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14. **C-214-2021**

Correspondence dated June 25, 2021 from the Office of the Regional Clerk respecting circulation of Planning and Economic Development Committee report regarding Development Applications Monitoring Report - 2020 Year End.

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C-201-2021

Dear Heads of Council, Municipal Chief Administrative Officers and Clerks:

I am pleased to be writing you today to provide an update on modernization initiatives and court recovery in Ontario's *Provincial Offence Act* (POA) courts.

Summonses

O. Reg. 475/21 was filed on June 16, 2021 to permit provincial offences officers to serve Part III summonses on individuals within the province by registered mail, courier, or email. It also permits service on a recipient's licensed lawyer or paralegal (if any), with advance consent.

Section 39 of the POA provides that these methods of service will also be available to any person serving a witness summons.

This change will permit new efficiencies going forward and will help minimize health risks associated with in-person contact during the pandemic. The regulation can be viewed [online](#).

Proclamation of POA Clerk Amendments

Bill 177, the *Stronger, Fairer Ontario Act (Budget Measures), 2017*, and Bill 229, *Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act (Budget Measures), 2020*, introduced amendments to the POA aimed at modernizing and streamlining POA court processes.

Effective November 1, 2021, the following amendments will come into force:

- Clerks of the court will grant, but not deny, an extension of time to pay a fine. If the clerk is not satisfied that the application should be granted, the clerk must forward the application to a justice of the peace to make the determination whether to grant or deny the request for an extension.
- Clerks of the court will review the POA ticket and, if the ticket is not defective as determined by regulation, enter a conviction and impose a set fine where a defendant has failed to respond to the ticket and is deemed not to dispute. The Attorney General has made a regulation prescribing the characteristics that make a certificate of offence defective. The regulation can be viewed [online](#).

These amendments will significantly assist municipalities in recovering from the disruption of court operations created by the pandemic by freeing up judicial time and allowing municipal court staff to more quickly address the backlog of cases.

More details about these amendments are described in the appendix.

Updated POA Forms

The *COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020*, also amended the POA to further enable the enhanced use of remote appearances in POA proceedings.

Effective November 1, 2021, updated POA forms, including Offence Notices, Certificates of Offence, Part I Summons, Notice of Trial and Early Resolution Meeting Notices, will come into effect to reflect the availability of remote appearance methods for POA proceedings. In addition, Offence Notices will also advise the defendant that a clerk may enter a conviction against them, and that the defendant may apply to a justice for a review of their conviction.

Updated POA forms are posted on the [Ontario Court Forms website](#).

POA Court Recovery

The Recovery Division and Court Services Division, acting on behalf of the Ministry of the Attorney General, continue to work closely with the Ontario Court of Justice (OCJ) on advancing virtual court appearances and the eventual resumption of in-person proceedings, when appropriate. The ministry continues to meet regularly with the OCJ, providing updates and guidance on POA recovery.

The collaborative partnership between justice partners and the ministry has been, and will continue to be, a fundamental principle of our success as we work together to build the most modern, efficient, and effective justice system attainable.

If you have any questions, or if you would like more information on these initiatives, please contact Ms. Wendy Chen, Manager of my ministry's POA Unit, by telephone at (437) 244-8733 or by email at JUS.G.MAG.POASupport@ontario.ca.

Thank you for your commitment to the administration of justice and supporting access to justice services for all Ontarians.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Doug Downey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end of the name.

Doug Downey
Attorney General

Enclosure

c: Ms. Wendy Chen, Manager POA Unit, Court Services Division,
Ministry of the Attorney General

APPENDIX “A”

Proclamation of POA Clerk Amendments

Currently, a defendant who is issued a ticket and fails to exercise an option on the back of the ticket (i.e., plead guilty by paying the fine, request an early resolution meeting with a prosecutor, where available, plead guilty with submissions as to penalty, or request a trial) within 15 days of being served with the ticket is deemed not to dispute the charge. A judicial official then reviews the ticket, and if it is “complete and regular on its face”, a conviction is entered and the set fine is imposed, which becomes due after 15 days. Should a defendant require more time to pay the fine, they may make an application to a justice for an extension of time to pay.

Beginning November 1, 2021, clerks of the court, rather than justices of the peace, will have new responsibilities:

Extension of Time to Pay Applications

- Clerks of the court will grant, but not deny, an extension of time to pay a fine. If the clerk is not satisfied that the application should be granted, the clerk must forward the application to a justice of the peace to make the determination whether to grant or deny the request for an extension.
- To support this amendment, consequential amendments were made to provisions in both the *Municipal Act, 2001* and the *City of Toronto Act, 2006* that authorize the treasurer or an agent to give notice to a defendant of any part of a fine that remains unpaid for the contravention of a municipal business license by-law for the purposes of collecting the unpaid fine.

Deemed not to Dispute Proceedings

- Clerks of the court will review the POA ticket and, if the ticket is not defective as determined by regulation, enter a conviction and impose a set fine where a defendant has failed to respond to the ticket and is deemed not to dispute.
- The Attorney General has made a regulation prescribing the characteristics that make a certificate of offence defective. The regulation can be viewed [online](#).
- Should the clerk of the court enter a conviction, the amendments give the defendant 15 days after becoming aware of the conviction to make an application to a justice to strike out the conviction. A justice would be required to strike the conviction if the justice is satisfied that the charging document is defective under the regulation or otherwise not complete or regular on its face.



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File No. 13-50

SENT VIA EMAIL

City of Port Colborne
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Attention: Amber LaPointe, City Clerk

Dear Ms. LaPointe

Re: June 15, 2020 – WELLAND CITY COUNCIL

At its meeting of June 15, 2021, Welland City Council passed the following motion:

“THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the correspondence from the City of Port Colborne dated May 31, 2021 regarding Resolution - Niagara Central Dorothy Rungeling Airport (NCDRA) Commission.”

Yours truly,

Tara Stephens
City Clerk

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cc: Local Area Municipalities, sent via e-mail



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File No. 21-4

SENT VIA EMAIL

Town of Fort Erie
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Attention: Carol Schofield, Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk

Dear Ms. Schofield:

Re: June 15, 2021 – WELLAND CITY COUNCIL

At its meeting of June 15, 2021, Welland City Council passed the following motion:

“THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information and supports the correspondence from the Town of Fort Erie dated June 1, 2021 regarding Capital Gains Tax on Primary Residence.”

Yours truly,

Tara Stephens
City Clerk

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c.c.: - Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk, Niagara Region sent via e-mail
- Local Area Municipalities, sent via e-mail



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File No. 21-94

SENT VIA EMAIL

Town of West Lincoln
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Attention: Ms. Joanne Scime, City Clerk

Re: June 15, 2021 – WELLAND CITY COUNCIL

At its meeting of June 15, 2021, Welland City Council passed the following motion:

“THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives and endorses the correspondence from the Township of West Lincoln dated May 26, 2021 regarding Endorsement of 988 Suicide and Crisis Prevention Hotline Initiative.

WHEREAS the Federal government has passed a motion to adopt 988, a National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline; and

WHEREAS the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has increased the demand for suicide prevention services by 200%; and

WHEREAS existing suicide prevention hotlines require the user to remember a 10-digit number and go through directories or be placed on hold.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Township Council endorses the 988 crisis line initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help; and

RE: June 22, 2021 – Welland City Council

June 22, 2021

THAT a letter demonstrating Township of West Lincoln Council's support be sent to the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Federal Minister of Health, the Honorable Dean Allison MP Niagara West, the Honourable Sam Oosterhoff MPP Niagara West, Ian Scott Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Radio- Television and Telecommunications and all municipalities in Ontario.

Yours truly,



Tara Stephens
City Clerk

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- c.c.: - The Honorable Patty Hajdu, Federal Minister of Health, sent via email
- The Honorable Dean Allison, MP Niagara West, sent via e-mail
- The Honorable Sam Oosterhoff, MPP Niagara West, sent via e-mail
- Ian Scott, Chairperson & Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications, sent via e-mail
- All Ontario Municipalities, sent via e-mail



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June 21, 2021

File No. 21-95

SENT VIA EMAIL

Town of Fort Erie
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Attention: Carol Schofield, Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk

Dear Ms. Schofield:

Re: June 15, 2021 – WELLAND CITY COUNCIL

At its meeting of June 15, 2021, Welland City Council passed the following motion:

“THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the correspondence from the Town of Fort Erie dated June 1, 2021 regarding Generation Squeezing with Respect to Affordable Housing.”

Yours truly,

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Tara Stephens
City Clerk

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c.c.:

Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk, Niagara Region, sent via e-mail
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SENT ELECTRONICALLY

Dear Mr. Kolasa,

Please be advised that the Board of Directors of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) adopted the following resolution at its meeting of June 18, 2021:

*Moved by Ed Smith
Seconded by William Steele*

1. **THAT** the Report No. FA-41-21 (Revised) RE: Conservation Authorities Act Phase 1 Regulations Guide with appended NPCA comments **BE RECEIVED**.
2. **THAT** the transition actions, as listed in the report, **BE REFERRED** to the Governance Committee for consideration of next steps including discussions with municipal partners.
3. **AND FURTHER THAT** the report **BE CIRCULATED** to municipalities within the NPCA's jurisdiction.

Accordingly, for your reference, please find the subject Report No. FA-41-21 attached hereto. Should you have any questions or concerns in respect of this matter, feel free to contact Chandra Sharma, NPCA CAO, at (905) 788-3135 or at csharma@npca.ca.

Sincerely,

Grant Bivol

Grant Bivol
NPCA Clerk / Board Secretariat

att.

Report To: Board of Directors

**Subject: Conservation Authorities Act Phase 1 Regulations Guide -
NPCA Comments**

Report No: FA-41-21 (Revised)

Date: June 18, 2021

Recommendation:

1. **THAT** the Report No. FA-41-21 (Revised) RE: Conservation Authorities Act Phase 1 Regulations Guide with appended NPCA comments **BE RECEIVED**.
2. **THAT** the transition actions, as listed in the report, **BE REFERRED** to the Governance Committee for consideration of next steps including discussions with municipal partners.
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Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to update the Board on Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) comments provided to the Province via Environmental Registry of Ontario. The report also provides a high-level overview of actions resulting from the proposed regulations.

Background:

The Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks (MECP) has posted a consultation guide to the Environmental Registry on Thursday, May 13, 2021 "Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Regulatory Proposal Consultation Guide: Regulations Defining Core Mandate and Improving Governance, Oversight and Accountability of Conservation Authorities". Phase 1 Regulations deal with Program and Services, Governance and Oversight as well Section 29 matters related to Conservation Authority (CA) lands. Section 28 regulations related to CA planning and permitting roles will be released in the coming months, and Phase 2 Regulations regarding the Municipal Levy will be released later in 2021.

Earlier this year, the Province established a working group of stakeholders to provide guidance in developing the proposed regulations. CA representatives on the working group have worked diligently to ensure that the regulations being developed by the Province can be efficiently implemented by the conservation authorities and stay true to the mandate of CA's to protect Ontario's watersheds.

Discussion:

Staff attended information sessions scheduled by MECP and participated in discussions with Conservation Ontario. Conservation Ontario is also working with conservation authorities to prepare a direct submission to the government. NPCA staff comments are being submitted directly to the ERO with copy to municipal staff and attached as Appendix 1.

A high-level summary of required transition actions is provided below and will be integrated with the Governance Committee Work Plan. The transition period for completion of these actions has been extended to January 1, 2023. It should be noted that these actions are in addition to the governance related changes resulting from proclamation of governance provisions in February of 2021. Additionally, more actions are anticipated through Section 28 regulations and levy regulations.

- a) Create an inventory of all programs and services by December 31, 2021.
- b) Develop a Transition Plan to be submitted to the Province by the December 31, 2021.
- c) Develop a core Watershed-Based Resource Management Strategy.
- d) Develop a Strategy for all conservation authority owned or controlled lands and Land Management Plans for each property. (The NPCA is already in the process of launching this process in 2021.).
- e) Develop a Land Acquisition Strategy (LAS). (The NPCA LAS is near completion.)
- f) Enter into agreements for municipal funding of non-mandatory programs and services that require municipal levy by January 1, 2023.
- g) Oversee the formation and operation of a Public Advisory Board. (The NPCA already has a Public Advisory Committee. The Terms of Reference will need to be updated.)

Financial Implications:

The proposed CA Act changes continue to create an extensive amount of workload and need for resources to ensure timely conformity of actions. Staff are currently working on a plan to address this need.

Related Reports and Appendices

Appendix 1 - Letter to MECP Regarding Environmental Registry of Ontario Posting 019-2986 - Conservation Authorities Act Phase 1 Regulation Guide

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June 15, 2021

Honourable Jeff Yurek
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
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RE: Response to Environmental Registry of Ontario Posting 019-2986 – Conservation Authorities Act Phase 1 Regulations Guide

Dear Minister Yurek,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) Regulatory Proposal Consultation Guide on Phase 1 Regulations. The Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) would like to thank the Ministry for involving Conservation Ontario and conservation authority (CA) representatives on the Provincial Working Group of stakeholders to provide guidance in developing the proposed regulations.

The NPCA appreciates the recognition of the critical role of CA's in addressing integrated watershed management and climate change through the provision of 'Core Watershed-based Resource Management Strategy (CWRMS)'. This reconfirms the role CA's play in protecting Ontario's watersheds, provides a longer-term perspective, and offers a consistent eco-system based framework for categorizing the mandatory and non-mandatory programs and services for consultation with municipalities. The NPCA will continue to work with the Province through Conservation Ontario and the Provincial Working Group to ensure that the regulations being developed can be effectively implemented and contribute to our mandate to protect Ontario's watersheds.

The NPCA has reviewed the ERO posting and offers the following specific comments:

PART ONE: PROGRAMS AND SERVICES DELIVERED BY CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES

Transition Timelines: The NPCA appreciates the provision of the proposed overall transition period to January 1, 2023 by which all agreements for the use of municipal levy must be in place. The proposed deadline would bring the new proposed financial structure for CA's into practice for the authority and municipal fiscal year of 2023. It is also required that CA's must develop a transition plan by December 31st including an overall work plan and timeline to develop and enter into agreements with municipalities; an inventory of the authority's programs and services; and any other matters as prescribed in regulation.

The proposed timeframes for the transition period should enable time for the transition plans to be developed in consultation with municipalities and coordinated with the new municipal levy regulation proposed for Phase 2. The challenging timelines can only be met if the actual regulations (both Phase 1 and Phase 2) are enacted expeditiously.

Funding for Mandatory Programs: The mandatory programs that a conservation authority is to provide includes natural hazards, source water protection, managing conservation authority owned properties, and other services specific to certain conservation authorities. The government is also proposing additional services prescribed by regulation, including a core watershed resource management strategy (CWRMS) and Provincial Water Quality and Quantity Monitoring. The NPCA is encouraged to see the inclusion of these additional services, particularly the CWRMS. We will work with Conservation Ontario on a consistent approach to the CWRMS across Ontario watersheds.

