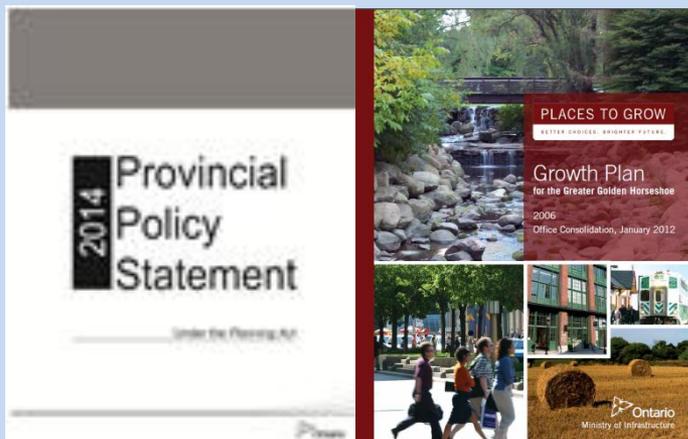


Five Year Official Plan and Municipal Comprehensive Reviews: Status Update

Planning and Growth Management Committee

January 8, 2015

Official Plan 5 Year Review



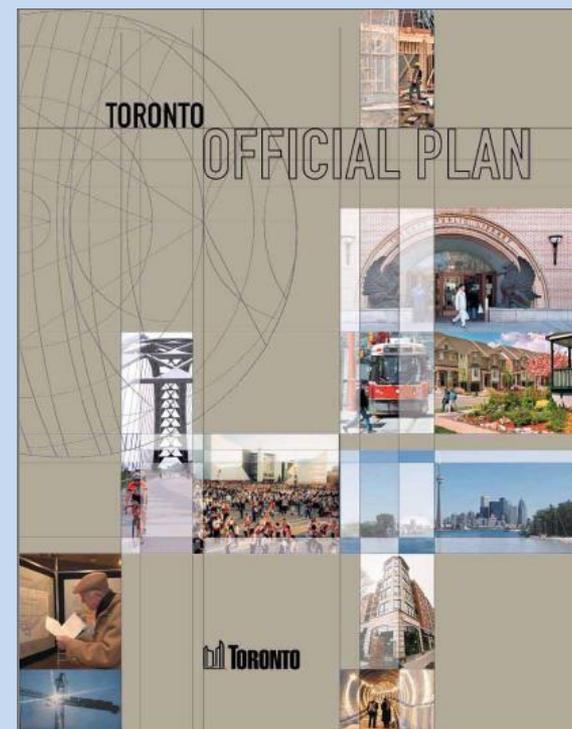
- Planning Act requires municipalities to review their Official Plans every five years to:
 - Conform with provincial plans
 - Have regard for matters of provincial interest
 - Be made consistent with Provincial Policy Statements

- Provincial Policy Statement, 2014 states that municipal Official Plans are the most important vehicle to implement the PPS
 - Requires a comprehensive review to permit conversions of employment areas

- Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe is the regional 25-year plan guiding growth
 - Requires a Municipal Comprehensive Review to apply the policies of the Growth Plan

Official Plan Timeline

- 2002: Council adopted Official Plan for new City of Toronto
- 2003: Province approves Toronto Official Plan
- June 2006: OMB brings Official Plan into force
- May 2011: City commences 5 year review of Official Plan. Review to be undertaken by thematic topic areas.



Official Plan 5 Year Review

Policy Area	Council approval	Ministerial approval	Status
Heritage	Yes	Yes	Appealed to OMB
Economic policies, Employment Area	Yes	Yes	Appealed to OMB
Transportation (does not include transit)	Yes	Yes	Within appeal period
Neighbourhoods, Apartment Neighbourhoods	Draft policies endorsed for consultation	n/a	Draft policies consultation concluded
Environment	Draft policies endorsed for consultation	n/a	Draft policies consultation concluded
Urban Design	Policy Directions endorsed for consultation	n/a	First round consultation concluded

Official Plan Heritage Policies



- New Official Plan policies required to implement the 2005 Ontario Heritage Act
 - Protection of important views added to Official Plan
- Policies were adopted by Council in April 2013 and approved by Province in November 2013 and are currently at the Ontario Municipal Board
- OMB hearing scheduled for March 23, 2015
- Report on mediated settlement proposals at February 24 PGMC meeting
- New City policies were awarded the 2013 National Award of Excellence from the Canadian Association of Heritage Professionals

