

Niagara Official Plan: Consultation Record

Appendix 2 includes three components:

1. a summary of key steps in the development of the Niagara Official Plan;
2. a record of consultation activities; and
3. an overview of communication and outreach tools.

Part 1 – Summary of Key Steps- Development of Niagara Official Plan

| Date | Description |
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| 2017 | The Niagara Official Plan (NOP) process started in 2017 with the formulation of a budget and initiation of staff resources. |
| July 2018 | A special meeting of council was held on July 5 th , 2018 to launch the development of the new NOP, providing the public an opportunity to identify issues or concerns important to address in the development of the new NOP. |
| 2018-2020 | The NOP work has been informed by several background studies/work including: land needs and growth allocations, housing strategy, regional structure, employment lands strategy, natural environment and watershed planning, and a climate change discussion paper. |
| March 2020 | With the onset of COVID-19, planning staff had to adjust methods of consultation by administering public, stakeholder, agency and First Nations and Indigenous communities consultation by Zoom webinar. |
| August 2020 | The Province amended the Growth Plan and made changes to the provincial land needs methodology, growth allocations and changes to policies for settlement area boundary expansions outside of a municipal comprehensive review. |
| May 2021 | Draft policies were made available for review and comment on growth allocations, regional structure, housing, transportation, infrastructure, district and secondary plans, urban design, agriculture and aggregates. |
| August 2021 | Draft policies on source water protection; excess soils; petroleum and mineral resources; and performance indicators and monitoring were provided for review and comment. |
| September 2021 | A Consultation Report was prepared summarizing comments on the draft policies release. |
| November 2021 | Regional Council endorsed the Region's Employment Areas and considered employment area conversion requests. |
| December 2021 | Regional Council endorsed an approach to the Natural Environment System. In addition, the Urban and Rural Settlement Area Boundary Review recommendations were presented, and included proposed expansions, boundary rationalizations and technical adjustments. |

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| January 2022 | A draft consolidated NOP was released for consultation. Natural environment system mapping was made available online for public comment. Where new features were identified on urban properties, owners were contacted by mail. |
| March 2022 | The proposed Urban and Rural Settlement Area Boundary Review recommendations were approved for inclusion in the proposed NOP for formal consultation. |
| April 2022 | Statutory consultations required under the Planning Act were held, including an Open House on April 7 and a Public Meeting before Regional Council on April 28. |

Part 2- Record of Consultation Activities

Public Information Centres (Open Houses)

| Date | Description |
|-------------|---|
| 30-May-19 | Natural Environment (In-person: West Lincoln) |
| 06-Jun-19 | Natural Environment (In-person: Welland) |
| 06-Nov-19 | Official Plan Background Initiatives (In-person: Thorold) |
| 07-Nov-19 | Official Plan Background Initiatives (In-person: Niagara Falls) |
| 13-Nov-19 | Official Plan Background Initiatives (In-person: Grimsby) |
| 14-Nov-19 | Official Plan Background Initiatives (In-person: Fort Erie) |
| 23-Sep-20 | Natural Heritage System - Information and Options (Virtual) |
| 24-Sep-20 | Water Resource System and Watershed Plan - Information and Options (Virtual) |
| 07-Oct-20 | Growth Management - Regional Structure, Land Needs, Growth Allocations, Settlement Area Boundary Review and Housing (Virtual) |
| 08-Oct-20 | Employment Lands and Community Planning - District and Secondary Plans, Urban Design, Employment Lands (Virtual) |
| 20-Oct-20 | Agriculture, Aggregates and Archaeology - Rural and Agriculture, Mineral Aggregate Resources, Archaeology and Culture (Virtual) |
| 21-Oct-20 | Transportation and Servicing - Infrastructure, Water and Wastewater, Transportation (Virtual) |
| 09-Jun-21 | Growing Region Chapter (Virtual) |
| 10-Jun-21 | Vibrant Region Chapter (Virtual) |
| 16-Jun-21 | Competitive Region Chapter (Virtual) |
| 17-Jun-21 | Connected Region Chapter (Virtual) |
| 23-Jun-21 | Sustainable Region Chapter (Virtual) |
| 26-Jan-22 | Settlement Area Boundary Expansions (Virtual) |
| 10-Feb-22 | Natural Environment System (Virtual) |
| 24-Feb-22 | Draft Consolidated Niagara Official Plan (Virtual) |
| 07-Apr-22 | Statutory Open House: Proposed Niagara Official Plan (Virtual) |

Public Meetings

| Date | Description |
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| 05-Jul-18 | Statutory Special Regional Council Meeting: Revisions that may be required for a New Official Plan |
| 28-Apr-22 | Statutory Public Meeting: Proposed Niagara Official Plan |

