

**Official Plan Amendment Number ##
to the Town of Oakville's Halton Regional Official Plan**

Constitutional Statement

The details of the amendment, as contained in Part 2 of this text, constitute Official Plan Amendment Number ## (OPA ##) to the Halton Regional Official Plan.

Part 1 – Preamble

A. Subject Lands

The proposed amendment applies to Regional Employment Areas in the Halton Regional Official Plan.

B. Purpose and Effect

The purpose of the proposed Official Plan Amendment (OPA) is to modify the text of the Halton Regional Official Plan to address provincial legislation changes that changed the definition of “area of employment” in the *Planning Act* and the new Provincial Planning Statement, 2024.

The effect of the proposed amendment to the Halton Regional Official Plan is to:

- a) Repeal section 83, Employment Areas; and,
- b) Have the Halton Regional Official Plan refer to the Town's Local Official Plans for policies relating to employment lands.

C. Background and Basis

- Provincial changes to the definitions of “area of employment” in the *Planning Act* and “employment areas” in the Provincial Planning Statement, 2024 came into effect on October 20, 2024. The intent of these changes was to increase the supply of lands for housing and to prioritize protected “areas of employment” for traditional (industrial) employment uses.
- In November 2022, Bill 23, *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022*, was introduced by the Province. The legislation identified Halton Region as an “upper-tier municipality without planning responsibilities”. In accordance with Bill 185, *Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024*, this change to the Region's role came into effect on July 1, 2024. This change means that the Halton Regional Official Plan is no longer a Regional Plan and is now an additional Local Plan of the Town of Oakville.

- The Town of Oakville's Official Plans must conform to or be consistent with the *Planning Act* and the Provincial Planning Statement, 2024, which necessitated a comprehensive Employment Areas Review.
- The Town of Oakville retained Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. and WSP Canada as the consultants for the Employment Areas Review, 2025. The completed study report informed the proposed policies for the draft Official Plan Amendment to implement the provincial changes.

Part 2 – The Amendment

A. Text Changes

The amendment includes the changes to the text of the Halton Regional Official Plan as described in the following table. In the “Description of Change” column, text that is bolded and underlined is new text to be inserted into the Halton Regional Official Plan, while text that is struck out is to be deleted from the Halton Regional Official Plan.

Item No.	Section	Description of Change
	51.3 HALTON'S REGIONAL STRUCTURE	Amend paragraph (2) as follows: Regional Employment Areas <u>Lands</u> that are subject to policies and/or conditions for development as described in Section 83 to 83.2 of this Plan and which are shown on Map 1H <u>the applicable local official plan.</u>
	83 EMPLOYMENT AREAS	Delete and replace with: <u>Refer to the applicable local official plan for policies related to Employment Lands.</u>
	83.1 EMPLOYMENT AREAS	Leave section number and delete policy in its entirety.
	83.2 EMPLOYMENT AREAS	Leave section number and delete policy in its entirety.
	Map 1H	Add the following note above the two existing notes to the left of the map: The Employment Area overlay depicted on this map is out of date. Refer to the applicable local official plan for information about the location of and policies related to employment areas.