Natural Hazard Programs: Given the limited resources and other critical priorities of our municipal partners, we request the province to consider their continued funding support of critical mandated programs. Additionally, supporting private landowners with restoration and stewardship services is crucial for the overall watershed health and natural hazard management. A majority of land within the Niagara watershed is under private ownership and stewardship must be supported to address future challenges such as climate change. The recent 50% cut to MNR funding for the natural hazards program makes ongoing effective implementation challenging.

Provincial Water Quality and Water Quantity Program: Both the Provincial Water Quality (PWQMN) and Water Quantity (PGMN) Monitoring Programs are examples of successful cost sharing programs between MECP and conservation authorities. These longstanding programs provide important trend data in support of effective water management. However, the existing Provincial Water Quality and Quantity Monitoring Programs coverage is incomplete and conservation authorities have expanded these networks to provide better coverage (more monitoring outside of the Provincial Networks) for their respective monitoring networks. We ask that the province consider these expanded water quality monitoring programs eligible for inclusion into the mandatory program.

Drinking Water Source Protection Program: The NPCA requests that funding support for mandatory programs and services for conservation authorities related to Source Protection Authority responsibilities under the *Clean Water Act* remain intact. It is our understanding that MECP will continue to provide funding if conservation authorities are required to exercise and perform the powers and duties of a drinking water source protection authority; and implement programs and services related to those responsibilities.

Inclusion of Passive Recreation and Nature Awareness/Education: Included in the mandatory services is the management and maintenance of conservation authority owned lands. However, this does not include the significant aspect of passive recreation, awareness and education critical to community well-being, an important service conservation authority lands offer to the residents of Niagara. Most NPCA properties have some component of passive recreation and nature education components. In many cases, trails are integrated into the property such that it would be problematic to separate the mandatory/non-mandatory components for budgeting purposes. This has the potential to create additional operational costs in tracking the separate funding streams and performing maintenance.

Asset Management and State of Good Repair: NPCA lands and their associated infrastructure (walking trails, safety features, washrooms, signage, etc.) provide important amenities for residents of our watersheds and beyond. Excluding the repair and maintenance of these assets may result in losing facilities or infrastructure due to an inability to maintain them and would be a significant loss for users as well as a health and safety risk. As such, we ask that the proposed provision of the management plan and resource inventory in the Consultation Guide also involve the preparation of an asset management plan to assess asset conditions, current and proposed

levels of service, asset management strategy, and a financing strategy to support the lifecycle management of assets.

The NPCA is pleased to share that our conservation authority is quite advanced in this area. An asset management program has already been deployed with appropriate technology. We will be working with Conservation Ontario to facilitate transfer of this approach to our sister conservation authorities.

Memorandums of Understanding: Non-mandatory programs and services will require conservation authorities to enter into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with funding partners. At present, CA's also have MOU's and Service Level Agreements (SLA's) with lower tier municipalities on *Planning Act* matters and other fee-for-service programs offered to lower tier municipal partners. Clarity on these MOU timing/transition requirements needs to be understood to complete the required transition plans.

PART TWO: GOVERNANCE AND OVERSIGHT OF CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES

Public Advisory Committee: The NPCA continues to consult and engage community stakeholders in all aspects of our work. The NPCA and several others CA's already have well-established watershed committees or public advisory committees with Board approved Terms of Reference included formally within the Administrative By-Laws of the respective authorities. In this regard, the NPCA would like to request that the Province address the resource needs related to governance and administration of public advisory committees. To be able to effectively deliver on a sound public engagement strategy through the public advisory committee, CA's need a minimum of two experienced full-time equivalents along with other technical experts and program costs. For transparent and adequate administration, CA's need to establish a secretariat for administration, record keeping, and management of projects. We request that these costs be identified as eligible under minimum levy.

PART THREE: OTHER REGULATORY MATTERS - Section 29 Minister's Regulation

The NPCA supports the consolidation of the various individual CA regulations under Section 29 of the Act regarding public use of an authority's property. However, we believe that our Section 29 regulation can benefit from a comprehensive update. It is proposed that the Section 29 regulation be redesigned to better align with by-laws made under the *Municipal Act* related to the use of municipal property including parks, and the *Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves Act, 2006* and its associated regulations, including O. Reg. 347/07: *Provincial Parks: General Provisions*.

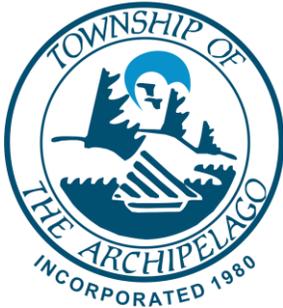
We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this proposal and hope these comments are helpful. Any questions regarding this matter may be directed to the NPCA's Senior Manager of Planning and Regulations, David Deluce at 905-788-3135, ext. 224 or ddeluce@npca.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chandra", written over a horizontal line.

Chandra Sharma, MCIP, RPP
Chief Administrative Officer/Secretary-Treasurer
Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority

cc: Local Area CAO's
Conservation Ontario



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June 18, 2021

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**Moved by Councillor Mead
Seconded by Councillor Zanussi**

RE: Scott Aitchison, MP Parry Sound Muskoka – Support for 9-8-8 Crisis Line

WHEREAS the Federal Government has passed a motion to adopt 9-8-8, a National 3-digit suicide and crisis hotline; and

WHEREAS the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has increased the demand for suicide prevention services by 200%; and

WHEREAS existing suicide prevention hotlines require the user to remember a 10-digit number and go through directories or be placed on hold; and

WHEREAS in 2022 the United States will have in place a national 9-8-8 crisis hotline; and

WHEREAS the Township of The Archipelago recognizes that it is a significant and important initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in crisis and seeking help;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Township of The Archipelago hereby endorses this 9-8-8 crisis line initiative; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that staff be directed to send a letter indicating support to Scott Aitchison, MP Parry Sound Muskoka, Norm Miller, MPP Parry Sound Muskoka, Hon. Patty Hajdu, Federal Minister of Health, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC), and all Ontario municipalities and local First Nations.

Carried.



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The Honourable Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation
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Sent via email: caroline.mulroney@pc.ola.org

Dear Honorable Madam:

Re: Township of Archipelago – Road Management Action on Invasive Phragmites

Please be advised that the Committee of the Whole, at their meeting held on June 14, 2021, adopted a resolution endorsing the resolution adopted by the Township of The Archipelago, a copy of which is enclosed, with respect to the invasive species phragmites.

Should you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk's Department, Clerks@Brock.ca.

Yours truly,

THE TOWNSHIP OF BROCK

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Deena Hunt'.

Deena Hunt
Deputy Clerk

Encl.

cc. The Honourable Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
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Via email: schofield@forterie.ca

Town of Fort Erie
Attention: Carol Schofield, Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk
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Dear Ms. Schofield:

**RE: Correspondence – Township of The Archipelago – Road Management
 Action on Invasive Phragmites**

On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays, please be advised that the above-noted correspondence was presented at the last regularly scheduled meeting on June 1, 2021, and the following was passed.

“Resolution #7(a)/06/01/21

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays hereby receives the correspondence from Carol Schofield, Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk for the Town of Fort Erie requesting support for the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) to Communicate the Strategy on Mapping and Controlling Invasive Phragmites on Provincial Highways, dated April 27, 2021;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays hereby supports the resolution from the Township of The Archipelago requesting the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) to communicate the strategy on mapping (detecting site) and controlling invasive Phragmites on provincial highways, the specific highway management plans and results by each MTO region, and each highway in the region and work in collaboration with the Township of The Archipelago and requests all levels of government to consider funding support to aid the Township of The Archipelago in managing invasive Phragmites.

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Res 18-7 Cow June 14 endorsed.

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AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Town of Fort Erie, Township of The Archipelago, Ontario Ministry of Transportation, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada, MPP Norm Miller, and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried.”

Sincerely,



Carrie Sykes, *Dipl. M.A., CMO, AOMC,*
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk.
CS/cw

Encl.

Copy to:

Township of The Archipelago
Hon. Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation
Hon. Jeff Yurek, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
Hon. Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada
Hon. Norm Miller, MPP, Parry Sound-Muskoka
All Ontario Municipalities



Community Services

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April 27, 2021

File #120203

Sent via email: caroline.mulroney@pc.ola.org

The Honourable Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation
5th Floor, 777 Bay Street
Toronto, ON M7A 1Z8

Honourable and Dear Madam:

Re: Township of The Archipelago - Road Management Action on Invasive Phragmites

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of April 26, 2021 received and supported correspondence from the Township of The Archipelago dated April 9, 2021 requesting the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) to communicate the strategy on mapping (detecting sites) and controlling invasive Phragmites on provincial highways, the specific highway management plans and results by each MTO region and each highway in the region and work in coordination with the Township of The Archipelago and requests all levels of government to consider funding support to aid the Township of The Archipelago in managing invasive phragmites.

Attached please find a copy of the Township of The Archipelago's correspondence dated April 9, 2021.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,

Carol Schofield, Dipl.M.A.
Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk

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MPP Norman Miller. Norm.miller@pc.olg.org

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April 9, 2021

21-073

Moved by Councillor Barton
Seconded by Councillor Manner

RE: Road Management Action On Invasive Phragmites

WHEREAS Phragmites australis (Phragmites) is an invasive perennial grass that continues to cause severe damage to wetlands and beaches in areas around the Great Lakes including Georgian Bay; and

WHEREAS Phragmites australis grows and spreads rapidly, allowing the plant to invade new areas and grow into large monoculture stands in a short amount of time, and is an allelopathic plant that secretes toxins from its roots into the soil which impede the growth of neighboring plant species; and

WHEREAS Phragmites australis results in loss of biodiversity and species richness, loss of habitat, changes in hydrology due to its high metabolic rate, changes in nutrient cycling as it is slow to decompose, an increased fire hazard due to the combustibility of its dead stalks, and can have an adverse impact on agriculture, particularly in drainage ditches; and

WHEREAS invasive Phragmites has been identified as Canada's worst invasive plant species by Agriculture and Agrifood Canada; and

WHEREAS the Ontario government has made it illegal to import, deposit, release, breed/grow, buy, sell, lease or trade invasive Phragmites under the Invasive Species Act; and

WHEREAS Phragmites occupy over 4,800 hectares of land around Lake St. Clair alone, while 212 hectares of Phragmites occupy land along the St. Lawrence River. The Georgian Bay Area is particularly affected by Phragmites australis, with more than 700 stands along the shorelines and multiple visible stands on the highways and roads that threaten valuable infrastructure and wetland areas; and

WHEREAS volunteers, non-governmental organizations, and various municipalities have invested tens of thousands of dollars in investments and labour annually for more than eight years in executing managements plans to control invasive Phragmites on roads, coasts, shorelines and in wetlands; and

WHEREAS roads and highways where Phragmites that are left untreated become spread vectors that continually risk new and treated wetlands and coastal shoreline areas; and

WHEREAS according to “Smart Practices for the Control of Invasive Phragmites along Ontario’s Roads” by the Ontario Phragmites Working Group, best road management practices for Phragmites australis include early detection, herbicide application, and cutting; and

WHEREAS these best management practices are most effective when used in a multi-pronged approach as opposed to when used as stand-alone control measures; and

WHEREAS mother nature does not recognize political boundaries. Therefore, it is imperative that Municipalities, Districts, the Province, and the Federal government work together in collaboration to eradicate Canada’s worst invasive plant species Phragmites australis;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago directs its staff to implement best management practices to promote early detection of invasive Phragmites, and to implement best management practices for invasive Phragmites, and to join the Ontario Phragmites Working Group to collaborate on the eradication of Phragmites in Ontario.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council for the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago directs staff to insert clean equipment protocols into tenders and that there is oversight that the protocols are followed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council for the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago requests the Ontario Ministry of Transportation to map and treat invasive Phragmites annually on all its highways; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) communicates the strategy on mapping (detecting sites) and controlling invasive Phragmites on provincial highways, the specific highway management plans and results by each MTO region and each highway in the region and work in coordination with the Township of The Archipelago; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council for the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago directs its staff to send this resolution to all municipalities that are part of the Georgian Bay watershed, to all municipalities in the Great Lakes watershed, to the Minister of Transportation, Christopher Balasa the Manager, Maintenance Management Office, and MPP Norman Miller.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that Council for the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago requests all levels of government to consider funding support to aid the Township of The Archipelago in managing invasive phragmites; and directs staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Ontario Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks and the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada.

Carried.

Subject: Ontario Moving to Step Two of Roadmap to Reopen on June 30

From: Ontario News [<mailto:newsroom@ontario.ca>]

Sent: June 24, 2021 9:29 AM

To: William Kolasa <WKolasa@wainfleet.ca>

Subject: Ontario Moving to Step Two of Roadmap to Reopen on June 30



NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Moving to Step Two of Roadmap to Reopen on June 30

Continuing Improvements in Key Indicators Allowing Province to Ease Additional Public Health Measures

June 24, 2021

[Premier's Office](#)

TORONTO — With key public health and health care indicators continuing to improve, the provincewide vaccination rate now surpassing the targets outlined in the province's Roadmap to Reopen, and on the recommendation of the the Chief Medical Officer of Health, the Ontario government is moving the province into Step Two of its Roadmap to Reopen at 12:01 a.m. on Wednesday, June 30, 2021.

“Because of the tireless work of our health care heroes, and the record setting success of our vaccine rollout, we are able to move into Step Two ahead of schedule on June 30 with the support of our public health experts” said Premier Doug Ford. “We are proceeding safely with the re-opening of our province and will continue to work around the clock until the job is done.”

In order to enter Step Two of the Roadmap, Ontario needed to have vaccinated 70 per cent of adults with one dose and 20 per cent with two doses for at least two weeks, ensuring a strong level of protection against COVID-19. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of Ontario's health care partners, as of June 23, 2021, over 76 per cent of the population in Ontario ages 18 and over have received one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and over 29 per cent have received their second dose. More than 13.3 million doses of the COVID-19 vaccine have been administered provincewide.

Before entering Step Two, the province also needed to see continued improvement in key public health and health care indicators, including hospitalizations, ICU occupancy and the weekly cases incidence rates. After entering Step One, during the period of

June 11 to 17, 2021, the provincial case rate decreased by 24.6 per cent. As of June 22, the number of patients with COVID-19 in ICUs is 305, including 10 patients from Manitoba, as compared to 450 two weeks ago. The province expects these positive trends to continue over the coming days before entering Step Two.

“Due to a continued improvement in key indicators, Ontario is ready to enter Step Two of our Roadmap, allowing us to safely and gradually ease public health measures while continuing to stop the spread of COVID-19,” said Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. “Thank you to the Ontarians who rolled up their sleeves to help us reach this exciting milestone. Every dose administered brings us one step closer to the things we’ve missed, so please sign up to receive the vaccine when it’s your turn.”