Public Surveys

| Date | Description |
|-----------|---|
| 09-Jul-20 | Employment Policy Paper Survey (MetroQuest and SurveyGizmo) 106 Responses |
| 10-Sep-20 | Growth Management Survey (MetroQuest and SurveyGizmo) 219 Responses |
| Nov-20 | Niagara Watershed Plan (Goals and Objectives) 22 Responses |
| 15-Dec-20 | Official Plan - Pillars and Directives (MetroQuest and SurveyGizmo) 873 Responses |

Local Council Presentations and Workshops

| Date | Description |
|-----------|------------------------------------|
| 22-May-18 | Pelham – Presentation |
| 29-May-18 | Wainfleet – Presentation |
| 04-Jun-18 | Niagara-on-the-Lake - Presentation |
| 05-Jun-18 | Thorold – Presentation |
| 12-Jun-18 | Welland – Presentation |
| 18-Jun-18 | Fort Erie – Presentation |
| 19-Jun-18 | Niagara Falls – Presentation |
| 25-Jun-18 | Port Colborne – Presentation |
| 09-Jul-18 | Lincoln – Presentation |
| 23-Jul-18 | West Lincoln – Presentation |
| 13-Aug-18 | St. Catharines – Presentation |
| 11-Sep-18 | Grimsby – Presentation |
| 15-Apr-19 | St. Catharines – Presentation |
| 23-Apr-19 | Fort Erie – Presentation |
| 06-May-19 | Grimsby – Presentation |
| 07-May-19 | Thorold – Presentation |
| 13-May-19 | Niagara-on-the-Lake – Presentation |
| 14-May-19 | Niagara Falls – Presentation |
| 27-May-19 | Port Colborne – Presentation |
| 28-May-19 | Wainfleet – Presentation |
| 03-Jun-19 | Pelham – Presentation |

| Date | Description |
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| 10-Jun-19 | St. Catharines – Information Package (Natural Environment) |
| 10-Jun-19 | West Lincoln – Presentation |
| 11-Jun-19 | Welland – Presentation |
| 17-Jun-19 | Lincoln – Presentation |
| 09-Mar-21 | Wainfleet – Presentation (Agricultural System) |
| 22-Mar-21 | Niagara-on-the-Lake – Workshop |
| 24-Mar-21 | Pelham – Workshop |
| 24-Mar-21 | West Lincoln – Workshop |
| 25-Mar-21 | Fort Erie – Workshop |
| 25-Mar-21 | Welland – Workshop |
| 26-Mar-21 | Grimsby – Workshop |
| 26-Mar-21 | Port Colborne – Workshop |
| 31-Mar-21 | Thorold – Workshop |
| 31-Mar-21 | Wainfleet – Workshop |
| 1-Apr-21 | Lincoln – Workshop |
| 7-Apr-21 | Niagara Falls – Workshop |
| 7-Apr-21 | St. Catharines – Workshop |
| 07-Feb-22 | Lincoln – Presentation |
| 22-Feb-22 | Port Colborne – Presentation |
| 07-Mar-22 | Grimsby – Presentation |
| 08-Mar-22 | Wainfleet – Presentation |
| 22-Mar-22 | Niagara Falls – Presentation |
| 28-Mar-22 | Fort Erie – Presentation |
| 11-Apr-22 | St. Catharines – Presentation |
| 9-May-22 | West Lincoln – Presentation |
| 17-May-22 | Thorold – Presentation |

Local Planning Staff

| Date | Description |
|-------------|--|
| 24-Jul-17 | Municipal Comprehensive Review, Niagara Official Plan, Growth Plan – Employment Lands Strategy |
| 25-Aug-17 | Provincial Policy – Agricultural System and Natural Heritage System |
| 15-Sep-17 | Niagara-on-the-Lake - Planning Issues for new Niagara Official Plan |
| 28-Sep-17 | Fort Erie - Planning Issues for new Niagara Official Plan |
| 29-Sep-17 | Niagara Falls - Planning Issues for new Niagara Official Plan |
| 29-Sep-17 | Thorold - Planning Issues for new Niagara Official Plan |
| 12-Oct-17 | Pelham - Planning Issues for new Niagara Official Plan |
| 12-Oct-17 | West Lincoln - Planning Issues for new Niagara Official Plan |
| 16-Oct-17 | Grimsby - Planning Issues for new Niagara Official Plan |
| 16-Oct-17 | Lincoln - Planning Issues for new Niagara Official Plan |

