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Good afternoon,

<u>Public notice</u> regarding upcoming Statutory Open House and Public Meetings for the new proposed Niagara Official Plan has been issued. The Niagara Official Plan sets out how the region will grow and develop, what resources will be protected and the policy tools for success.

Extensive consultation has occurred at various points over the last three years, and a final Plan is now available for review at <u>https://www.niagararegion.ca/official-plan/proposed-plan.aspx</u>.

The new Plan covers the entirety of Niagara Region and has been prepared under section 26 of the *Planning Act* to comprehensively apply provincial policy, including the Provincial Policy Statement (2020), A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (2019), Greenbelt Plan (2017) and Niagara Escarpment Plan (2017). Background studies and supporting material are available on the Region's website at https://www.niagararegion.ca/official-plan/default.aspx.

Tracked change versions of the policies are also available through the Region's file sharing program MoveIT. You will receive a separate email from "Niagara Region MoveIT" with your log-in credentials, as well as a separate email from <u>lindsey.morin@niagararegion.ca</u> indicating a "New Package Is Waiting". Please contact us if you wish to access the tracked change policies and are having trouble with the MoveIT platform.

Please review the final Plan in terms of the policies and programs of your agency and provide comments by **April 28, 2022.** The target adoption date for the new Niagara Official Plan is June 2022 so the Plan can be forwarded to the Province, being the approval authority, to meet the July 1, 2022 deadline. If you have any questions, please let us know.

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