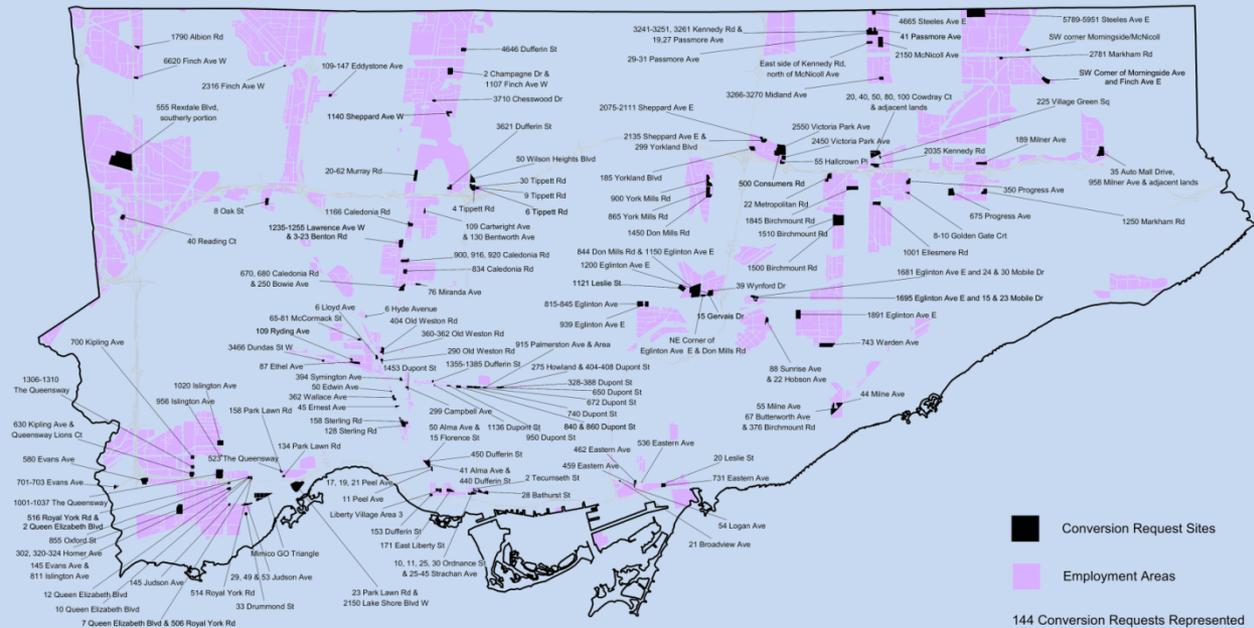
Official Plan Review of Employment Areas / Economic Policies

- Council adopted OPA 231 in Dec. 2013 to preserve 97% of Employment Areas for business and employment growth.
- New office policies promote office growth on rapid transit.
- In July 2014 the Province approved the amendment.
- Subject to 178 OMB appeals.
- OMB prehearing scheduled for March 12 and 13, 2015



Official Plan Review of Employment Areas / Economic Policies

- 146 requests to convert Employment Areas for “sensitive” uses – primarily residential development.
- Council refused 2/3 of the requests.
- Conversion requests make up majority of OMB appeals



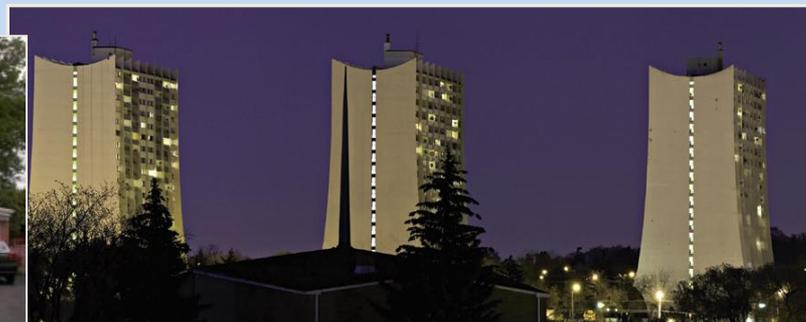
Transportation Policies



- August 2014: Council adopts revised OP policies dealing with active transportation, complete streets, and goods movement
- Policies received Provincial Approval in late December 2014
- Further report in 2015 to reflect comprehensive rapid and surface transportation plans, revised cycling policy framework

Neighbourhoods, Apartment Neighbourhoods

- August 2014: draft policies adopted for consultation purposes
- November – December 2014: Public open houses, stakeholder meetings
- Draft policy changes to implement City's Tower Renewal initiatives and expand criteria for infill in Apartment Neighbourhoods
- Draft policy changes intended to provide clarity around neighbourhood character
- Report to PGMC in 2nd quarter 2015 on consultations & proposed policies



Environment Policies



- August 2014: Council approves draft policy revisions for public consultation
- Public consultations completed in November/December 2014
- Revisions to update policies to reflect Council initiatives on climate resiliency and energy conservation and efficiency
- Proposed to add 68 newly identified Environmentally Sensitive Areas to the Official Plan
- Report on consultations and proposed Environment policies to PGMC in 2nd quarter 2015

Urban Design Policies



- Policy directions for consultation adopted by Council in August 2014
- Directions deal with policies on built form, parks and open spaces, and public realm
- Public consultation with open houses, stakeholder meetings, and city-wide pop-up events from October – December 2014
- Report to PGMC with draft urban design policies in the first half of 2015