Step Two of the Roadmap focuses on the resumption of more outdoor activities and limited indoor services with small numbers of people where face coverings are worn, with other restrictions in place. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Outdoor social gatherings and organized public events with up to 25 people;
- Indoor social gatherings and organized public events with up to 5 people;
- Essential and other select retail permitted at 50 per cent capacity;
- Non-essential retail permitted at 25 per cent capacity;
- Personal care services where face coverings can be worn at all times, and at 25 per cent capacity and other restrictions;
- Outdoor dining with up to 6 people per table, with exceptions for larger households and other restrictions;
- Indoor religious services, rites, or ceremonies, including wedding services and funeral services permitted at up to 25 per cent capacity of the particular room;
- Outdoor fitness classes limited to the number of people who can maintain 3 metres of physical distance;
- Outdoor sports without contact or modified to avoid contact, with no specified limit on number of people or teams participating, with restrictions;
- Overnight camps for children operating in a manner consistent with the safety guidelines produced by the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health;
- Outdoor sport facilities with spectators permitted at 25 per cent capacity;
- Outdoor concert venues, theatres and cinemas, with spectators permitted at 25 per cent capacity;
- Outdoor horse racing and motor speedways, with spectators permitted at 25 per cent capacity;
- Outdoor fairs, rural exhibitions, festivals, permitted at 25 per cent capacity and with other restrictions.

Please view the [regulation for the full list of public health and workplace safety measures](#) that need to be followed.

While the province has surpassed Step Three vaccination targets, Ontario may remain in Step Two for a period of approximately 21 days to allow the most recent vaccinations to reach their full effectiveness and to evaluate any impacts of moving to Step Two on key public health and health care indicators. When it is determined to be safe, the province will promptly move to Step Three of the Roadmap to Reopen.

“Due to the continued commitment of Ontarians adhering to public health measures and going out to get vaccinated, we have seen our key health indicators continue to improve across the province,” said Dr. David Williams, Chief Medical Officer of Health. “While we can now begin preparing to ease public health measures under the Roadmap, the fight against COVID-19 is not over and we must continue adhering to the public health advice and measures currently in place to maintain this great progress.”

Quick Facts

- Based on the latest [modelling data](#), COVID-19 case, positivity and hospitalization rates are continuing to decline and ICU occupancy is shrinking thanks to the efforts of Ontarians in following public health measures and rolling up their sleeves to get vaccinated
- On [June 11, 2021](#), the province [moved to Step One](#) of the Roadmap to Reopen, based on the provincewide vaccination rate and improvements in key public health and health system indicators.
- The Ontario government has released the [Roadmap to Reopen](#), a three-step plan to reopen the province and ease public health measures based on the provincewide vaccination rate and improvements in key public health and health care indicators.
- With a majority of Ontario adults having received their first dose of the vaccine, providing a strong level of protection from COVID-19, the province is [accelerating eligibility](#) to book a second dose appointment.

Additional Resources

- Visit Ontario’s [COVID-19 communications resources web page](#) for resources in multiple languages to help local communication efforts.
- Visit Ontario’s [website](#) to find out if you are eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine at this time.
- For up-to-date information on the province’s vaccine rollout and instructions on how to book an appointment, visit Ontario’s [vaccine webpage](#).
- Visit Ontario’s COVID-19 information [website](#) to learn more about how the province continues to protect the people of Ontario from the virus.
- For public inquiries call ServiceOntario, INFOline at 1-866-532-3161 (Toll-free in Ontario only).

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The Honourable Patty Hajdu
Federal Minister of Health
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Re: Support for 988 – 3 digit suicide and crisis prevention hotline

Please be advised that the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Adjala-Tosorontio, at its meeting held Wednesday, June 9th, 2021 enacted the following resolution:

RES-167-2021

Whereas the Federal government has passed a motion to adopt 988, a National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline;

Whereas the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has increased the demand for suicide prevention services by 200%;

Whereas existing suicide prevention hotlines require the user to remember a 10-digit number and go through directories or be placed on hold;

Whereas in 2022 the United States will have in place a national 988 crisis hotline;

Whereas the Town of Caledon recognized that it is a significant and important initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help;

Now there for be it resolved that the Corporation of the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio endorses this 988 crisis line initiative;

And that this resolution be sent to the Honourable Minister of Health Patty Hajdu, MP Terry Dowdall, Simcoe-Grey, MP Jim Wilson, Simcoe-Grey, Ian Scott, Chairperson & CEO-Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications (CRTC) and all municipalities in Ontario.

Sincerely,

Dianne Gould-Brown

Dianne Gould-Brown, CMO
Clerk





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June 22, 2021

File No. 21-30

SENT VIA EMAIL

HESA Standing Committee
Six Floor, 131 Queen Street
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Attention: Ron McKinnon, Chair, Standing Committee on Health (HESA)

Re: June 15, 2021 – WELLAND CITY COUNCIL

At its meeting of June 15, 2021, Welland City Council passed the following motion:

“WHEREAS a number of provinces have declared emergencies on various circumstances over time, and Canada is allowed to declare national emergencies under the Emergencies Act, 2019; and
WHEREAS approximately 1 in 5 Canadians will experience a mental health problem or illness, and;
WHEREAS the economic burden of mental illness in Canada is estimated at 51 billion dollars per year (including healthcare costs, lost of productivity, and reductions in health-related quality of life) (CAMH); and
WHEREAS not addressing mental health issues/illness is costly in the long-term to Canada’s economy; and
WHEREAS a recent Morneau Shephard poll showed that 50% of Canadians reported that their mental health was worsened with the COVID-19 pandemic, with mental health related hospitalizations, crisis-line use, and addiction rates skyrocketing; and WHEREAS locally, 11/12 of Niagara’s-area Municipalities have supported the request for Niagara Regional Council to declare a state of emergency on mental health, homelessness, and addiction.
NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND calls upon the House of Commons to Launch a Federal Study in the Standing Committee on Health (HESA) on the merits of Declaring a National Emergency on Mental Health; and
THAT Welland City Council endorses Petition E-3351 calling upon the House of Commons to Launch a Federal Study in the Standing Committee (HESA) on the merits of Declaring a National Emergency on Mental Health; and further

RE: June 22, 2021 – Welland City Council

June 24, 2021

THAT Welland City Council requests that all municipalities within the Niagara Region, all Niagara-Area MP's, the Prime Minister of Canada, the Federal Minister of Health, Niagara Centre MPP's, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all members of the Federal HESA (Standing Committee of Health) be copied on this motion.

Yours truly,



Tara Stephens
City Clerk

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- c.c.: - Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister, sent via e-mail
- Hon. Patti Hajdu, Minister of Health, sent vi e-mail
 - Hon. Michelle Rempel Garner, Vice Chair, Standing committee on Health (HESA), sent via e-mail
 - Luc Theriault, vice Chair, Standing Committee on Health (HESA), sent via e-mail
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 - Chris Bittle, MP, St. Catharines, sent via e-mail
 - Tony Baldinelli, MP, Niagara Falls, sent via e-mail
 - Dean Allison, MP, Niagara West, sent via e-mail
 - Graydon Smith, President, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, sent via e-mail
 - Niagara Area Municipalities, sent via e-mail
 - Ann Marie Norio, Regional Clerk, Niagara Region, sent via e-mail
 - Steven Soos, sent via e-mail



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Honourable and Dear Sirs:

Re: Resolution – Capital Gains Tax on Primary Residence

Please be advised that, at its meeting of June 14, 2021, the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne resolved as follows:

That correspondence from the Town of Fort Erie regarding Capital Gains Tax on Primary Residence, be supported.

A copy of the above noted resolution is enclosed for your reference. Your favourable consideration of this request is respectfully requested.

Sincerely,

Amber LaPointe
City Clerk

ec: All Members of Parliament
All Members of Provincial Parliament
The Regional Municipality of Niagara
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June 1, 2021
File #120203

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Honourable and Dear Sirs:

Re: Capital Gains Tax on Primary Residence

The Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of May 31, 2021 passed the following resolution:

Whereas primary residences are currently exempt from a capital gains tax, and

Whereas currently secondary and additional non-primary properties are subject to capital gains, and

Whereas the Federal Government is currently looking into a primary residence capital gains tax as they have recognized that affordable housing has become a serious issue in Canada, and

Whereas smaller communities including the Town of Fort Erie are seeing unprecedented higher selling prices that are outpacing prices in larger cities, and

Whereas many hard-working Canadians who have only a primary residence with no additional non-primary homes count on their home equity as financial aid to apply to upsizing or downsizing their home depending on their personal situation, and

Whereas a change in taxation to primary residences would be a significant financial blow to Canadians and would create an unfair, two-tiered taxation which could lead to depleted savings, inter-generational disparities, disparities among diverse groups such as seniors who may have a significant portion of their savings vested in their primary residence, as well as, reducing the ability of home ownership thereby a further, higher need for rentals, and

Whereas the Federal government could look at other means to slow down the rapidly escalating housing costs to improve housing affordability;

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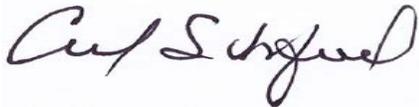
Now therefore be it resolved,

That: The Federal Government cease further consideration of eliminating capital gains tax exemptions on primary residences, and further

That: A copy of this resolution be circulated to The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, All Members of Parliament, All Members of Provincial Parliament, The Regional Municipality of Niagara, and all Municipalities, for their support.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,



Carol Schofield, Dipl.M.A.
Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk

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c.c. All Members of Parliament
All Members of Provincial Parliament
The Regional Municipality of Niagara
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June 25, 2021

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2020 End of Year Growth Report and 5 Year Growth Trend

PDS 23-2021

Regional Council, at its meeting held on June 24, 2021, passed the following recommendation of its Planning and Economic Development Committee:

That Report PDS 23-2021, dated June 16, 2021, respecting 2020 End of Year Growth Report and 5 Year Growth Trend, **BE RECEIVED** and **BE CIRCULATED** to the Local Area Municipalities, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, Niagara Home Builders Association, Niagara Industrial Association, local Chambers of Commerce and School Boards.

A copy of PDS 23-2021 is enclosed for your reference.

Yours truly,



Ann-Marie Norio

Regional Clerk

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Distribution List :

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2020 End of Year Growth Report and 5 Year Growth Trend

June 25, 2021

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- J. Thomson, Niagara-on-the-Lake Chamber of Commerce, Greater Fort Erie Chamber of Commerce
- G. Willis, President, Grimsby Chamber of Commerce
- D. Potter, Executive Director, West Lincoln Chamber of Commerce
- J. D'Amico, Chair, Niagara Board of Trade and Commerce
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- A. Aazouz, Conseil Scolaire de District Catholique Centre-Sud
- G. Bowie, Planner, Planning and Development Services
- D. Giles, Commissioner, Planning and Development Services
- N. Oakes, Executive Assistant to the Commissioner, Planning and Development Services

Subject: 2020 End of Year Growth Report and 5 Year Growth Trend

Report to: Planning and Economic Development Committee

Report date: Wednesday, June 16, 2021

Recommendations

1. That Report PDS 23-2021 **BE RECEIVED** for information; and
2. That a copy of Report PDS 23-2021 **BE CIRCULATED** to the Local Area Municipalities, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, Niagara Home Builders Association, Niagara Industrial Association, local Chambers of Commerce and School Boards.

Key Facts

- The purpose of this report is to provide information on growth in Niagara in 2020, as well as a summary of growth and development trends over the past 5 years.
- Housing starts, completions and building permits have all increased since 2016 and show a growing diversification of housing types being built.
- Niagara Region's population has increased by over 26,000 people since 2016, reaching an estimated population of 485,313 as of July 1, 2020.
- The average sale price of a house in Niagara Region has increased significantly between 2016 and 2020, reaching \$532,400 in 2020.
- During the early stages of the Covid-19 pandemic, population growth slowed, but development and building permits remained consistent. Notwithstanding this slower relative population growth in 2020, housing sale prices grew substantially.
- Over \$6 Billion in building permits have been issued since 2016, with 2020 reaching nearly \$1.5 Billion for the second consecutive year.

Financial Considerations

There are no direct financial implications associated with this report.

Metrics in this report inform Niagara's financial strategies. Increased residential, commercial and industrial development in Niagara, combined with increasing property assessments, has a direct impact on revenues collected by the Region.

Analysis

The Planning and Development Services department has been producing the annual growth report since 2016. This report focuses on the past 5 years collectively to provide a comprehensive analysis on growth metrics.

The 2020 growth report follows the same approach and methodology as the previous annual reports before it. This is important as it can be used to review impacts associated with the first nine months of the Covid-19 pandemic.

As 2021 is a Census year, the 2020 report also provides insights into development trends since the 2016 Census was conducted over 5 years ago.

Finally, the Region has experienced significant growth across all areas set out in this report. This information is being presented as a means to update Regional Council on how growth has evolved over the last half decade and feeds directly into numerous Council Strategic Priorities.

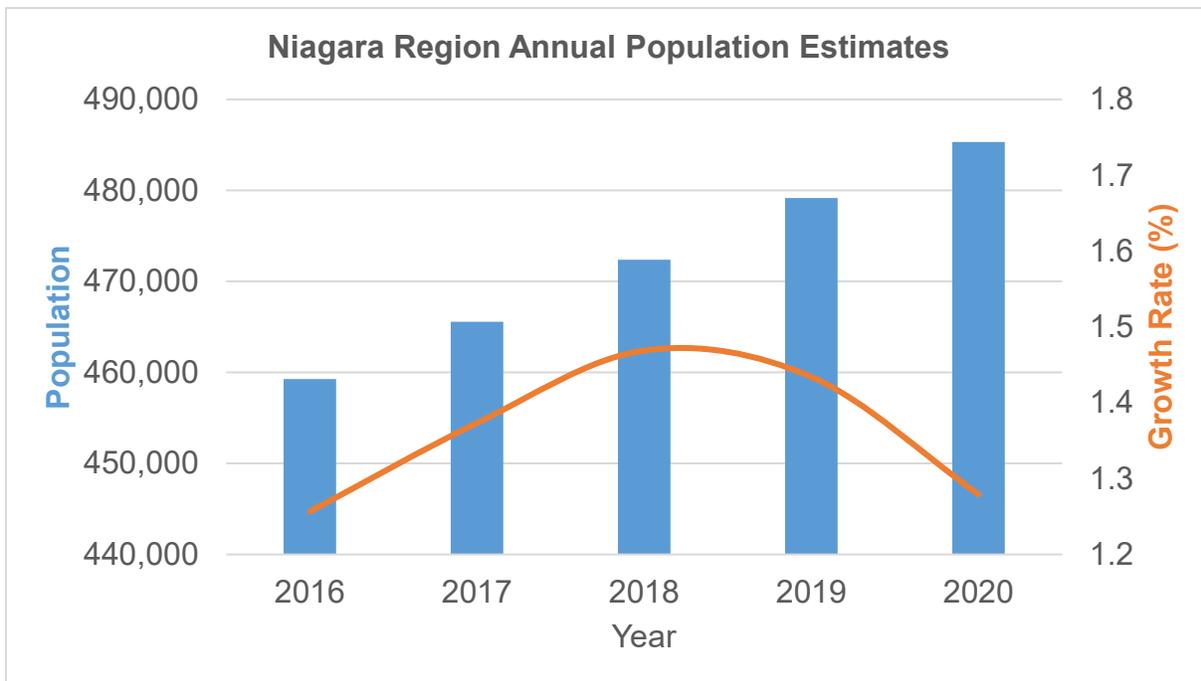
Population

Pace of Population Growth

Population growth has increased significantly for Niagara since 2016. On average, the Region's population has increased by nearly 6,500 people per year since 2016, for a total of approximately 26,000 new residents calling Niagara home. This is nearly double the pace of growth experienced in the previous 5 year period between 2011 and 2016.

