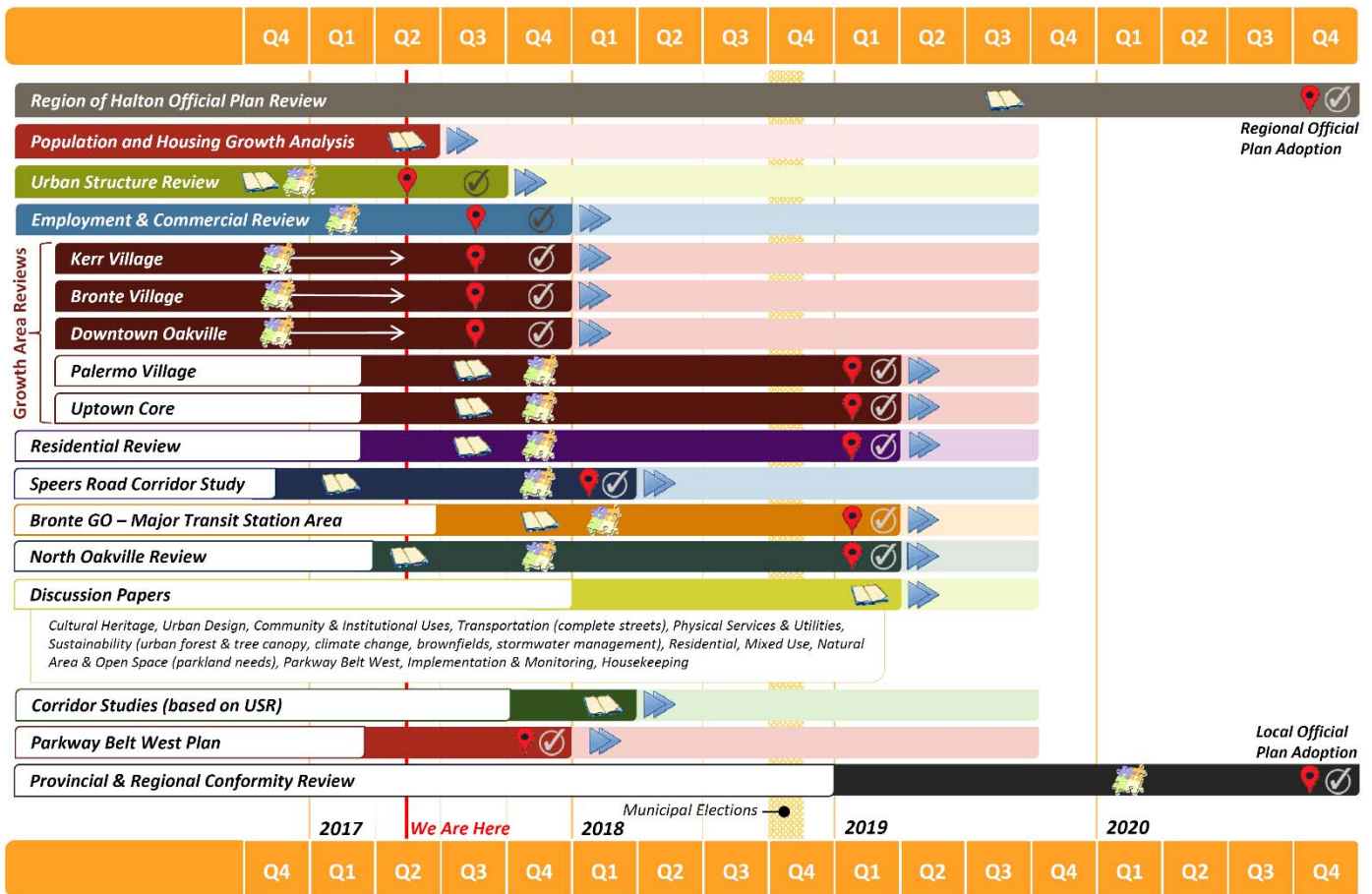
## Urban Structure Review

Statutory Public Meeting: June 12, 2017 Planning and Development Council

Decision Meeting before Council on the Official Plan Amendments: Fall 2017

### Official Plan Review

The projects of the five-year Official Plan Review will be completed in conjunction with the evolving provincial and regional planning landscapes. Changes to Oakville's documents will be made based on public input and technical analysis. Below is a figure representing the Official Plan Review Work Plan and predicted timing.



Regional Official Plan Adoption

Local Official Plan Adoption



Directions Report



Public Consultation &/or Draft OPA



Statutory Public Meeting



Decision Meeting



Active Project / Feed into Conformity Review

UPDATED: May 1, 2017

Comments & questions? Contact us. PlanOakville [plan@oakville.ca](mailto:plan@oakville.ca)



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