



**Notice of Decision to Adopt  
Regional Official Plan Amendment 13 (ROPA 13)  
Transportation Update**

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Take Notice that the Council of the Regional Municipality of Niagara passed By-law Number 2019-77 "A By-law to Provide for the Adoption of Amendment 13 to the Official Plan for the Niagara Planning Area to Update the Transportation Policies and Mapping" on October 17, 2019.

**PURPOSE AND EFFECT**

The purpose and effect of the By-law is to make changes to the Regional Official Plan in accordance with Section 26 of the *Planning Act, 1990*.

Specifically, ROPA 13 seeks to support the goals, vision, and recommendations identified in the Niagara Region Transportation Master Plan, and to ensure conformity with Provincial planning policy, including the 2019 A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe. The amendment introduces new transportation policies that replaces the current policies within Chapter 9 of the Regional Official Plan, as well as updates the Plan's other related transportation policies, schedules and definitions.

A public Open House to provide information on ROPA 13 was held on November 8, 2017, followed by a statutory public meeting on June 6, 2018. A comprehensive comment and response matrix, as well as a summary of the revisions made to the final draft of the amendment, is included in the final Recommendation Report (Report No. PDS 36-2019). All comments received at the public meeting and through the prescribed circulation were considered as part of the planning review.

**APPROVAL AUTHORITY**

As outlined in subsection 17(1) of the *Planning Act, 1990*, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing is the approval authority for amendments processed as a conformity exercise under subsection 26(1) of the Act. As such, ROPA 13, as adopted, will be submitted to the Minister for a decision as required by subsection 17(31) of the *Planning Act, 1990*.

Any person or public body is entitled to receive notice of the decision from the approval authority if a written request be notified of the decision (including the person or public body's address, fax number or email address) is made to the approval authority:

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Central Municipal Services Office  
c/o Lorelea Tulloch  
College Park 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
777 Bay Street  
Toronto, Ontario M5G 2E5

The Ministry will give written notice of its decision to those persons or public bodies that submitted a request to be notified of the decision.

Take Notice that as of April 3, 2018, through the *Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act, 2017*, no appeals can be made with respect to a decision on a new Official Plan or Official Plan Amendment brought forward under Section 26 of the *Planning Act, 1990*.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Additional information, including a copy of ROPA 13, and Regional Council's decision is available to the public for inspection in the offices of the Planning and Development Services Department at the Regional Municipality of Niagara Administration Building, 1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Telephone: (905) 980-6000 or 1-800-263-7215) or online at [www.niagararegion.ca/ropa13](http://www.niagararegion.ca/ropa13). Alternatively, please contact Alexandria Tikky, Planner, Long-Range Planning, at 905-980-6000 ext. 3593 for further information.

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