

DECISION

With respect to the City of Hamilton Official Plan Amendment No. 34 Subsection 17(34) of the *Planning Act*

I hereby approve Official Plan Amendment No. 34 to the Rural Hamilton Official Plan, as adopted by the City of Hamilton by By-law 22-146, subject to the following modifications, with additions to text in **bold underline** and deletions to text in **~~bold strikethrough~~**:

Text Modifications

1. Policy B.2.1 in Section 4.1.1 of Official Plan Amendment No. 34, Appendix A – Volume 1: Chapter B – Communities is modified so that it reads:

Communities in the *rural area* of the City of Hamilton can be defined in multiple ways. Land use definitions of *communities* include:

- a) the *urban boundary* which delineates the urban area from the *rural area*. The urban boundary is delineated through the Urban Hamilton Official Plan. **~~It is the intent of the City of Hamilton to maintain a firm urban boundary. Lands shall not be removed from the boundaries of Rural Hamilton and added to the Urban Area;~~** and,...

2. [New] Policy D.2.2.1 is added to the Rural Hamilton Official Plan, Volume 1: Chapter D – Rural Systems, Designations and Resources as shown below and policies D.2.2.1 to D.2.2.4 are renumbered accordingly:

Lands designated Agriculture shall not be redesignated for non-agricultural uses, except for expansions to the *urban boundary* through a municipal comprehensive review in accordance with the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe.

3. Policy D.3.2.1 in Section 4.1.2 of Official Plan Amendment No. 34, Appendix B – Volume 1: Chapter D – Rural Systems, Designations and Resources is modified so that it reads:

Lands designated Specialty Crop shall not be redesignated for *non-agricultural uses*, **except for expansions to the *urban boundary* through a municipal comprehensive review in accordance with the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe.**

4. Policy D.4.2.1 in Section 4.1.2 of Official Plan Amendment No. 34, Appendix B – Volume 1: Chapter D – Rural Systems, Designations and Resources is modified so that it reads:

Lands designated Rural shall not be redesignated for uses not permitted by the policies of this Plan, **except for expansions to the *urban boundary* through a municipal comprehensive review in accordance with the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe.**

Modifications to Schedules and Appendices

5. The Urban Boundary in Section 4.1.3 a) of Official Plan Amendment No. 34, Appendix C – Volume 1: Schedule A – Provincial Plans is modified by adding the lands shown as Urban Expansion Area – Neighbourhoods and Urban Expansion Area – Employment Areas to the Urban Boundary, as shown in Appendix A attached hereto.
6. The Urban Boundary in Section 4.1.3 b) of Official Plan Amendment No. 34, Appendix D – Volume 1: Schedule B - Natural Heritage Systems is modified by adding the lands shown as Urban Expansion Area – Neighbourhoods and Urban Expansion Area – Employment Areas to the Urban Boundary, as shown in Appendix A attached hereto.

7. The Urban Boundary in Section 4.1.3 c) of Official Plan Amendment No. 34, Appendix E – Volume 1: Schedule B-1 - Detailed Natural Heritage Features Life Science ANSI is modified by adding the lands shown as Urban Expansion Area – Neighbourhoods and Urban Expansion Area – Employment Areas to the Urban Boundary, as shown in Appendix A attached hereto.
8. The Urban Boundary in Section 4.1.3 d) of Official Plan Amendment No. 34, Appendix F – Volume 1: Schedule B-2 - Detailed Natural Heritage Features Significant Woodlands is modified by adding the lands shown as Urban Expansion Area – Neighbourhoods and Urban Expansion Area – Employment Areas to the Urban Boundary, as shown in Appendix A attached hereto.
9. The Urban Boundary in Section 4.1.3 e) of Official Plan Amendment No. 34, Appendix G – Volume 1: Schedule B-3 - Detailed Natural Heritage Features Alvar and Tallgrass Prairie is modified by adding the lands shown as Urban Expansion Area – Neighbourhoods and Urban Expansion Area – Employment Areas to the Urban Boundary, as shown in Appendix A attached hereto.
10. The Urban Boundary in Section 4.1.3 f) of Official Plan Amendment No. 34, Appendix H – Volume 1: Schedule B-4 - Detailed Natural Heritage Features Key Hydrologic Feature is modified by adding the lands shown as Urban Expansion Area – Neighbourhoods and Urban Expansion Area – Employment Areas to the Urban Boundary, as shown in Appendix A attached hereto.
11. The Urban Boundary in Section 4.1.3 g) of Official Plan Amendment No. 34, Appendix I – Volume 1: Schedule B-5 - Detailed Natural Heritage Features Lakes and Littoral Zone is modified by adding the lands shown as Urban Expansion Area – Neighbourhoods and Urban Expansion Area – Employment Areas to the Urban Boundary, as shown in Appendix A attached hereto.
12. The Urban Boundary in Section 4.1.3 h) of Official Plan Amendment No. 34, Appendix J – Volume 1: Schedule B-6 - Detailed Natural Heritage Features Environmentally Significant Areas is modified by adding the lands shown as Urban Expansion Area – Neighbourhoods and Urban Expansion Area – Employment Areas to the Urban Boundary, as shown in Appendix A attached hereto.
13. The Urban Boundary in Section 4.1.3 i) of Official Plan Amendment No. 34, Appendix K – Volume 1: Schedule B-7 - Detailed Natural Heritage Features Local Natural Area Earth Science ANSI is modified by adding the lands shown as Urban Expansion Area – Neighbourhoods and Urban Expansion Area – Employment Areas to the Urban Boundary, as shown in Appendix A attached hereto.
14. The Urban Boundary in Section 4.1.3 j) of Official Plan Amendment No. 34, Appendix L – Volume 1: Schedule B-8 - Detailed Natural Heritage Features Key Hydrologic Features Streams is modified by adding the lands shown as Urban Expansion Area – Neighbourhoods and Urban Expansion Area – Employment Areas to the Urban Boundary, as shown in Appendix A attached hereto.
15. The Urban Boundary in Section 4.1.3 k) of Official Plan Amendment No. 34, Appendix M – Volume 1: Schedule C - Functional Road Classifications is modified by adding the lands shown as Urban Expansion Area – Neighbourhoods and Urban Expansion Area – Employment Areas to the Urban Boundary, as shown in Appendix A attached hereto.
16. The Urban Boundary in Section 4.1.3 l) of Official Plan Amendment No. 34, Appendix N – Volume 1: Schedule D - Rural Land Use Designations is modified by adding the lands shown as Urban Expansion Area – Neighbourhoods and Urban Expansion Area – Employment Areas to the Urban Boundary, as shown in Appendix A attached hereto.
17. The Urban Boundary in Section 4.1.3 m) of Official Plan Amendment No. 34, Appendix O – Volume 1: Schedule F - Airport Influence Area is modified by adding the lands shown as Urban