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| 17-Oct-17 | Welland - Planning Issues for new Niagara Official Plan |
| 27-Oct-17 | Niagara Official Plan Update – Employment Areas and Employment Lands Strategy |
| 29-Oct-17 | St. Catharines - Planning Issues for new Niagara Official Plan |
| 03-Nov-17 | Wainfleet - Planning Issues for new Niagara Official Plan |
| 17-Nov-17 | Land Needs Methodology, Growth Plan – Agricultural Impact Assessment and Natural Heritage System |
| 26-Jan-18 | Land Needs Assessment, Process for Individual Urban Boundary Expansion Requests, Urban Structure, Employment Lands Strategy, Housing, Natural Environment, Aggregates, Agriculture, Climate Change |
| 01-Feb-18 | Individual Meetings with Local Municipal Planners - Key Issues Relative to Framing of Background Studies |
| 16-Mar-18 | Natural Environment Framework, Agriculture Framework, Climate Change Framework, Watershed Planning, MNR Species at Risk |
| 22-Jun-18 | Greenbelt Alternative Land Use Analysis, Urban Boundary Expansion Requests |
| 28-Sep-18 | Niagara Official Plan – Open Houses, Secondary Plans, 2016 Census Population |
| 25-Jan-19 | Regional Official Plan Amendment – Exemptions from Approval, Niagara Official Plan Update, Rural Lots |
| 22-Mar-19 | Niagara Official Plan Consultation Strategy, Growth Plan Comments |
| 25-Mar-19 | Niagara Housing Data Consultation Sessions |
| 26-Mar-19 | Niagara Housing Data Consultation Sessions |
| 06-Jun-19 | Housing Database/Market Analysis and Scenario Development Workshop with Area Planners and Local Municipal Staff |
| 08-Jul-19 | Fort Erie - General Official Plan, Growth Management, Natural Environment |
| 11-Jul-19 | New Growth Plan – Employment Land Conversion and Urban Expansion Criteria |
| 16-Jul-19 | Lincoln - General Official Plan, Growth Management, Natural Environment |
| 17-Jul-19 | Pelham - General Official Plan, Growth Management, Natural Environment |
| 18-Jul-19 | Thorold - General Official Plan, Growth Management, Natural Environment |
| 23-Jul-19 | St. Catharines - General Official Plan, Growth Management, Natural Environment |
| 25-Jul-19 | West Lincoln - General Official Plan, Growth Management, Natural Environment |
| 25-Jul-19 | Fort Erie – Agricultural Land Base Mapping |

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| 26-Jul-19 | Niagara Official Plan Update, Employment Land, Housing, Urban Strategy, Land Needs, Natural Environment, Agriculture, Aggregates, Climate Change |
| 26-Jul-19 | Welland - General Official Plan, Growth Management, Natural Environment |
| 30-Jul-19 | Wainfleet - General Official Plan, Growth Management, Natural Environment |
| 31-Jul-19 | Grimsby - General Official Plan, Growth Management, Natural Environment |
| 13-Aug-19 | Niagara-on-the-Lake - General Official Plan, Growth Management, Natural Environment |
| 15-Aug-19 | Port Colborne - General Official Plan, Growth Management, Natural Environment |
| 19-Aug-19 | Port Colborne – Agricultural Land Base Mapping |
| 28-Aug-19 | Niagara Falls - General Official Plan, Growth Management, Natural Environment |
| 27-Sep-19 | Niagara Official Plan – Public Information Centres, Employment Land Strategy and Regional Official Plan Amendment 16, Provincially Significant Employment Zones |
| 08-Oct-19 | Employment Strategy Municipal Workshop with Area Planners |
| 10-Oct-19 | Wainfleet – Agricultural Land Base Mapping |
| 26-Nov-19 | Thorold – Agricultural Land Base Mapping |
| 28-Nov-19 | Welland – Agricultural Land Base Mapping |
| 24-Jan-20 | Niagara Official Plan – Update on Consultation; Employment Land Strategy and Regional Official Plan Amendment 16 |
| 28-Aug-20 | Area Planners - General Official Plan |
| 11-Sep-20 | Port Colborne - General Official Plan, Growth Management, Natural Environment |
| 14-Sep-20 | Niagara Falls - General Official Plan, Growth Management, Natural Environment |
| 15-Sep-20 | St. Catharines - General Official Plan, Growth Management, Natural Environment |
| 17-Sep-20 | Fort Erie - General Official Plan, Growth Management, Natural Environment |
| 18-Sep-20 | Lincoln - General Official Plan, Growth Management, Natural Environment |
| 21-Sep-20 | Wainfleet - General Official Plan, Growth Management, Natural Environment |
| 21-Sep-20 | Fort Erie - Natural Environment Work Program |
| 21-Sep-20 | Wainfleet - Natural Environment Work Program |
| 22-Sep-20 | West Lincoln - General Official Plan, Growth Management, Natural Environment |