Figure 1 provides a summary of population growth per year since 2016.

Figure 1: Niagara Region Annual Population Estimates



Source: Statistics Canada, Table 17-10-0140-01

As illustrated in Figure 1, the pace of population growth dropped slightly to approximately 1.4% in 2019 (compared to 2018) and more significantly to 1.3% in 2020.

Since Niagara's population growth is dependant on migration from other municipalities (intraprovincial migration) and temporary international migration (net non-permanent migration), any disruption to Ontario's broader immigration trends, availability of in-person post-secondary education options in Niagara and work availability for migrant or seasonal workers will have a direct impact on population totals.

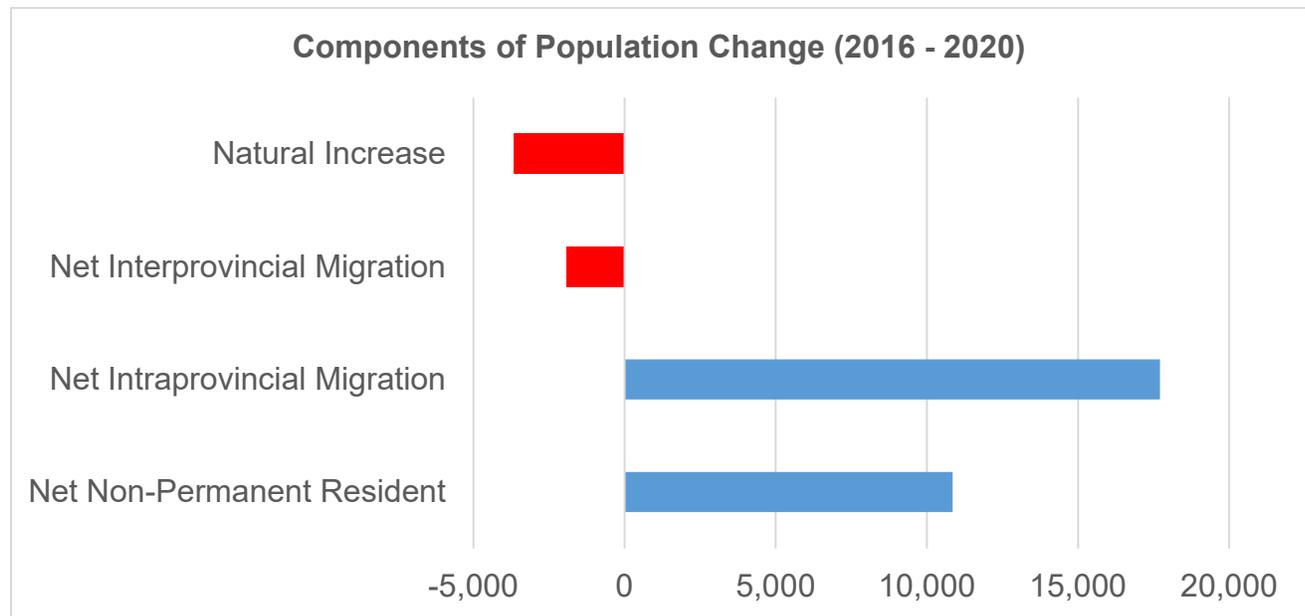
Even with the decrease in growth rate between 2019 and 2020, population growth in Niagara remains strong relative to historic averages. Only in the last 5 years has Niagara Region started to match the pace contemplated in the Provincial population forecasts provided in *A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2020*.

This is noteworthy as the Region must plan to achieve the minimum forecasts set out in the *Growth Plan* and base decisions on infrastructure and development charges on the same forecasts.

Components of Population Growth

Niagara's population growth has been driven entirely by international and intraprovincial migration since 2016, as highlighted in Figure 2.

Figure 2: Components of Population Change (2016 - 2020)



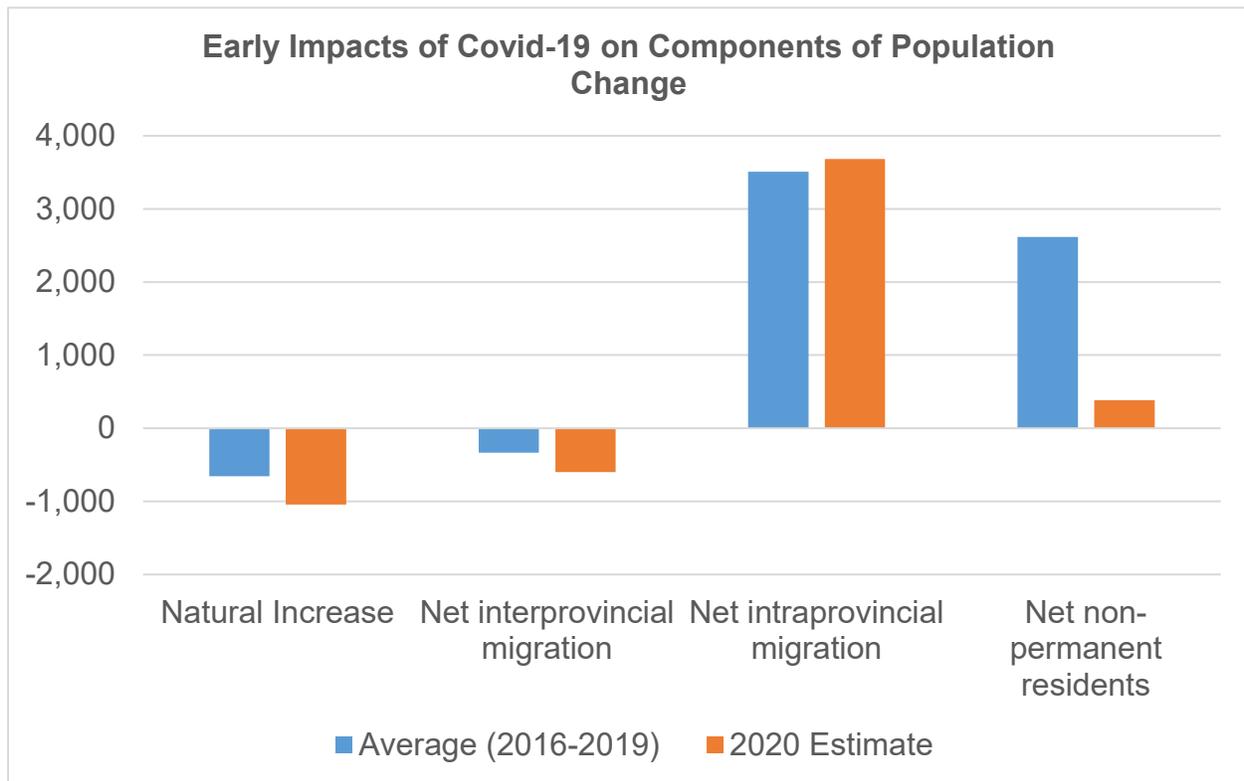
Source: Statistics Canada, Table 17-10-0140-01

Since 2016, over 17,500 people have moved to Niagara from elsewhere in Ontario. Intraprovincial migration is the most significant contributor of population growth in Niagara and non-permanent residents account for an additional increase of 11,100 people.

In 2020, with its restrictions as a result of Covid-19, Niagara had a significant decrease in the number of net non-permanent residents coming into Niagara compared to 2016-2019. As shown below in Figure 3, net non-permanent migration accounted for an increase of just over 380 people in 2020, compared to an average of over 2,600 per year between 2016 and 2019. This, coupled with a higher proportion of deaths than births and increase in interprovincial migration, contributed to the relatively lower growth rate in 2020.

Importantly, the 2020 growth rate of 1.27% is still significantly higher than the pace of growth experienced between 2001 and 2016.

Figure 3: Early Impacts of Covid-19 on Components of Population Change



Source: Statistics Canada, Table 17-10-0140-01

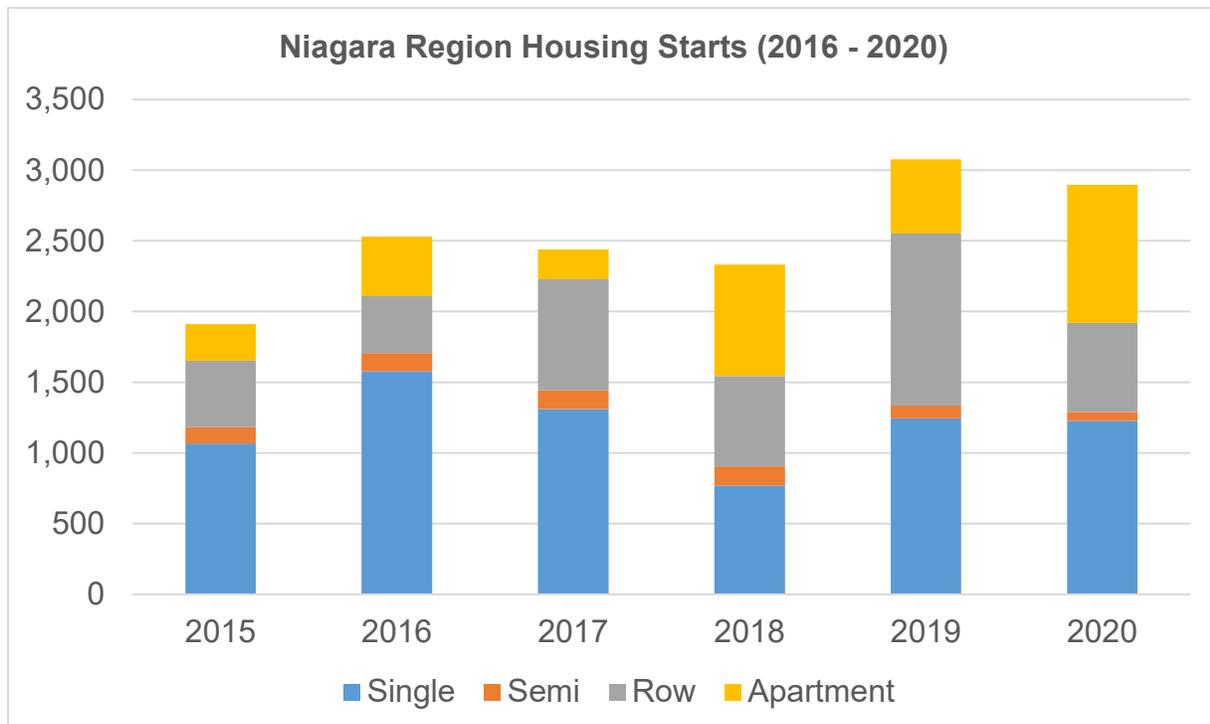
It appears Covid-19 has had a direct impact on population trends in Niagara, specifically in the category of net non-permanent resident. Impacts from Covid-19 on international travel and visas, limited tourism operations and introduction of remote learning opportunities for post-secondary education all contribute to the sharp decline in the net non-permanent resident category for 2020.

Housing Starts and Completions

Housing starts have steadily risen over the last 5 years. In 2016, there were 2,530 starts; in 2020, there were nearly 2,900 starts. Within starts, we can also see a shifting dynamic in housing choice as single-detached housing has made up less than 50% of starts over the past 3 years.

A critical factor of meeting population forecasts in the *Growth Plan* and, importantly, achieving affordable housing targets, is Niagara’s ability to offer a wider range of housing options for residents. Figure 4 provides an overview of housing starts per year by housing type.

Figure 4: Niagara Region Housing Starts (2016 - 2020)

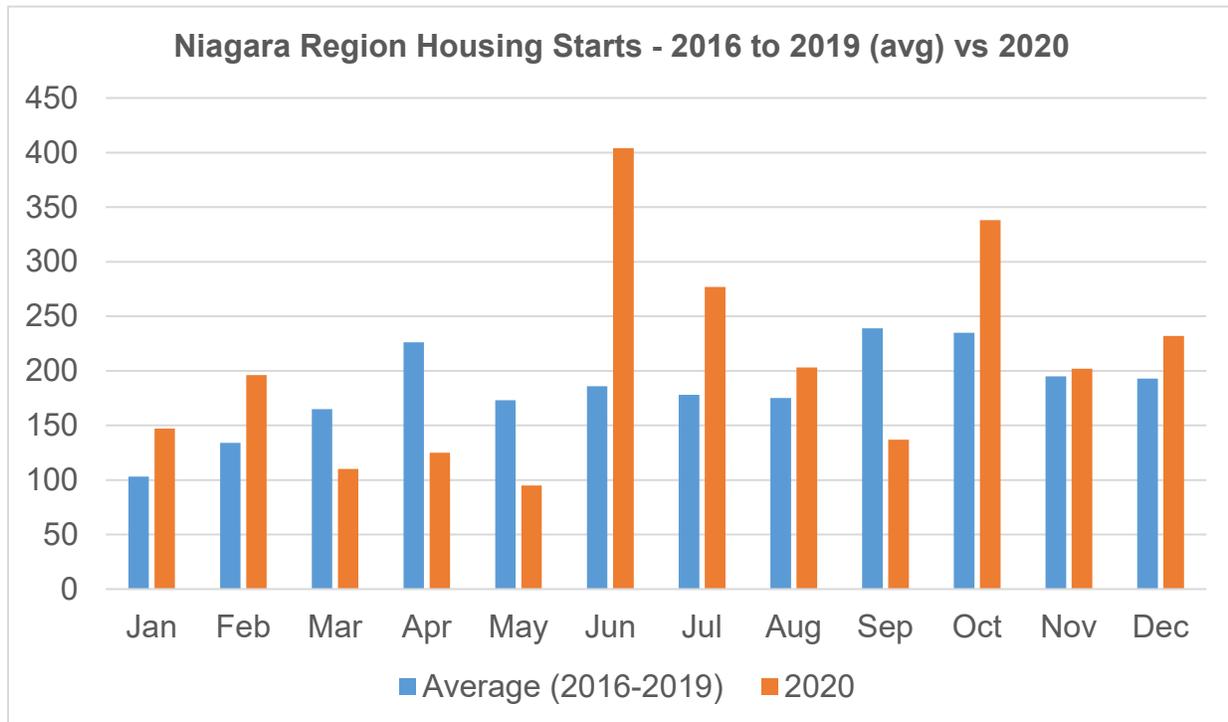


Source: CMHC, Housing Market Information Portal

Housing starts, while consistent with overall trends since 2016, were impacted early in 2020 by Covid-19. Housing starts between March and May were significantly lower than the previous four year average. During this period of time, the Province of Ontario had announced a Provincial State of Emergency (March 17, 2020) and released Bill 189 (Coronavirus (COVID-19) Support and Protection Act, 2020) on April 21, 2020).