Expansion Area – Neighbourhoods and Urban Expansion Area – Employment Areas to the Urban Boundary, as shown in Appendix A attached hereto.

18. The Urban Boundary in Section 4.1.3 n) of Official Plan Amendment No. 34, Appendix P – Volume 1: Schedule G - Source Protection Vulnerable Area is modified by adding the lands shown as Urban Expansion Area – Neighbourhoods and Urban Expansion Area – Employment Areas to the Urban Boundary, as shown in Appendix A attached hereto.
19. The Urban Boundary in Section 4.1.4 a) of Official Plan Amendment No. 34, Appendix Q – Volume 1: Appendix A - Parks Classification is modified by adding the lands shown as Urban Expansion Area – Neighbourhoods and Urban Expansion Area – Employment Areas to the Urban Boundary, as shown in Appendix A attached hereto.
20. The Urban Boundary in Section 4.1.4 b) of Official Plan Amendment No. 34, Appendix R – Volume 1: Appendix C - Non-Renewable Resources is modified by adding the lands shown as Urban Expansion Area – Neighbourhoods and Urban Expansion Area – Employment Areas to the Urban Boundary, as shown in Appendix A attached hereto.
21. The Urban Boundary in Section 4.1.4 c) of Official Plan Amendment No. 34, Appendix S – Volume 1: Appendix C-1 - Non-Renewable Resources - Gas and Petroleum Wells is modified by adding the lands shown as Urban Expansion Area – Neighbourhoods and Urban Expansion Area – Employment Areas to the Urban Boundary, as shown in Appendix A attached hereto.
22. The Urban Boundary in Section 4.1.4 d) of Official Plan Amendment No. 34, Appendix T – Volume 1: Appendix D - Noise Exposure Forecast Contours and Primary Airport Zoning Regulations is modified by adding the lands shown as Urban Expansion Area – Neighbourhoods and Urban Expansion Area – Employment Areas to the Urban Boundary, as shown in Appendix A attached hereto.
23. The Urban Boundary in Section 4.1.4 e) of Official Plan Amendment No. 34, Appendix U – Volume 1: Appendix Volume 1: Appendix E - Former Landfill Sites is modified by adding the lands shown as Urban Expansion Area – Neighbourhoods and Urban Expansion Area – Employment Areas to the Urban Boundary, as shown in Appendix A attached hereto.
24. The Urban Boundary in Section 4.1.4 f) of Official Plan Amendment No. 34, Appendix V – Volume 1: Appendix F - Rural Cultural Heritage Resources is modified by adding the lands shown as Urban Expansion Area – Neighbourhoods and Urban Expansion Area – Employment Areas to the Urban Boundary, as shown in Appendix A attached hereto.
25. The Urban Boundary in Section 4.1.4 g) of Official Plan Amendment No. 34, Appendix W – Volume 1: Appendix F-2- Rural Archaeological Potential is modified by adding the lands shown as Urban Expansion Area – Neighbourhoods and Urban Expansion Area – Employment Areas to the Urban Boundary, as shown in Appendix A attached hereto.

Dated at Toronto this 4th day of November, 2022



Hannah Evans, Assistant Deputy Minister
Municipal Services Division
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Appendix A