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| 23-Sep-20 | Grimsby - General Official Plan, Growth Management, Natural Environment |
| 25-Sep-20 | Pelham - General Official Plan, Growth Management, Natural Environment |
| 28-Sep-20 | Welland - General Official Plan, Growth Management, Natural Environment |
| 29-Sep-20 | Thorold - General Official Plan, Growth Management, Natural Environment |
| 01-Oct-20 | Niagara-on-the-Lake - General Official Plan, Growth Management, Natural Environment |
| 06-Oct-20 | Niagara Falls - General Official Plan, Growth Management, Natural Environment |
| 06-Oct-20 | Fort Erie - General Official Plan, Growth Management, Natural Environment |
| 08-Oct-20 | Township of West Lincoln - General Official Plan, Growth Management, Natural Environment |
| 09-Oct-20 | Town of Grimsby - General Official Plan, Growth Management, Natural Environment |
| 14-Oct-20 | Pelham - Technical Boundary Adjustments |
| 19-Oct-20 | West Lincoln and Wainfleet - General Official Plan, Growth Management, Natural Environment |
| 21-Oct-20 | Thorold - Technical Boundary Adjustments |
| 22-Oct-20 | Fort Erie - General Official Plan, Growth Management, Natural Environment |
| 27-Oct-20 | Thorold - General Official Plan, Growth Management, Natural Environment |
| 03-Nov-20 | St. Catharines - General Official Plan, Growth Management, Natural Environment |
| 03-Nov-20 | Fort Erie - General Official Plan, Growth Management, Natural Environment |
| 05-Nov-20 | Niagara Falls - General Official Plan, Growth Management, Natural Environment |
| 10-Nov-20 | Fort Erie - General Official Plan, Growth Management, Natural Environment |
| 19-Nov-20 | Wainfleet – Agricultural Land Base Mapping |
| 11-Feb-21 | Thorold – Agricultural Land Base Mapping |
| 18-Feb-21 | Niagara Falls - General Official Plan, Growth Management, Natural Environment |
| 18-Feb-21 | Fort Erie - General Official Plan, Growth Management, Natural Environment |
| 18-Feb-21 | Grimsby - General Official Plan, Growth Management, Natural Environment |

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| 18-Feb-21 | Lincoln - General Official Plan, Growth Management, Natural Environment |
| 19-Feb-21 | St. Catharines - General Official Plan, Growth Management, Natural Environment |
| 19-Feb-21 | Welland - General Official Plan, Growth Management, Natural Environment |
| 19-Feb-21 | Pelham - General Official Plan, Growth Management, Natural Environment |
| 19-Feb-21 | West Lincoln - General Official Plan, Growth Management, Natural Environment |
| 22-Feb-21 | Port Colborne - General Official Plan, Growth Management, Natural Environment |
| 22-Feb-21 | Thorold - General Official Plan, Growth Management, Natural Environment |
| 22-Feb-21 | Niagara-on-the-Lake - General Official Plan, Growth Management, Natural Environment |
| 22-Feb-21 | Wainfleet - General Official Plan, Growth Management, Natural Environment |
| 05-May-21 | Pelham - Natural Environment |
| 14-Oct-21 | Draft Policy and Mapping E-Mail to Local Planning Directors - Natural Environment |
| 27-Oct-21 | Local Planning Staff Workshop - Natural Environment |
| 01-Nov-21 | Local Planning Staff Workshop - Natural Environment |
| 10-May-21 | Welland - Natural Environment |
| 18-May-21 | Port Colborne - Natural Environment |
| 11-Nov-21 | Welland - Environmental Assessment |
| 14-Jun-21 | Port Colborne - Site Specific Policies |
| 17-Jun-21 | Pelham - Site Specific Policies and Technical Boundary Adjustments |
| 26-Jan-22 | Port Colborne - Natural Environment |
| 18-Jun-21 | Wainfleet - Site Specific Policies |
| 01-Feb-22 | St. Catharines - Natural Environment |
| 23-Jun-21 | Thorold - Site Specific Policies and Technical Boundary Adjustments |
| 29-Jun-21 | Lincoln - Site Specific Policies |
| 06-Jul-21 | Welland - Site Specific Policies |
| 07-Jul-21 | Niagara Falls - Site Specific Policies and Technical Boundary Adjustments |
| 08-Jul-21 | Grimsby - Site Specific Policies and Technical Boundary Adjustments |
| 15-Jul-21 | Fort Erie - Site Specific Policies and Technical Boundary Adjustments |
| 16-Jul-21 | West Lincoln - Site Specific Policies |
| 30-Jul-21 | St. Catharines - Site Specific Policies and Technical Boundary Adjustments |
| 06-Oct-21 | Lincoln, Grimsby, NEC - Technical Boundary Adjustments |
| 11-Nov-21 | Fort Erie - Natural Environment |