As shown in Figure 5, housing starts rebounded strongly in June and July and settled into a comparable pattern to the previous four years throughout the second half of 2020.

Figure 5: Niagara Region Housing Starts: 2016 to 2019 (avg) vs 2020



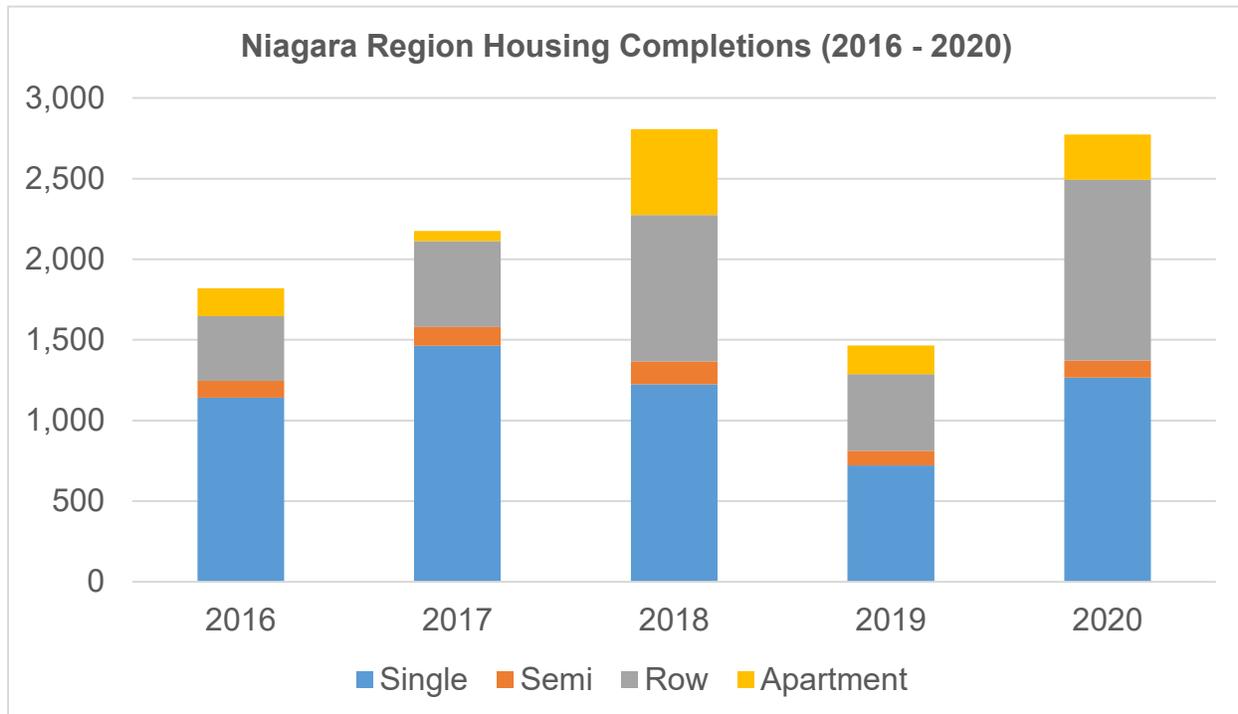
Source: CMHC, Housing Market Information Portal

Similar to housing starts, housing completions have also increased steadily over the last 5 years, including a significant increase in 2020 compared to 2019. Housing completions have greater variation on a year-to-year basis as higher density forms of development (such as apartments) tend to take longer to complete and can often start years prior to completion.

Consistent with housing starts, housing completions have begun to shift towards denser forms of development. The housing mix built since 2016 include 53% single detached, 5% semi-detached, 31% townhouse/row and 11% apartment. As a point of comparison, the 2016 Census identified an existing housing stock in Niagara of 70% single detached, 5% semi-detached, 7% townhouse/row and 17% apartment. An even greater shift towards denser forms of housing will be required in Niagara to achieve growth forecasts, reduce core housing need and improve affordability.

Figure 6 provides an overview of housing completions between 2016 and 2020.

Figure 6: Niagara Region Housing Completions (2016 – 2020)



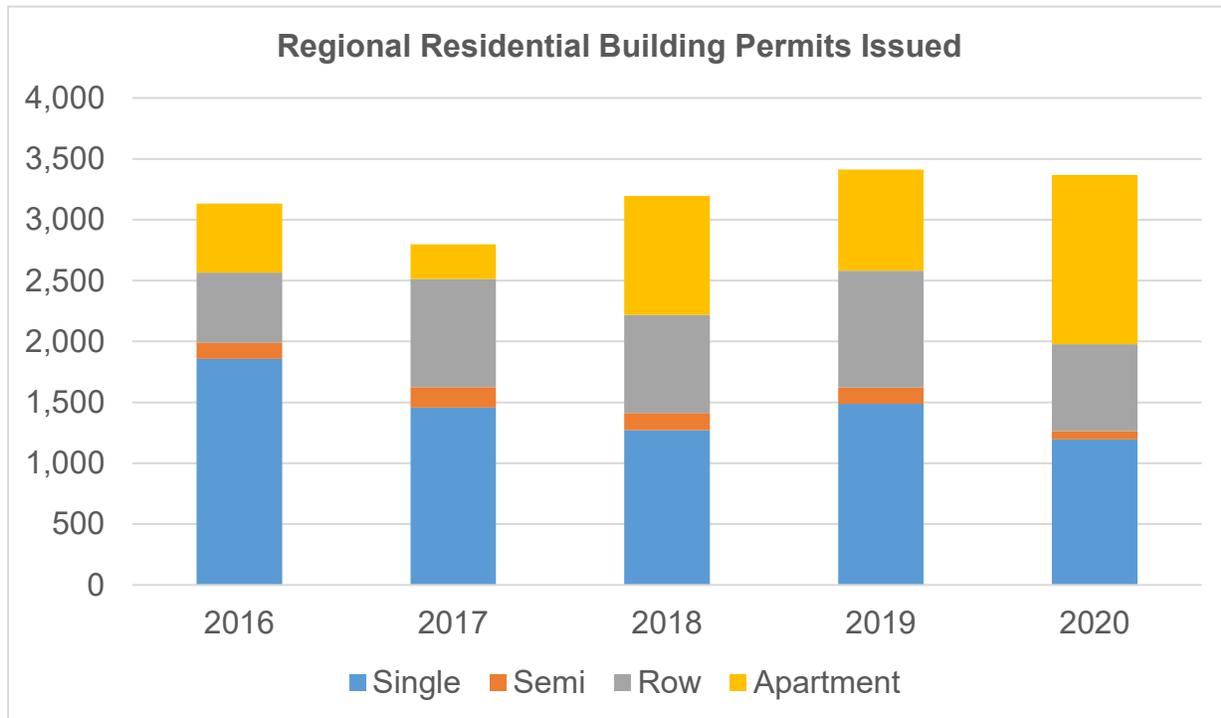
Source: CMHC, Housing Market Information Portal

New housing units, issued by building permit, also grew consistently over the previous half decade, reaching nearly 3,400 for the second consecutive year.

Similar to housing starts and completions, medium and higher density forms of housing are becoming more prevalent compared to low density. Specifically, apartment units reached nearly 1,400 units in 2020 - the highest annual volume for building permits on record at the Region.

Figure 7 provides an overview of building permits (housing units) since 2016.

Figure 7: Residential Building Permits (2016 - 2020)



Source: Niagara Region Planning and Development Services

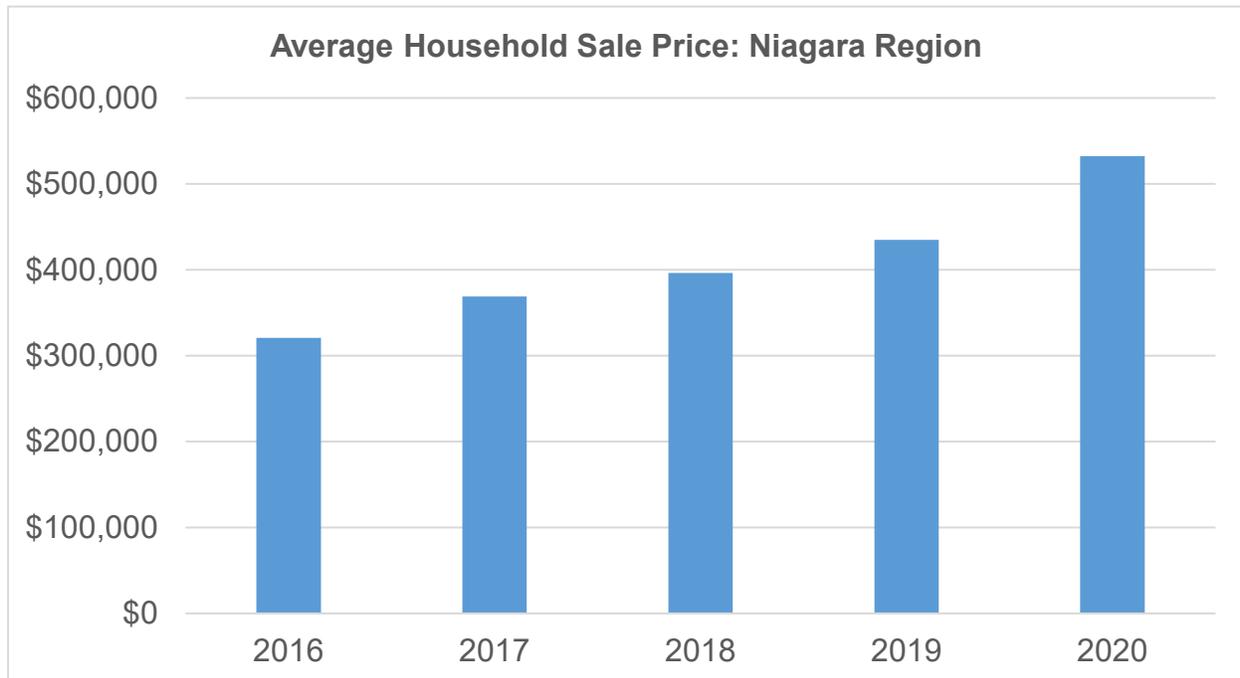
Housing Market

The housing market in Niagara has been on the rise since 2015 with significant increases to average sale price in 2016 and 2017. Between 2015 and 2017, the average sale price of a home in Niagara increased nearly 40%. Average sale price has continued to increase in 2018 and 2019 but at a lower rate of 7% and 10% respectively. The average sale price increased significantly, again, between 2019 and 2020 by 22% reaching an average sale price of \$532,400.

Overall, the average sale price for a home in Niagara increased 66% from 2016 to 2020.¹ Figure 8 provides a breakdown of average sale price by year.

¹ Average sale prices are based on information from CREA and the Niagara Realty Association.

Figure 8: Average Household Sale Price (2016 – 2020)



Source: Niagara Association of Realtors

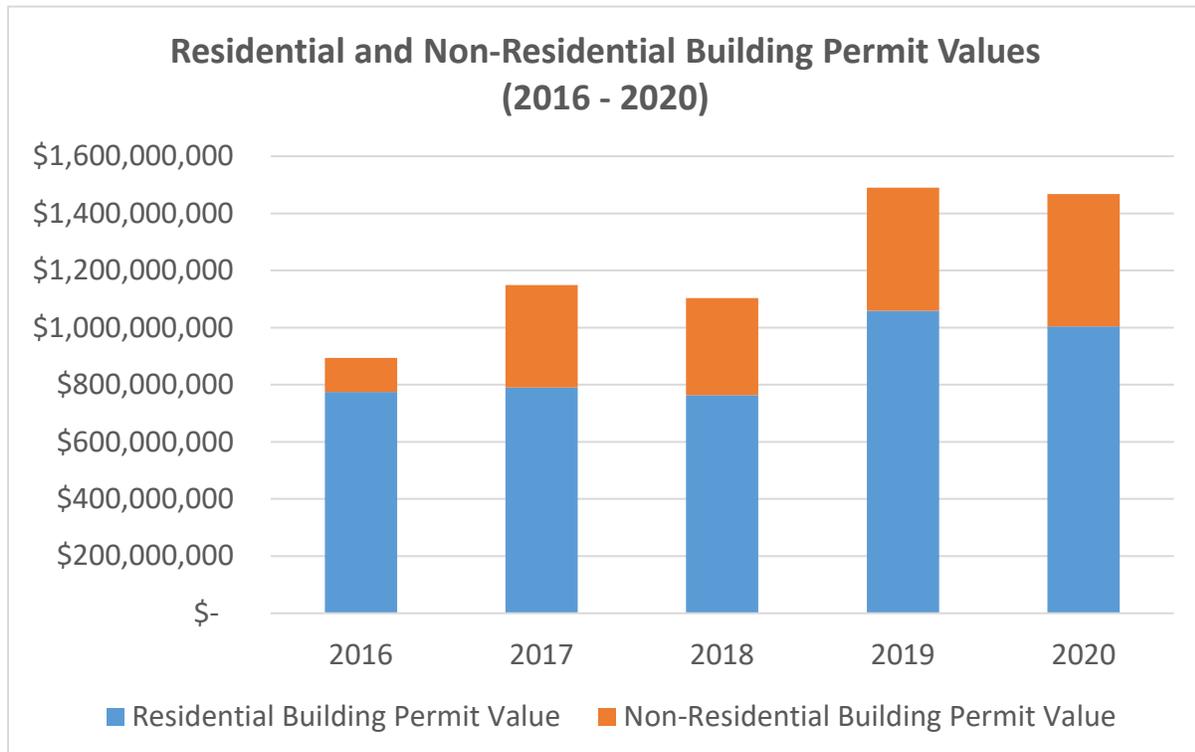
Building Permit Values

Building permit values, just like population and housing development, have increased over the past 5 years, growing from \$858 million in 2016 and reaching nearly \$1.5 billion in 2019 and 2020, respectively.

Similar to housing starts and completions, it appears the Covid-19 pandemic did not have a significant impact on building permit investment in 2020, relative to the previous four years.

The increased diversity of permits is particularly notable; non-residential permits grew from 15% in 2015 and 2016 to 30% from 2017 to 2020. The increased ratio of non-residential building permit values is more inline with the Region's Development Charges Background Study. Figure 9 provides an overview of building permit values from 2016 to 2020.

