

February 27, 2019

**Re:** Proposed Amendment 1 to the Provincial Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (Places to Grow) and Implications to the Municipal Land Use Planning Framework and Processes  
Our File: 35.31.18, 35.31.89

To whom it may concern:

Please be advised that at its meeting held on February 25, 2019, St. Catharines City Council approved the following motion:

That Council receive report PBS-039-2019 for information; and

That Council direct staff to forward this report to the Ontario Environmental Registry and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing on or before February 28, 2019 as the City's official response for request for comment on proposed Amendment 1 to the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (P2G), with specific recommendation as follows:

- i) That the Province continue to recognize and maintain, and where feasible enhance, the importance of Downtown St. Catharines as the only Urban Growth Centre within the Region of Niagara;
- ii) That the Niagara Economic Gateway Zone and the Welland Canal corridor be designated as a provincially significant employment zone;
- iii) That the Province re-evaluate and re-define measurement of employment density;
- iv) That the minimum housing intensification target for the urban area built boundary currently established in the Growth Plan not be reduced through Amendment 1 and that consideration be given to increasing the target;
- v) That the minimum density target for housing and employment on designated vacant greenfield lands currently established in the Growth Plan be maintained or increased through Amendment 1;
- vi) That proposed Amendment 1 remove the policy framework allowing opportunity for incremental expansion of settlement



(urban) areas outside of an upper tier or single tier government  
Municipal Comprehensive review. FORTHWITH

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at extension  
1524.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bonnie Nistico-Dunk".

Bonnie Nistico-Dunk, City Clerk  
Legal and Clerks Services, Office of the City Clerk  
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