| Date | Description |
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| 07-Jan-22 | Chapter Review Meeting: Implementation |
| 21-Jan-22 | Chapter Review Meeting: Growing Region |
| 28-Jan-22 | Chapter Review Meeting: Sustainable Region |
| 04-Feb-22 | Chapter Review Meeting: Competitive Region |
| 25-Feb-22 | Chapter Review Meeting: Connected Region |
| 28-Feb-22 | Grimsby - Natural Environment |
| 04-Mar-22 | Chapter Review Meeting: Vibrant Region |
| Apr-22 | Niagara-on-the-Lake - Proposed Urban Boundary Technical Adjustments |

First Nations and Indigenous Communities

| Date | Description |
|-------------|---|
| 01-May-19 | Haudenosaunee Development Institute |
| 01-May-19 | Six Nations of the Grand River First Nation |
| 07-May-19 | Fort Erie Friendship Centre |
| 29-May-19 | Niagara Region Métis Council |
| 05-Jun-19 | Niagara Regional Native Centre |
| 11-Jun-19 | Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation |
| 21-Aug-19 | Haudenosaunee Development Institute |
| 21-Aug-19 | Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation |
| 11-Dec-20 | Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation |
| 26-May-21 | Six Nations of the Grand River First Nation |
| 31-May-21 | Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation |
| 09-Jun-21 | Fort Erie Friendship Centre |
| 24-Jun-21 | Niagara Regional Native Centre |
| 07-Oct-21 | Six Nations of the Grand River |
| 19-Oct-21 | Niagara Region Métis Council |
| 22-Oct-21 | Niagara Regional Native Centre |
| 11-Dec-21 | Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation |
| 14-Feb-22 | Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation |
| 25-Feb-22 | Six Nations of the Grand River |
| 01-Mar-22 | Niagara Regional Native Centre |
| 06-May-22 | Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre |
| 10-May-22 | Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation |

Youth and Young Professionals

| Date | Description |
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| 24-Aug-21 | CivicConnect Youth Advisory Committee – Official Plan Review |
| 31-Aug-21 | Mayor Youth Advisory Committees – Official Plan Review |

| Date | Description |
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| 01-Sep-21 | NEXTNiagara – Official Plan Review |
| 26-Jan-22 | Regional Chair's Youth Advisory Committee – Draft Consolidated Niagara Official Plan |
| 15-Mar-22 | CivicConnect and Other Youth Groups – Draft Consolidated Niagara Official Plan |

Planning Advisory Committee

The Planning Advisory Committee was convened in accordance with the Planning Act to provide input to the official plan development.

| Date | Description |
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| 12-Sep-18 | Welcome and Introductions, Planning Areas of Responsibility, Planning Advisory Committee – Points of Interest, Official Plan Framework and Document Structure, Official Plan Themes – Key Priority Background Studies, Urban Structure |
| 14-Nov-18 | Provincial Workshop Overview, Natural Environment, Urban Structure, Secondary Plans – Content and Performance Measures |
| 20-Mar-19 | Provincial Planning Policy Restructuring, Update on Employment Lands Strategy, Performance Measures/Urban Structure and Secondary Plans |
| 22-May-19 | Natural Environment Work Program |
| 14-Aug-19 | Housing Strategy, Draft Vision and Directives |
| 23-Oct-19 | Archaeological Management Plan, Employment Lands Strategy, Vision and Directives, Proposed Provincial Policy Changes |
| 15-Jan-20 | Climate Change, Official Plan Consultation Feedback |
| 16-Sep-20 | Updates on Growth Management and Natural Heritage & Water Systems Background Work |
| 16-Sep-20 | Natural Environment Work Program |
| 02-Jun-21 | Growing Region Chapter |
| 24-Jun-21 | Competitive Region Chapter |
| 07-Jul-21 | Connected Region Chapter |
| 21-Jul-21 | Vibrant Region Chapter |
| 25-Aug-21 | Natural Environment System |
| 02-Mar-22 | Draft Consolidated Niagara Official Plan |

Agricultural Policy and Action Committee

| Date | Description |
|-------------|----------------------------------|
| 22-Feb-19 | Natural Environment Work Program |
| 25-Sep-20 | Natural Environment Work Program |
| 26-Feb-21 | Agricultural Land Base Mapping |
| 30-Apr-21 | Agricultural System Overview |

| Date | Description |
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| 24-Sep-21 | Draft Agricultural System Policies |
| 04-Mar-22 | Draft Consolidated Niagara Official Plan |