Figure 9: Residential and Non-Residential Building Permit Values (2016 - 2020)



Source: Statistics Canada Building Permit Values and Niagara Region Planning and Development Services

Conclusion

The scope and detail of annual growth reports will be revisited following the adoption of the forthcoming Niagara Official Plan. Future iterations of the report will provide additional metrics related to monitoring the Plan's implementation and commentary on the achievement of policy objectives and targets.

Alternatives Reviewed

No alternatives are provided. This report is prepared for information.

Relationship to Council Strategic Priorities

- Supporting Businesses and Economic Growth

- This report discusses trends in population, housing and building permit values over the past 5 years. This information is important for Regional Council to have as they make decisions that impact the Regional economy.
- **Healthy and Vibrant Community**
 - This report highlights trends in housing sale prices that relate directly to housing affordability in Niagara.
- **Responsible Growth and Infrastructure Planning**
 - The population increase over the past 5 years will be a critical component in advancing Regional Transit and GO Rail Service. A greater population, as well as increased densities around proposed GO Station areas, will support development and provide greater use of the service.
 - Tracking and reporting upon residential and economic growth provides direction on maintaining existing infrastructure and assists in asset management.

Other Pertinent Reports

- PDS 9-2017: Niagara Region Annual Growth Report
- PDS 25-2018: Niagara Region End of Year Growth Report 2017
- PDS 21-2019: Niagara Region End of Year Growth Report 2018
- PDS 19-2020: Niagara Region End of Year Growth Report 2019

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Development Applications Monitoring Report – 2020 Year End

PDS 24-2021

Regional Council, at its meeting held on June 24, 2021, passed the following recommendation of its Planning and Economic Development Committee:

That Report PDS 24-2021, dated June 16, 2021, respecting Development Applications Monitoring Report - 2020 Year End, **BE RECEIVED** and **BE CIRCULATED** to the Local Area Municipalities, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, Niagara Home Builders Association, Niagara Industrial Association, local Chambers of Commerce and School Boards.

A copy of PDS 24-2021 is enclosed for your reference.

Yours truly,



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Subject: Development Applications Monitoring Report - 2020 Year End

Report to: Planning and Economic Development Committee

Report date: Wednesday, June 16, 2021

Recommendations

1. That Report PDS 24-2021 **BE RECEIVED** for information; and,
2. That a copy of Report PDS 24-2021 **BE CIRCULATED** to Local Area Municipalities, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, Niagara Home Builders Association, Niagara Industrial Association, local Chambers of Commerce and School Boards.

Key Facts

- The purpose of this report is to inform Regional Council of 2020 development application activity in Niagara Region.
- Regional Development Planning and Engineering staff reviewed 595 development applications in 2020.
- Regional Development Planning and Engineering staff provided comments for 552 pre-consultation meetings in 2020.
- The Region received \$1,353,810 in review fees for development applications in 2020 (54% increase from 2019 fees).

Financial Considerations

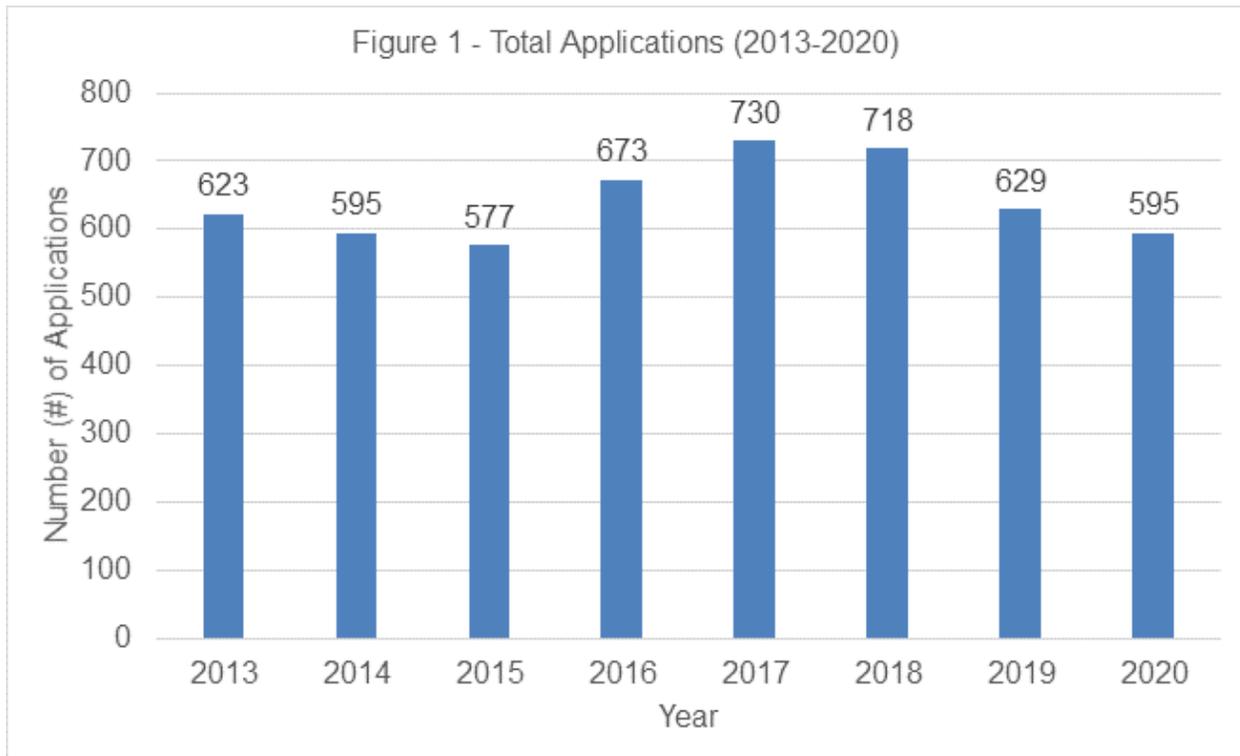
There are no direct financial implications associated with this report.

Analysis

Development Applications

Regional Development Services staff reviewed 595 development applications in 2020, representing a 5% decrease from 629 applications in 2019. Figure 1 illustrates the number of applications considered by Development Planning and Engineering staff from 2013 to 2020. These development applications are circulated to the Region based on Provincial legislation requirements and the existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Region and Local Area Municipalities for planning in Niagara. The decrease appears to be attributed to the first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic and

adapting to the online format during the initial lockdown. The first full month after the lockdown (April 2020) there was a drop in applications, followed by a steady recovery in application volumes during subsequent months.

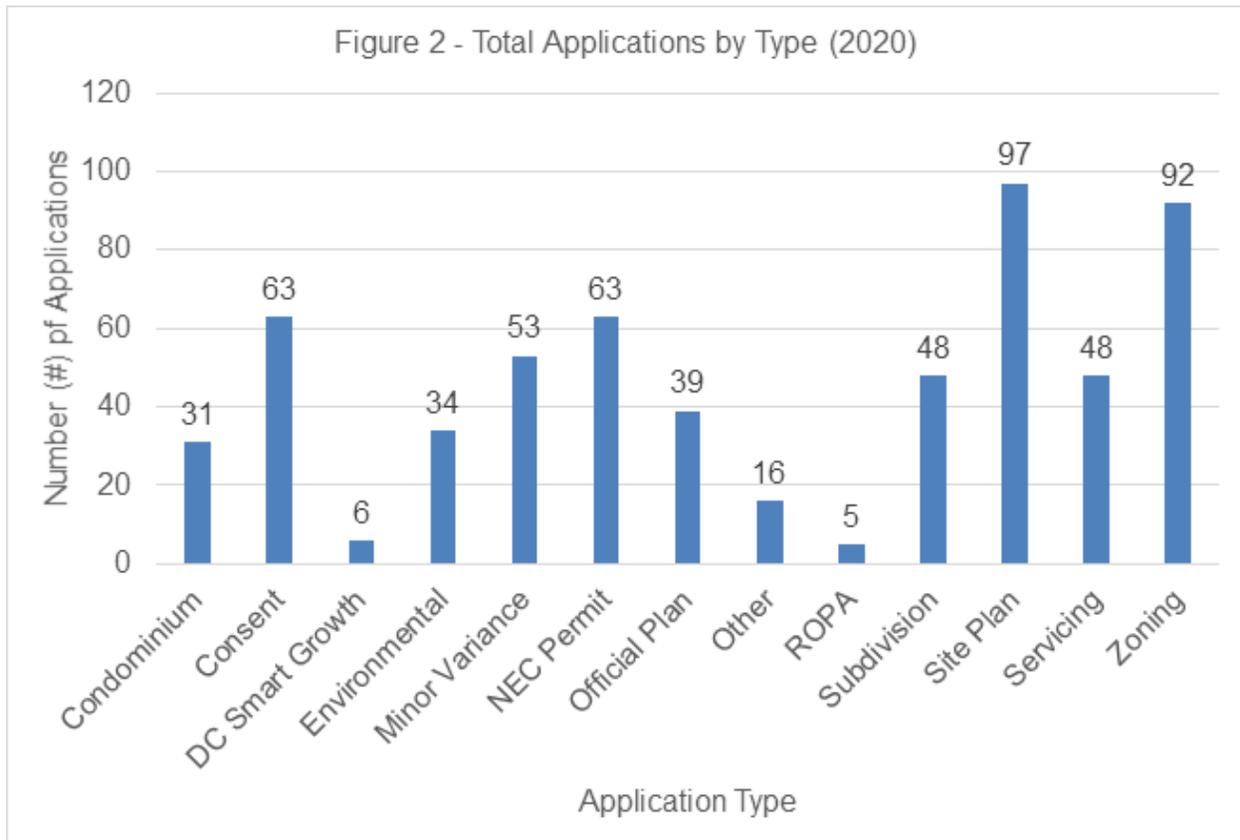


Staff expects the volume of development applications to be higher in 2021, as the trends in the fourth quarter of 2020 showed an uptake in applications by 17% compared to the fourth quarter of 2019. A look at Q1 2021 application volumes (202) reinforces this continuing trend as a 36% increase in volumes was experienced in comparison with 2020 (148). In addition, April 2021 volumes (76) was 55% above 2020 levels (49).

Additionally, the Planning and Development Services has the ability to waive its review function on certain types of minor development applications in local municipalities. This represents an effort to increase efficiency in the planning review function in Niagara and is a result of changes to the MOU.

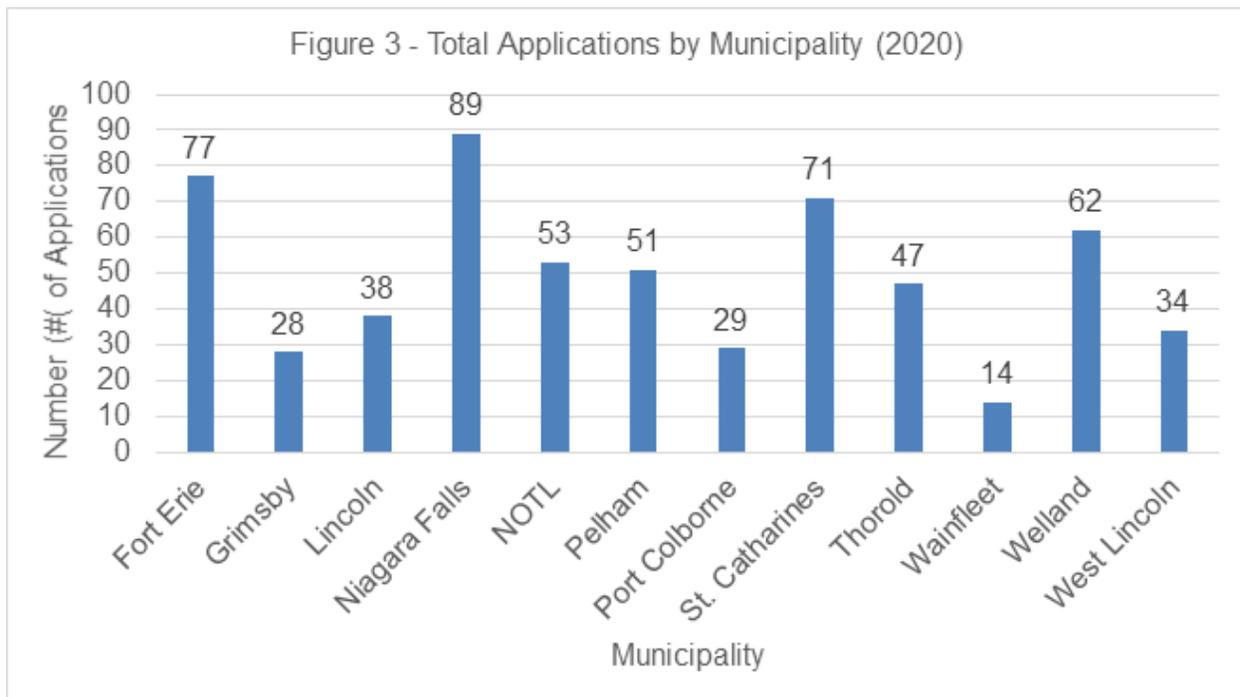
Figure 2 below provides the breakdown of development applications, by type, reviewed by Regional staff in 2020. Some complex development proposals often require multiple planning approvals. As an example, subdivision and condominium applications may also need amendments to the municipal Official Plan and/or Zoning By-law to facilitate the development. The categories with the most applications considered by Regional

staff were Site Plans (97), closely followed by Zoning By-law Amendments (92), and Consent (i.e. severances) and Niagara Escarpment Commission Development Permits (both 63).



The distribution of applications circulated to the Region by local municipalities during 2020 is shown on Figure 3. This information indicates relatively high levels of development activity in several communities. The municipalities with the most applications circulated to the Region were Niagara Falls (89), Fort Erie (77), St. Catharines (71), and Welland (62). As stated previously, application volumes were lower in 2020 compared to recent years because of the COVID-19 pandemic, however, the third and fourth quarters of 2020 saw a significant increase in volume.

Regional staff were also involved in reviewing several complex development applications in 2020, as highlighted in Appendix 1 of this report. This often requires review that is more extensive and can affect a broad range of issues (i.e. environmental impacts, traffic impacts and urban design considerations, etc.).



Pre-consultation Meetings

Development Services staff attend regular pre-consultation meeting sessions two days each month in each local municipality. These meetings are to determine complete application submission requirements and assist in the processing of applications. The COVID-19 pandemic required planning staff at the Region and the local municipalities to pivot to an online meeting format starting in April 2020. Developers, property owners, local staff and agencies were able to participate in these virtual pre-consultation meetings.

In 2020, Regional staff attended 552 pre-consultation meetings, which is an 11% decrease from the 2019 total (see Figure 4). This is likely a result of a pause in pre-consultations at the beginning of the first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic, while municipalities adopted to the online format. Pre-consultation volumes increased in the third and fourth quarters of 2020 and, generally, the number of pre-consultation meetings is an indicator of future development applications. Accordingly, staff expect development application numbers to increase in 2021.

