

December 20, 2022

Honourable Steve Clark
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
17th Floor,
777 Bay Street
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Dear Minister Clark:

RE: ERO Posting 019-5952
Region of Waterloo – Regional Official Plan Amendment No. 6
Township of Wellesley Comments

Please accept the following letter and attachment as comments from the Township of Wellesley on Regional Official Plan Amendment No. 6 from the Region of Waterloo. In summary, the Council of the Township of Wellesley passed the following resolution on June 21, 2022:

“That the Council of the Township of Wellesley submit Report 17/2022 to Regional staff as comments on the draft Regional Land Needs Assessment released by the Region on April 12, 2022; and further

That the Council of the Township of Wellesley advise the Region that Council would support a modified Community Area Option that:

- Provides population growth to the Township between 2,000 – 3,000 people to allow the Township to continue to grow to 2051.
- Provides an intensification rate in the Built-Up Area for the Region as a whole of between 60 – 65%, recognizing that the amount of intensification that the Wellesley Urban Area can contribute may be in the range of 12 – 18%. The intensification rate for Wellesley should be confirmed collaboratively with the Region through the completion of an intensification study.
- Provides for no net loss of land within the Countryside Line and allows for a limited amount of additional Designated Greenfield Area land to be added to the Wellesley Urban Area in the range of 20-25 hectares, subject to a staging plan, at a density of 60 people and jobs per hectare thereby limiting farmland loss, contributing to the Township and Region's climate change goals and supporting development of complete communities.
- Provides for a broader mix and range of housing that reduces the forecast for low density forms of housing and increases the forecast for other more affordable,

higher density housing types including housing for seniors; and further

That the Council of the Township of Wellesley advise the Region that either Employment Area Option can be supported as presented in the draft Regional Land Needs Assessment released by the Region on April 12, 2022 provided that the Township continues to be allocated employment growth of 1,200 jobs or greater to 2051.”

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this amendment and please contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Van Hinte".

Tim Van Hinte, MCIP, RPP
Director of Planning

Attachment: Council Resolution No. 102 and Staff Report