Interest Groups

| Date | Description |
|-----------|---|
| 15-Sep-17 | Meeting with Greater Niagara Chamber of Commerce |
| 03-May-19 | Workshop with Development Community, Consultants, and Local Planning Staff (Natural Environment Work Program) |
| 16-May-19 | Workshop with Agricultural Community (Natural Environment Work Program) |
| 16-May-19 | Workshop with Environmental Stakeholder Groups (Natural Environment Work Program) |
| 10-Oct-19 | Employment Strategy Industry Workshop with Industry Stakeholders |
| 25-Feb-20 | Employment Area Strategy Update and Q/A Session with Industry Stakeholders |
| 18-Sep-20 | Stakeholder Workshop - Development Community & Planning and Ecological Consultants (Natural Environment Work Program) |
| 21-Sep-20 | Stakeholder Workshop – Agricultural Community (Natural Environment Work Program) |
| 22-Sep-20 | Stakeholder Workshop – Environmental Stakeholder Groups (Natural Environment Work Program) |
| 30-Sep-20 | Participate in Trout's Unlimited 12 Mile Creek Subwatershed Study Meeting (Natural Environment Work Program) |
| 04-Nov-20 | Meeting with Niagara Regional Development Industry Engagement Group |
| 11-Jan-21 | Meeting with Niagara Regional Development Industry Engagement Group |
| 4-Feb-21 | Presentation to NOTL Irrigation Committee |
| 23-Feb-21 | Meeting with Niagara Regional Development Industry Engagement Group |
| 22-Mar-21 | Meeting with Niagara Regional Development Industry Engagement Group |
| 07-May-21 | Meeting with Niagara Regional Development Industry Engagement Group |
| 17-May-21 | Meeting with Niagara Regional Development Industry Engagement Group |
| 19-Jul-21 | Meeting with Niagara Regional Development Industry Engagement Group |
| 16-Aug-21 | Meeting with Niagara Regional Development Industry Engagement Group |
| 20-Sep-21 | Meeting with Niagara Regional Development Industry Engagement Group |

| Date | Description |
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| 15-Oct-21 | Meeting with Niagara Regional Development Industry Engagement Group |
| 18-Nov-21 | Presentation to Niagara Homebuilders (Natural Environment) |
| 18-Nov-21 | Meeting with Niagara Regional Development Industry Engagement Group |
| 01-Feb-22 | Meeting with Niagara Regional Development Industry Engagement Group |
| 29-Mar-22 | Meeting with Niagara Regional Development Industry Engagement Group |

Agencies

| Date | Description |
|-----------|--|
| 19-Oct-17 | Meeting with Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority |
| 01-Feb-18 | Meeting with Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority Staff (Natural Environment) |
| 27-Jun-18 | Meeting with Niagara Parks Commission Senior Staff (background studies for Official Plan) |
| 06-Jun-19 | Meeting with Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority Senior Staff (Natural Environment) |
| 13-Jun-19 | Meeting with Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority Technical Staff (Natural Environment) |
| 23-Jul-19 | Meeting with Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority Technical Staff (Natural Environment) |
| 18-Sep-19 | Presentation to Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority Board (Natural Environment) |
| 16-Sep-20 | Presentation to Niagara Escarpment Commission Staff (Natural Environment) |
| 17-Sep-20 | Presentation to Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority Board (Natural Environment) |
| 24-Sep-20 | Presentation to Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority Public Advisory Committee (Natural Environment) |
| 29-Sep-20 | Presentation to Niagara Parks Commission Staff (Natural Environment) |
| 29-Sep-20 | Presentation to Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority Staff (Natural Environment) |
| 19-Nov-20 | Presentation to Team Niagara* (Natural Environment) |
| 14-Jun-21 | Update to Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority Staff (Natural Environment) |
| 22-Jul-21 | Meeting with Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority Staff (Natural Environment) |
| 29-Sep-21 | Meeting with Niagara Escarpment Commission (Technical Boundary Adjustments) |

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| 14-Oct-21 | Update to Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority Senior Staff (Natural Environment) |
| 18-Oct-21 | Meeting with Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority Staff (Natural Environment) |
| 28-Oct-21 | Meeting with Niagara Parks Commission Staff (Natural Environment) |
| 03-Nov-21 | Meeting with Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority Staff (Natural Environment) |
| 9-Nov-21 | Site Visit with Niagara Parks Commission Staff (Natural Environment) |
| 18-Nov-21 | Presentation to Team Niagara* |

*Team Niagara convenes on economic development matters and includes representatives from Niagara Economic Development and the Local Area Municipalities.