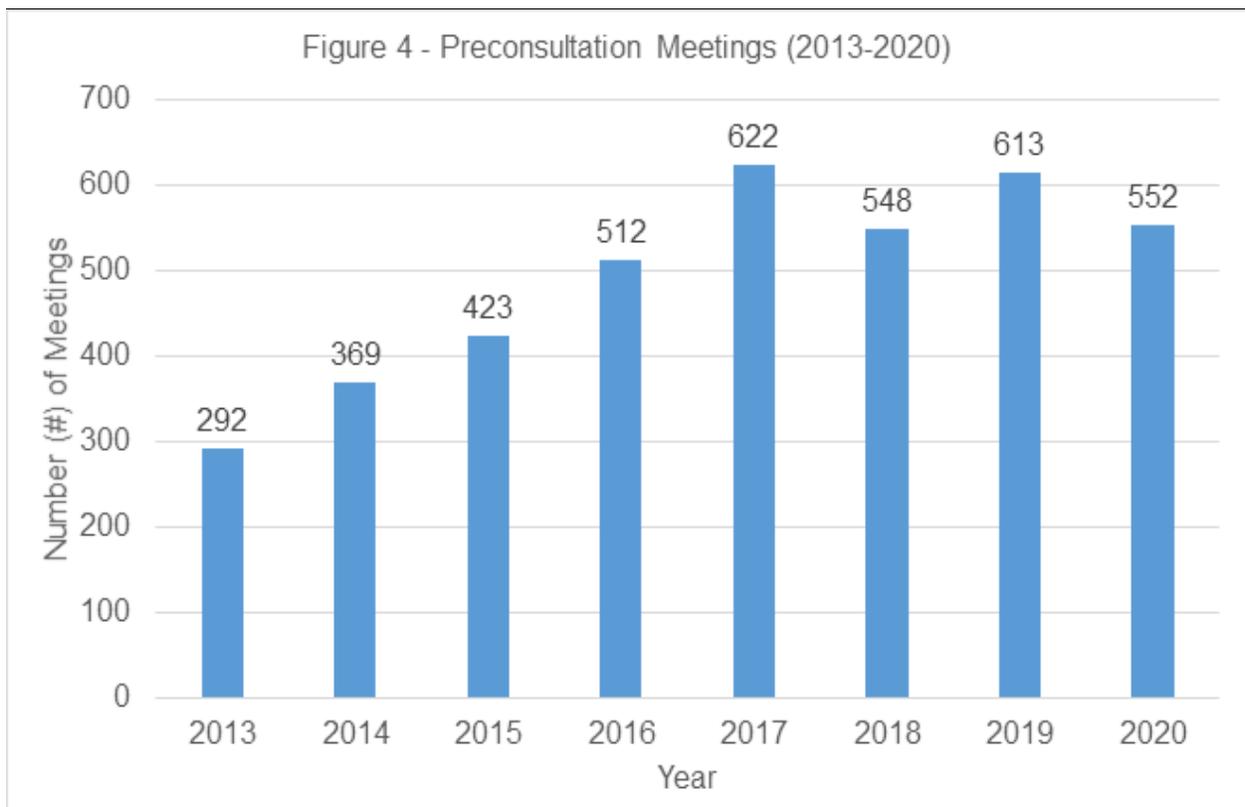
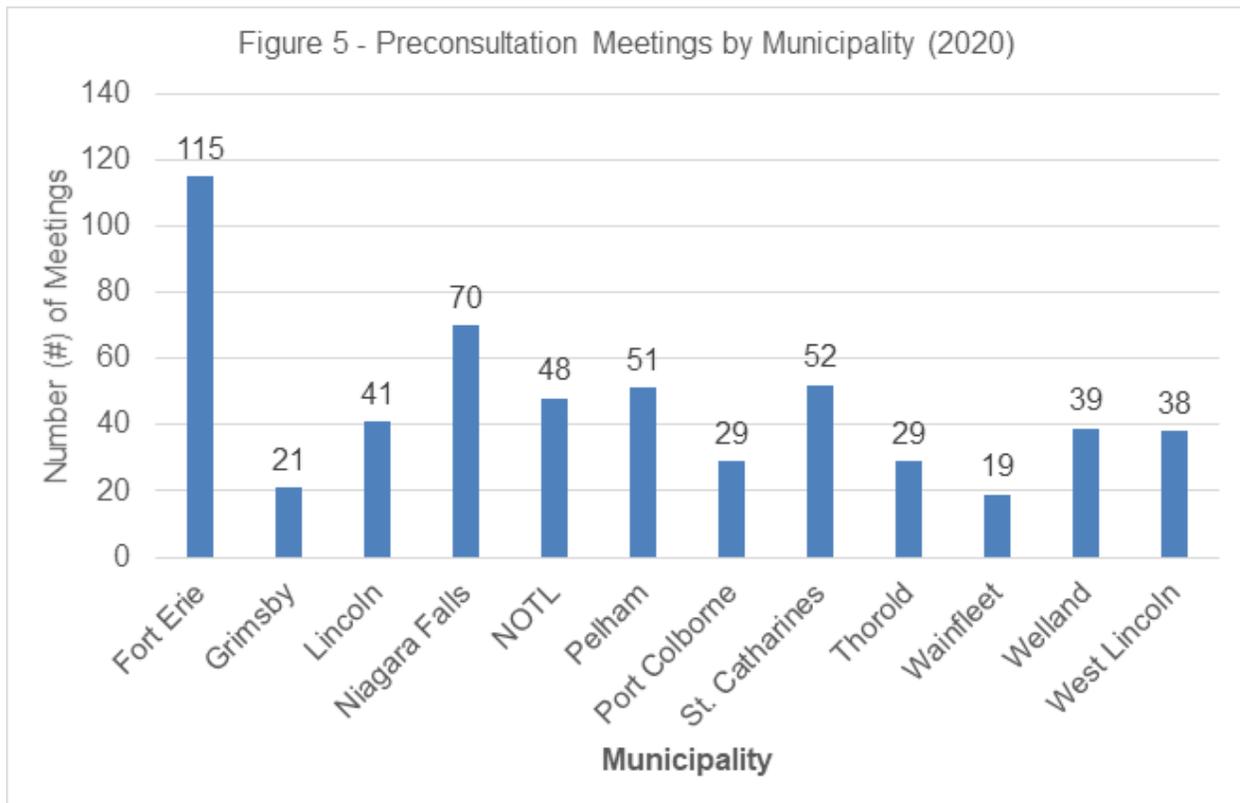


Figure 5 illustrates the number of pre-consultation meetings by municipality in 2020 that involved Regional staff. The municipalities with the highest levels of pre-consultation activity were Fort Erie (115) and Niagara Falls (70), followed by St. Catharines (52), Pelham (51), and Niagara-on-the-Lake (48).

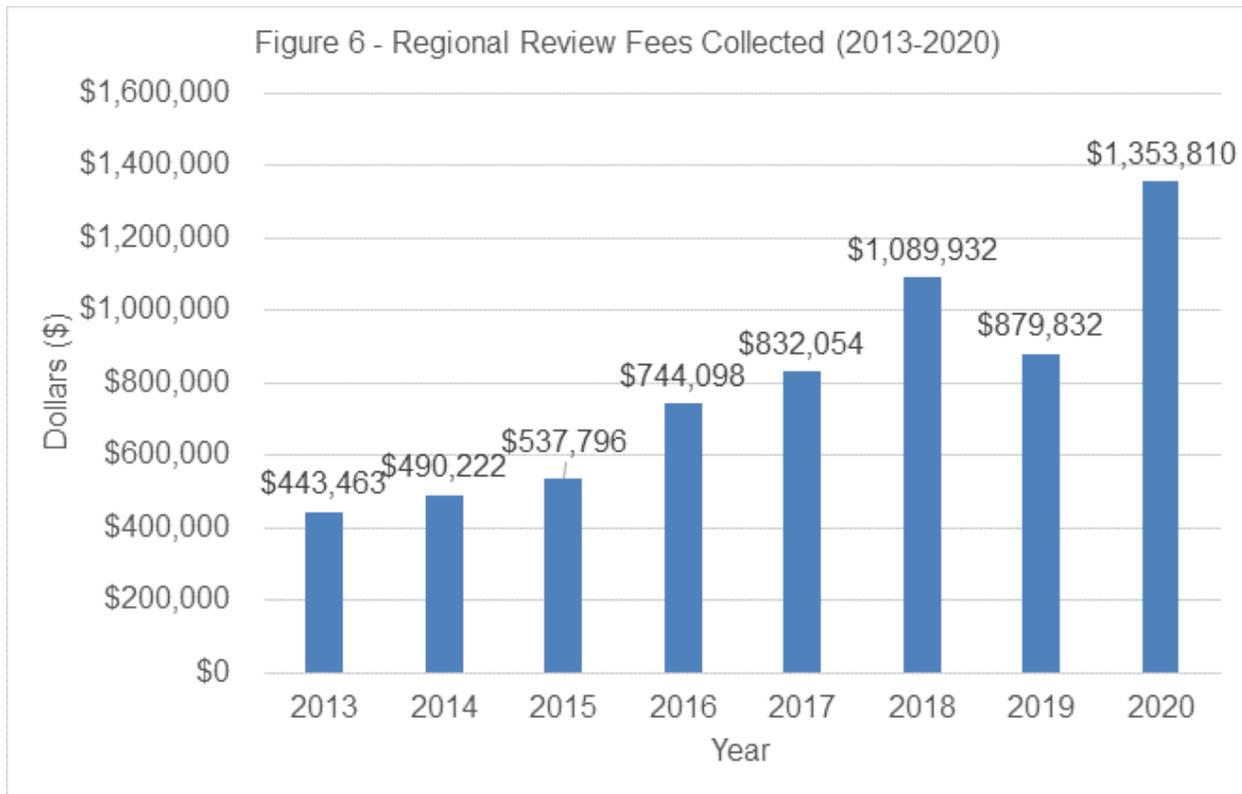


Regional Review Fees

Regional review fees are intended to offset Regional costs for the development review service. Figure 6 summarizes the fees collected between 2013 and 2020 for the Regional review of development applications. The 2020 total of \$1,353,810 represents an increase of 54% from 2019. This relates to an increase in the number of complex applications received (i.e. Regional Official Plan Amendments, Official Plan Amendments and Draft Plans of Subdivision/Condominium), which generally have higher review fees. As we expect the total volume and complexity of development applications to increase from 2020 to 2021, development review fees are also expected to increase.

The Region received a Regional Official Plan Amendment (ROPA) application in March 2021 for an expansion to the Port Colborne Quarry and anticipate potentially receiving two additional ROPA applications in 2021 for a proposed new quarry and an expansion of an existing quarry. These applications are the most complex “development” applications, which are very time intensive to process with many technical studies that often require peer reviews to assist staff in areas in which the department does not have in-house expertise. The application fees approved by Regional Council reflect the

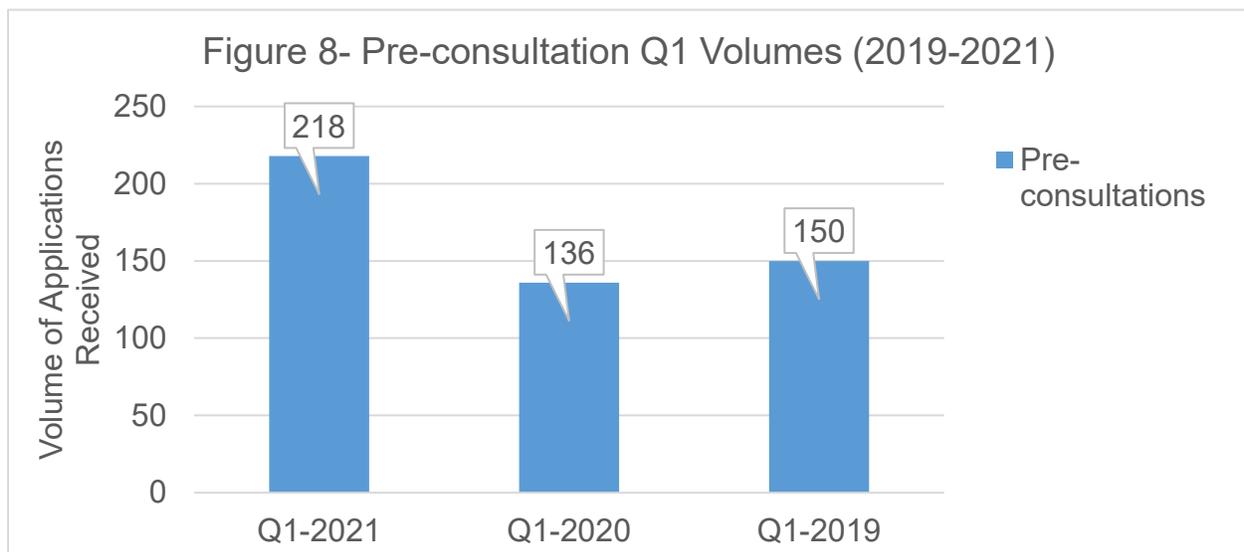
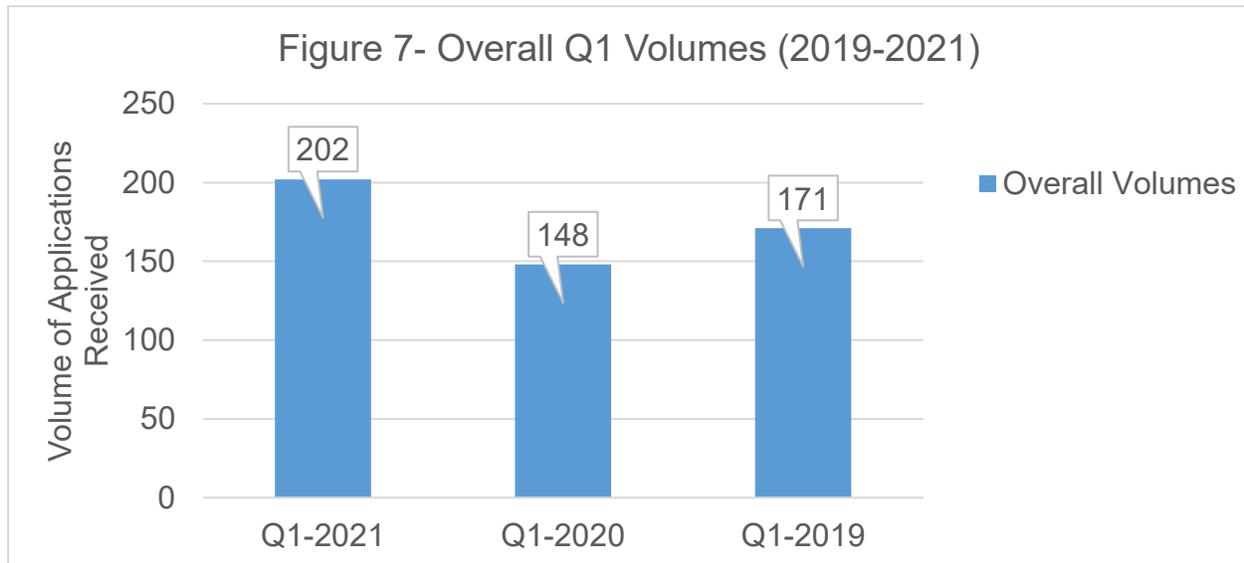
complexity and staff resources involved in reviewing quarry applications. As a best practice the Region, with participation of the affected local area municipality and the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, has implemented a Joint Agency Review Team (JART) to share resources including a single peer reviewer for each technical study in order to maximize efficiencies.