B. Schedule Changes

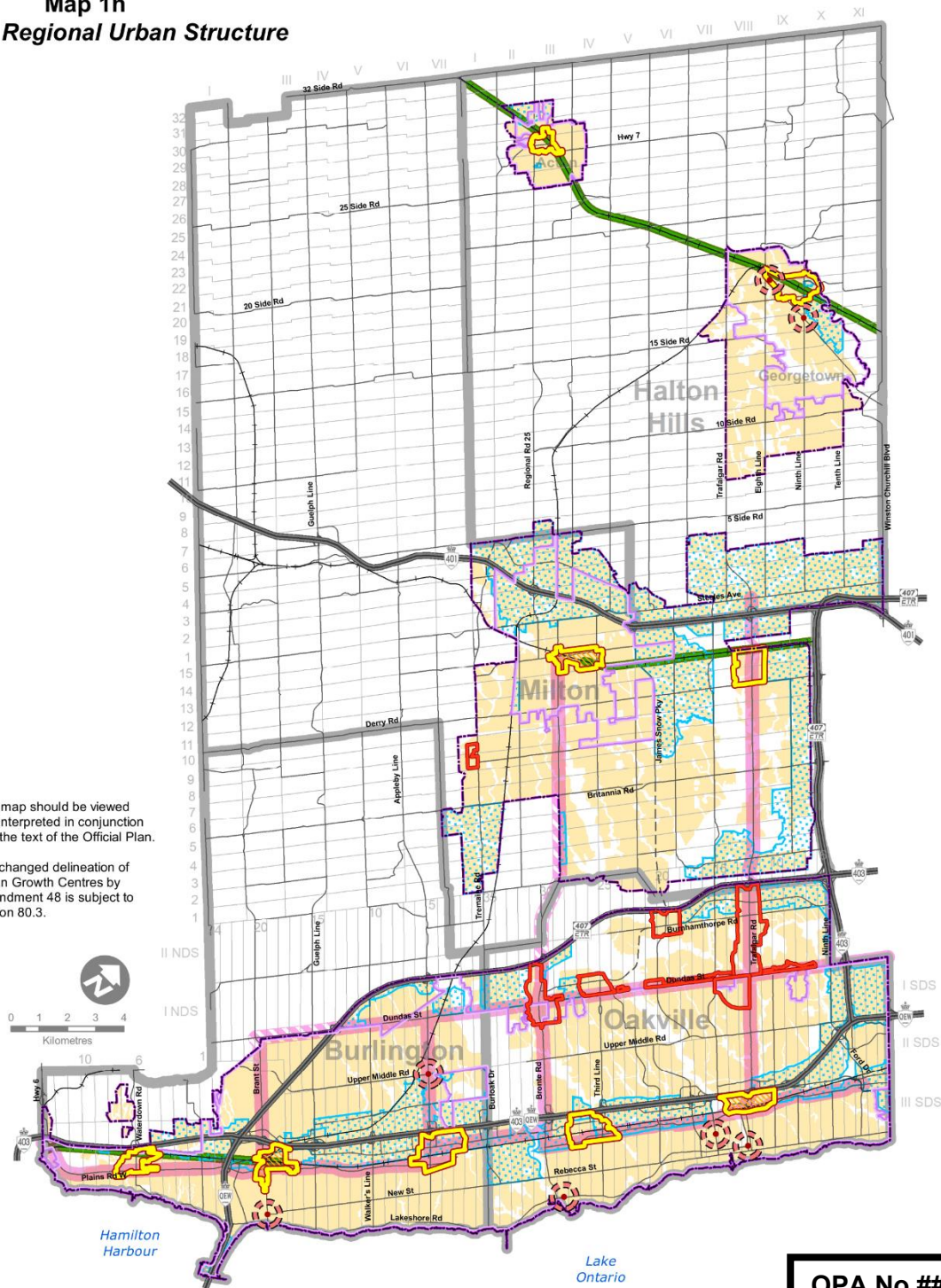
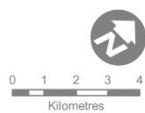
1. This Official Plan Amendment includes the modifications to the schedules to the Halton Regional Official Plan Map 1H – Regional Urban Structure as shown in **Attachment 1**.

ATTACHMENT 1 to OPA ##
Changes to Schedules
to the Halton Regional Official Plan

Map 1h
Regional Urban Structure

This map should be viewed and interpreted in conjunction with the text of the Official Plan.

The changed delineation of Urban Growth Centres by Amendment 48 is subject to section 80.3.