Planning and Economic Development Committee & Regional Council

| Date | Description |
|-------------|---|
| 9-Nov-16 | PDS 40-2016: Regional Official Plan Update |
| 10-May-17 | PDS 19-2017: Bill 73 Requirement: Planning Advisory Committee |
| 29-Nov-17 | PDS 41-2017: High Level Official Plan Process Framework |
| 31-Jan-18 | PDS 6-2018: Natural Environment Project Initiation Report |
| 31-Jan-18 | PDS 7-2018: Agricultural Project Initiation Report |
| 21-Feb-18 | PDS 3-2018: New Official Plan Update |
| 25-Apr-18 | PDS 17-2018: Agricultural Framework |
| 25-Apr-18 | PDS 18-2018: Natural Environment – Project Framework |
| 25-Apr-18 | PDS 19-2018: Recommended Membership for Planning Advisory Committee |
| 16-May-18 | PDS 22-2018: Climate Change Framework- New Regional Official Plan |
| 16-May-18 | PDS 21-2018: Municipal Comprehensive Review Update: New Regional Official Plan & Growth Management Program |
| 20-Feb-19 | PDS 10-2019: Update on Natural Environment Work Program – New Regional Official Plan |
| 20-Mar-19 | PDS 9-2019: New Official Plan Consultation Timeline Framework |
| 17-Apr-19 | PDS 17-2019: Niagara Housing Statement: Affordable Housing Data |
| 10-Jul-19 | PDS 27-2019: Niagara Housing Statement Final Summary Report |
| 11-Sep-19 | PDS 33-2019: Growth Management Program Update for New Regional Official Plan |
| 9-Oct-19 | PDS 35-2019: Employment Policies Update: Project Initiation Report |
| 6-Nov-19 | PDS 32-2019: Natural Environment Work Program – Phases 2 & 3: Mapping and Watershed Planning Discussion Papers and Comprehensive Background Study |
| 06-Nov-19 | PDS 37-2019: Growth Scenario Analysis Related to the Regional Housing Strategy |

| Date | Description |
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| 15-Jan-20 | PDS 1-2020: New Niagara Official Plan – Public Consultation Summary |
| 12-Feb-20 | PDS 3-2020: Ecological Land Classification Mapping Update |
| 11-Mar-20 | PDS 9-2020: Niagara Official Plan – Consultation Details and Revised Framework |
| 13-May-20 | PDS 14-2020: Niagara Region's Employment Area Strategy: Background Report & Recommendations |
| 15-Jul-20 | PDS 21-2020: Updated Employment Work Program for the New Niagara Official Plan |
| 15-Jul-20 | PDS 26-2020: Natural Environment Work Program – Phase 4: Identification and Evaluation of Options |
| 9-Sep-20 | PDS 29-2020: Settlement Area Boundary Review Program: Growth Plan Forecasts and Land Needs Assessment Update |
| 9-Sep-20 | PDS 28-2020: Regional Structure Background Report |
| 9-Dec-20 | PDS 35-2020: Niagara Official Plan Consultation Update |
| 9-Dec-20 | PDS 33-2020: Ecological Land Classification Mapping Project |
| 9-Dec-20 | PDS 38-2020: Growth Management Survey Results |
| 13-Jan-21 | PDS 4-2021: Niagara Official Plan - Steps and Directions Moving Forward |
| 13-Jan-21 | PDS 6-2021: Climate Change Work Program Update |
| 17-Feb-21 | PDS 1-2021: Natural Environment Work Program – 2nd Point of Engagement |
| 17-Feb-21 | PDS 7-2021: Niagara Official Plan Process and Local Municipality Conformity |
| 6-May-21 | Presentation to Committee of the Whole: Natural Environment |
| 16-May-21 | PDS 17-2021: Niagara Official Plan Consolidated Policy Report |
| 16-May-21 | PDS 12-2018: State of Aggregate Resources in Niagara Region - Technical Addendum |
| 16-Jun-21 | PDS 30-2021: Niagara Watershed Plan- Draft for Consultation |
| 11-Aug-21 | PDS 32-2021: Update on Niagara Official Plan- Further Draft Policy Development |
| 11-Aug-21 | PDS 33-2021: Niagara Official Plan: Land Needs Assessment and Settlement Area Boundary Review Update |
| 10-Nov-21 | PDS 39-2021: Niagara Official Plan: Employment Area Conversion Recommendations |
| 1-Dec-21 | PDS 8-2021: Niagara Official Plan: Natural Environment System |
| 8-Dec-21 | PDS 41-2021: Niagara Official Plan: Settlement Area Boundary Review - Urban Recommendations |
| 08-Dec-21 | PDS 42-2021: Niagara Official Plan: Settlement Area Boundary Review - Rural Recommendations |
| 12-Jan-22 | PEDC Presentation - Official Plan Update |
| 09-Mar-22 | PDS 6-2022: Official Plan: Preferred Urban Settlement Area Recommendations |