2021 Outlook

As outlined earlier in this report, Staff anticipate an increase in application volumes in 2021 based on the first quarter metrics. Regional Development Services staff reviewed 202 development applications in Q1 of 2021, which is an increase of 36% compared to 148 applications in Q1 of 2020. Figure 7 illustrates the number of applications considered by Development Planning and Engineering staff in Q1 of 2019, 2020 and 2021. This increase is likely attributed to applications that were paused during the first and second wave of the pandemic, ongoing public health requirements/restrictions on the construction industry that allows for additional time to plan for development, and historically low interest rates.

As previously indicated, Staff expects the volume of development applications to continue to be high throughout 2021. The trends in pre-consultation volumes for the first quarter of 2021 show an increase in pre-consultation meetings by 60% compared to the Q1 of 2020 and 45% compared to Q1 of 2019. This is illustrated in Figure 8.



The increased level of development in recent years represents a “*new normal*” for the Region. Regional Development Planning has adjusted its approach and practices to be solution oriented and proactive. By providing ongoing support to our local Municipalities, the Region strives to realize complete community planning outcomes that encourage the best possible development throughout the Region.

Urban Design’s contribution to Development Applications

In addition to assisting in the review of development applications, the Urban Design and Landscape Architecture team also undertook several programs in 2020 that support the goals of achieving well designed built environments. These programs celebrated design excellence, provided synergies to development applications and improved development outcomes. The urban design team also assists local planning teams by providing urban design peer review to significant developments within those communities. To support local planning and urban design goals staff prepare design alternatives and contribute to the discussions with developers in support of local planning partners. In particular, the urban design team has collaborated in design charrettes to improve the design outcomes of development applications. The Urban Design review function within Development Planning is a key component to elevate the quality of development in Niagara and achieve industry leading results, reflecting positively on the Niagara brand.

Alternatives Reviewed

None.

Relationship to Council Strategic Priorities

This report provides information on development application activity that contributes to strong economic prosperity throughout the communities within the Niagara Region. This relates to Council’s Strategic Priority of Supporting Business and Economic Growth, as well as Sustainable and Engaging Government through ensuring high quality, efficient and coordinated core services.

Other Pertinent Reports

- [PDS 4-2020](#): Development Applications Monitoring Report - 2019 Year End

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Appendix 1: Current Major Development Applications

Planning and Development Services Staff participated in the review of a number of major development applications in 2020. A summary of some of these major development applications are provided in the table below.

Glossary of Acronyms:

“LOPA” means Local Official Plan Amendment.

“LPAT” means Local Planning Appeal Tribunal.

“PEDC” means the Region’s Planning and Economic Development Committee.

“RFP” means Request for Proposal.

“ROPA” means Regional Official Plan Amendment.

“SPA” means Site Plan Approval.

“ZBA” means Zoning By-law Amendment.

Municipality	Application	Developer	Details	Status
Fort Erie	7 Central Avenue <u>Type:</u> SPA.	Compass Land Developments Ltd.	Application is for a 12-storey mixed use building with 217 residential units and 657m ² commercial space.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LOPA and ZBA approved. • Site plan is in progress.
Grimsby	Fifth Wheel redevelopment <u>Type:</u> LOPA, ZBA, and Draft Plan of Subdivision.	Losani Homes.	Application is for 6 mixed use buildings with a total of 1,240 residential units and 46,000 ft ² of employment space; 36 townhouse units; 19,500 ft ² of commercial space; and 2.25 hectares of parkland and open space.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications were approved by the Town on December 7, 2020. • No appeals received - decision final.
Grimsby	West Lincoln Memorial Hospital	Hamilton Health Sciences.	Application relates to the comprehensive redevelopment of the existing hospital.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional comments were provided for Phase 1 of Site Plan.

Municipality	Application	Developer	Details	Status
	<u>Type:</u> SPA.			
Grimsby	141-149 Main Street East <u>Type:</u> LOPA and ZBA.	Losani Homes.	Application relates to the redevelopment of the Cole's property for a 6-7 storey mixed use building, including commercial space on the ground floor and 215 residential dwelling units with a total of 254 parking spaces (225 underground spaces and 29 surface spaces).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional comments were provided for the initial application submission (February 2021).
Grimsby	Century Condos 6 Doran & 21-23 Main Street <u>Type:</u> LOPA and ZBA.	DeSantis Homes.	Application is for a 4-storey mixed use building with 92 residential units with 2 commercial units totaling of 463m ² on the first floor.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appealed for non-decision (settlement pending). A comprehensive public Urban Design Charrette with Town, Region and Applicant was completed earlier this year. Site plan is in progress.
Grimsby	133 Main Street east <u>Type:</u> LOPA and ZBA.	Burgess Heritage Group Inc.	Application is for a new 5-storey mixed use commercial and residential apartment building consisting of 148 residential units and 305 m ² of ground-floor commercial area. The property designated under the Part IV Section 29 of the <i>Ontario Heritage Act</i> .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application was appealed for non-decision. LPAT hearing to be scheduled shortly.

Municipality	Application	Developer	Details	Status
<p>Grimsby</p>	<p>4 Windward Drive (Casablanca Inn) <u>Type:</u> LOPA and ZBA.</p>	<p>TRG Casablanca Inc.</p>	<p>Application is for a 19-storey apartment building with 212 residential units, ground floor retail / restaurant commercial space, and a new hotel with conference and banquet facilities.</p> <p>Additionally, the existing hotel will be demolished and a new 12-storey apartment building with 208 residential units and ground floor retail commercial space will be constructed.</p> <p>The site will feature approximately 1,500 m² outdoor park area and will have a total of 909 parking spaces contained within 3 levels of underground parking.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The statutory Public Meeting has been held. • Regional comments were provided in March 2021 on the application's resubmission with respect to design/wind. • Application is still in progress at this time.
<p>Lincoln</p>	<p>3221 North Service Road <u>Type:</u> ZBA.</p>	<p>LJM Developments. A.J. Clarke & Associates Ltd.</p>	<p>Currently, the application is proposing 2 residential towers (25 and 28 storeys, respectively) that share a common 6-storey podium for a total of 510 residential units.</p> <p>The site is located outside of and abuts the Prudhommes Secondary Plan Area.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Region, Town, and Applicant are in the process of refining site and building design elements. • Regional comments on the 2nd submission were provided April 23, 2021. • A public urban design charrette is planned to be scheduled for spring / summer 2021.

Municipality	Application	Developer	Details	Status
Lincoln	Prudhommes Landing Site Redevelopment <u>Type:</u> ZBA and Draft Plan of Subdivision	FBH Ontario Inc.	Application is for approximately 1,173 residential units (consisting of a variety of single-detached, semi-detached, townhouse and apartment units), 3.92 hectares of open space, and 3.88 hectares of natural area within the Prudhommes Secondary Plan Area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Town has approved the Draft Plan of Subdivision.
Niagara Falls	New South Niagara Hospital <u>Type:</u> SPA.	Niagara Health System.	Application relates to the Campus Planning for new Niagara South Hospital site.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Campus Plan was finalized in September 2019. Project was incorporated into Ministry of Health Functional Program Submission. Stage 1 of the Site Plan has been completed for issuance of RFP.
Niagara Falls	Riverfront Residential Community <u>Type:</u> ZBA and Draft Plan of Subdivision.	GR (CAN) Investments Ltd.	Application is for an estimated total of 1,045 residential units (consisting of single-detached, semi-detached, townhouse and apartment units), 1.86 hectares of parkland and open space, and 17 hectares of natural area. Regional conditions of approval include servicing, natural heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft Plan and ZBA approved by City; ZBA appealed to LPAT. Developer proceeding to address conditions of draft approval for first phase.

Municipality	Application	Developer	Details	Status
			requirements, site remediation, etc.	
Niagara Falls	Splendour Residential Development <u>Type:</u> LOPA, ZBA and Draft Plan of Subdivision.	Cobas Developments Inc.	Application is for 104 single-detached dwellings, 16 semi-detached dwellings, 148 townhouses, and 1 block for a future school(s) site.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City has approved the Draft Plan of Subdivision.
Niagara-on-the-Lake	Settler's Landing (Phase 2) <u>Type:</u> ZBA and Draft Plan of Subdivision	Settler's Landing Estates Ltd.	Application is for 53 single-detached dwellings on a 4.1 hectare site.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional comments were provided on December 23, 2020. Application has been Draft Approved by the Town and applicant is currently clearing conditions of Draft Approval.
Pelham	Forest Park Subdivision <u>Type:</u> ZBA and Draft Plan of Subdivision	Sterling Realty (Niagara) Inc. Upper Canada Consultants.	Application is for the creation 77 lots for single-detached dwellings, 8 blocks for 86 street townhouse dwellings, 1 block for 280 multi-family residential units, 1 block for a park, 1 block for a stormwater management pond, 1 block for a relocated watercourse, and associated roadways on a 17.03 hectare property.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application is in progress. Regional comments were provided for the 1st application submission on December 22, 2020.
Pelham	North Side of Summersides Boulevard and 1409,	Mountainview Homes (Niagara) Ltd.	Application is for the creation of 13 lots for single-detached dwellings, 7 blocks for 30 rear lane townhouse units, 10 blocks for 44 street townhouse units, 5 blocks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional comments were provided on October 1, 2020.

Municipality	Application	Developer	Details	Status
	<p>1411, 1413, 1415 and 1419 Station Street</p> <p><u>Type:</u> ZBA and Draft Plan of Subdivision</p>	<p>Upper Canada Consultants.</p>	<p>for 40 back-to-back townhouse units, and 1 block for a pedestrian walkway on a 4.46 hectare property.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town hosted a statutory Public Meeting on November 23, 2020. • Application is in progress.
<p>Port Colborne</p>	<p>118 West Street</p> <p><u>Type:</u> SPA.</p>	<p>Raimondo + Associates Architects Inc.</p> <p>Rankin Construction Inc.</p> <p>Southport Condos Inc.</p>	<p>Application is for a 9-storey mixed use building consisting of 74 residential units and 421m² of ground floor commercial space.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application is in progress. • Regional comments were provided on November 10, 2020 for the 2nd application submission.
<p>St. Catharines</p>	<p>Linhaven Long Term Care Facility Redevelopment (403 Ontario Street)</p> <p><u>Type:</u> LOPA, ZBA, Draft Plan of Subdivision, and SPA.</p>	<p>Regional Municipality of Niagara.</p>	<p>Application is to construct a 5-storey 256-bed long term care facility to replace the existing Linhaven Long Term Care facility.</p> <p>The existing Alzheimer Society of Niagara building will remain on-site. The development will be located adjacent to the existing Hospice Niagara building along Ontario Street and will include two interior courtyards that feature outdoor dining areas, landscaping, fitness stations, and shade structures. Site parking will be located at the rear of the site.</p> <p>The building will offer interior cafes, an auditorium, gym, library,</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site plan is in progress. • Regional comments were provided on the April 27, 2021 relating to the 4th application submission. • There are no outstanding Regional requirements at this time.

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			and chapel, and dining areas on every floor.	
Thorold	Canada Summer Games Complex <u>Type:</u> SPA.	Games Operations, 2021 Canada Summer Games.	Application relates to the Canada Summer Games Building and Playing Fields.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site plan has been approved. • Construction is in progress.
Thorold	Artisan Ridge Phase 2 <u>Type:</u> Draft Plan of Subdivision	LANDx Developments.	Application consists of 123 single-detached and 40 townhouses and is a phase of the larger Artisan Ridge Subdivision.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Plan of Subdivision has been approved by City.
Thorold	Legacy Port Robinson Estates (Phases 2 & 3) <u>Type:</u> ZBA and Draft Plan of Subdivision.	Armstrong Planning. Legacy Communities. JTG Holdings Ltd. Maple Hill Developments Inc.	Application is for a total of 733 dwelling units that consists of 347 townhouse units, 80 semi-detached units, and 306 single-detached units.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Plan of Subdivision and Zoning By-law Amendment Approved
Welland	Hunter's Pointe Golf Course Redevelopment <u>Type:</u> LOPA, ZBA, and Draft Plan of Subdivision.	2599587 Ontario Ltd.	Application is for 735 single-detached dwellings, 250 townhouses, 170 residential units and 60,000 ft ² of commercial space within proposed mixed use buildings.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The application was approved by the City and has been appealed. • LPAT hearing to be scheduled shortly.
Welland	John Deere – Dain West Subdivision	Empire Homes.	Application is for a mixed use subdivision that allows for a maximum development of 870 residential dwelling units (consisting of detached, semi-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional comments were sent April 26, 2021.

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	<p><u>Type:</u> ROPA, LOPA, ZBA, and Draft Plan of Subdivision.</p>		<p>detached and townhouse dwellings), a 4 hectare mixed-use employment block, a stormwater management pond, an elementary school, parks and open space on approximately 74 hectares of land.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application was approved by City Council May 4, 2021. • LOPA 30 and ROPA 19 to be considered by PEDC on June 16, 2021.
<p>West Lincoln</p>	<p>Northwest Corner of South Grimsby Road 5 and Regional Road 20 (South of CP Rail Line)</p> <p><u>Type:</u> ZBA and Draft Plan of Subdivision</p>	<p>Marz Homes (Smithville West) Inc. IBI Group.</p>	<p>Application is for approximately 224 residential units and a recreational trail on a 10.29 hectare property.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application is in progress. • Regional comments were provided December 4, 2020 on the 1st submission of the application.
<p>West Lincoln</p>	<p>Station Meadows West</p> <p><u>Type:</u> ZBA and Draft Plan of Subdivision</p>	<p>P. Budd Developments</p>	<p>Application is for 68 lots of single-detached dwellings, 28 blocks for 163 freehold townhouse dwelling units, 3 blocks for 164 condominium townhouse dwelling units, 1 block for park space, and a multi-use trail block on a 14.84 hectare property.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application is in progress. • Regional comments were provided for the 3rd ZBA and Draft Plan of Subdivision submission on May 4, 2021.