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- - - Proposed Major Arterial
- Major Road
- Provincial Freeway
- Lot and Concession Line
- Municipal Boundary

- Urban Area
- Built Boundary
- Employment Area
- Regional Urban Boundary
- Commuter Rail Corridor

Strategic Growth Areas

- Urban Growth Centre
- Major Transit Station Area (MTSA)
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- Secondary Regional Nodes
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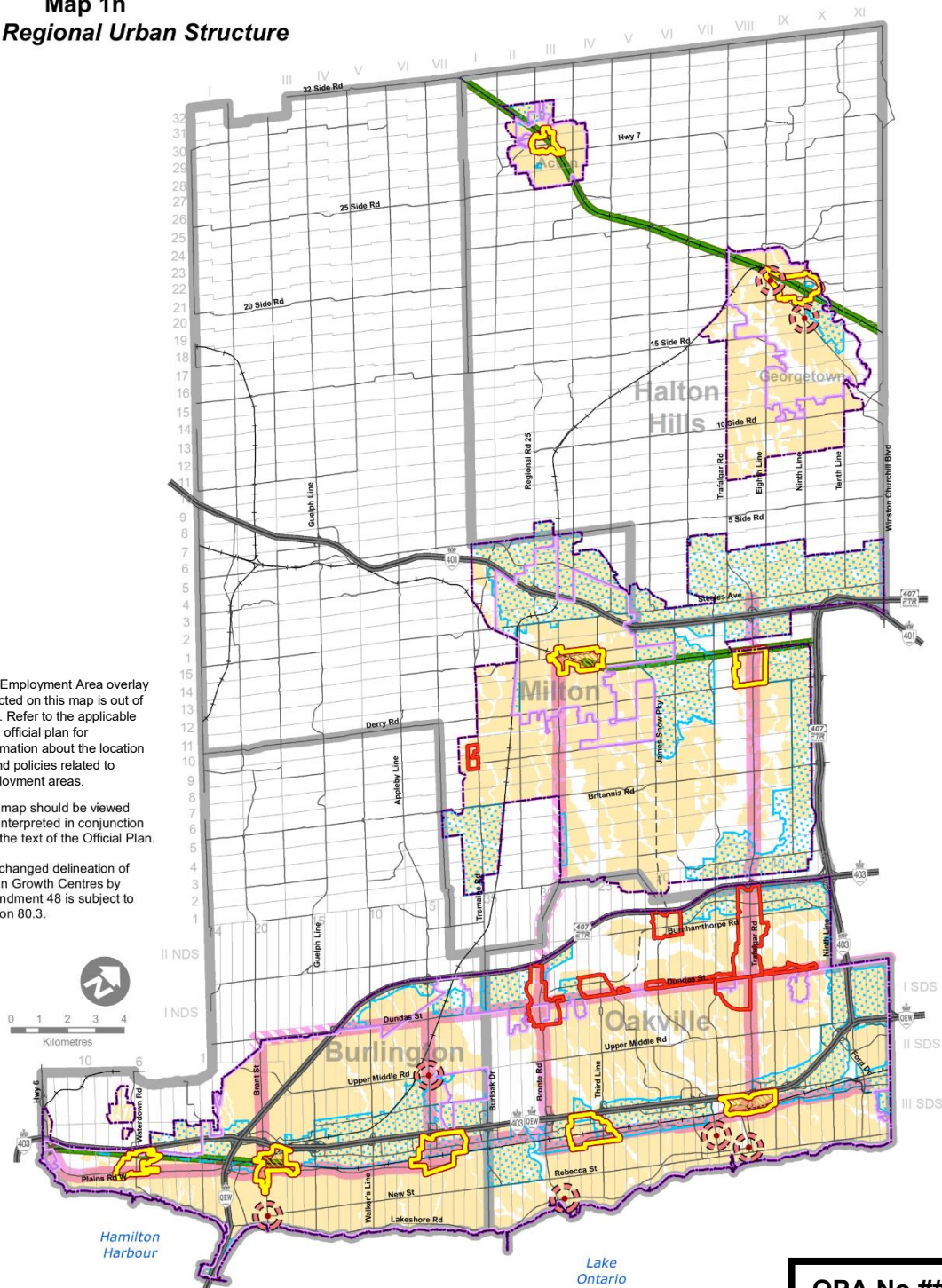
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