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| 09-Mar-22 | PDS 7-2022: Official Plan: Preferred Rural Settlement Area Recommendations |

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| 10-Oct-17 | ROPA 13 Transportation |
| 12-Dec-17 | Official Plan- General |
| 09-Mar-18 | Mineral Aggregate Resources |
| 27-Mar-18 | Niagara Economic Gateway and Natural Heritage Mapping |
| 18-Oct-18 | Official Plan- General |
| 09-Nov-18 | Natural Environment TAG |
| 22-Feb-19 | Natural Environment TAG |
| 17-Sep-19 | OMAFRA - Agricultural Land Base Mapping |
| 18-Oct-19 | Provincial Growth Plan Changes and Indigenous Consultation |
| 25-Oct-19 | Natural Environment TAG |
| 29-Apr-20 | Official Plan- General |
| 12-May-20 | Natural Environment TAG |
| 16-Sep-20 | MMAH, MNRF & MECP - Natural Environment Work Program |
| 16-Sep-20 | Natural Environment TAG- Options |
| 03-Feb-21 | Land Needs Assessment |
| 18-Mar-21 | Land Needs Assessment |
| 27-Apr-21 | Official Plan- General |
| 14-May-21 | OMAFRA - Agricultural Land Base Mapping |
| 28-May-21 | Land Needs Assessment, Excess Lands, Natural Environment |
| 23-Jun-21 | Settlement Area Boundary Review, Land Needs Assessment |
| 26-Jul-21 | Official Plan- General |
| 28-Jul-21 | District and Secondary Plans |
| 12-Aug-21 | Official Plan Timelines and Provincial Review |
| 14-Sep-21 | High Level Provincial Input |
| 19-Oct-21 | Official Plan and Settlement Area Boundary Review Update |
| 03-Dec-21 | Official Plan Submission and Settlement Area Boundary Review |
| 28-Jan-22 | Growth Plan Natural Heritage System Refinement |
| 28-Jan-22 | Provincial Overview |
| 07-Feb-22 | Designated Greenfield Areas and Land Needs Assessment |
| 11-Feb-22 | Site Specific Policies |
| 08-Mar-22 | Growth Plan Natural Heritage System Refinement |
| 24-Mar-22 | Technical Overview |

Mineral Aggregate Resources

| Date | Description |
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| 2-Apr-14 | PDS 3-2014 – Aggregates Project Initiation Report |
| 10-Nov-14 | Meeting with West Lincoln |
| Nov-14 | Meeting with Industry Representatives |
| 8-Dec-14 | Public Workshops (2 Sessions – AM & PM) |
| 10-Dec-14 | Meeting with Ontario Stone Sand & Gravel Association (OSSGA) |
| 25-Nov-15 | PDS 40-2015 – State of Aggregate Report (referred back) |
| 06-Jan-16 | PDS-C 3-2016 – State of Aggregate Report (minor modifications) |
| 9-Apr-18 | Meeting with Ontario Stone Sand & Gravel Association (OSSGA) |
| 16-May-18 | PDS 12-18 – Technical Addendum |

Part 3 – Communication and Outreach Tools

| Tool | Description |
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| Project Website | A project webpage niagararegion.ca/official-plan/ was used to provide information and updates on the development of the new official plan. It included background studies, discussion papers, draft policy, staff reports, project timelines, recent updates, consultation opportunities, and more. |
| Project Email | A project email makingourmark@niagararegion.ca was used to share information with project partners and agencies, and receive comments, questions and written submissions throughout the duration of the project. |
| Comment Form | In addition to the project email noted above, a comment form was available on the project webpage to facilitate the submission of comments on the official plan development. |
| Project Update Subscription | Interested individuals had the ability to sign up for project updates through the webpage. As of May 2022, there were 1110 subscribers. Region staff provided updates to project subscribers 24 times over the course of the project. |
| Newspaper Ads | Newspaper ads were published in local newspapers in all 12 municipalities to invite participation in both statutory and non-statutory consultations, including a statutory Special Council Meeting, statutory Public Meeting, statutory Open House and more than 20 non-statutory Open Houses. |

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| Social Media | The Region's Facebook Page and Twitter Account were used to promote consultation activities and target select demographics who may not be reached through traditional Media. |
| Indigenous Sharing Portal | A SharePoint site was used to share information with First Nations and Indigenous communities who expressed interest in participating in the development of the new official plan. |
| Planning Advisory Committee Portal | A SharePoint site was used to share information with the Planning Advisory Committee, which was established under the Planning Act to provide input on the official plan development. |