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Subject: Draft Niagara Official Plan Policies For Review and Comment

Good Day:

The Niagara Region is developing a new Official Plan (Niagara Official Plan) to guide how Niagara will grow and develop over the next 30 years. Report PDS 17-2021 has been prepared as part of the ongoing work for the Niagara Official Plan (NOP).

The link below will take you to Report PDS 17-2021 and several appendices, which contain Executive Overviews and draft policies for several Sections of the NOP, as well as status updates for Sections for which draft policies have not been developed yet. Many of the policies drafted relate to growth management, servicing, agriculture and aggregates.

Draft policies have not yet been developed for a Natural Environment System, Watershed Planning, Climate Change and Archaeology. Updates are provided on each of these topics. Further, the NOP Introduction and Implementation Sections, including consultation policies, will be developed at a later date.

Additionally, there is significant background to inform the selection of a Natural Environment System option.

Link: https://www.niagararegion.ca/official-plan/consolidated-policy-report.aspx

Please also note, Regional staff will be holding a series of Public Information Sessions PICS) in June 2021 to present important draft policy content/ directions and answer questions. Please check out the website after May 20, 2021 for information pertaining to the PICs should you wish to attend.

The Region seeks comments by **July 2**, **2021.** This will allow Staff to consider those comments and report on them in the summer and fall. Addition draft policy will be provided for consultation and opportunity for input.

Best Regards,

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