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February 14, 2017

The Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario
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Dear Premier Wynne:

RE: Resolution of Support, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority Investigation

Please be advised that, at its meeting of January 23, 2017 the Council of the Town of Lincoln enacted the following motion re: Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority Investigation as follows:

WHEREAS the Town of Lincoln seeks to always build trust and confidence in the administration of its responsibilities;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Lincoln also seeks to protect the interests of Lincoln residents by ensuring full accountability and complete transparency, while demanding our resident's tax dollars being contributed to the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (the "NPCA") are spent and administered with the highest standards.

AND WHEREAS citizens of both Niagara Region and the City of Hamilton represented by the NPCA have explicitly and repeatedly requested a forensic audit to clarify hiring practices, alleged use of public money in the hiring of lobbyists and have made clear their issues of public trust with the NPCA;

AND WHEREAS municipalities including Niagara Falls, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Pelham, Port Colborne, St. Catharines, Thorold, Wainfleet, Welland and the City of Hamilton have enacted motions calling on the Province of Ontario to initiate an appropriately thorough investigation, be it a value for money and/or forensic audit, of applicable 2012-2016 transactions of the NPCA;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry has instructed that the jurisdictional accountability for evaluating the performance of the NPCA is the responsibility of the appointed members of the Board of

Niagara MPPs
Niagara Region
Local Area Municipalities
Haldimand County
City of Hamilton



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF HAMILTON

February 24, 2017

The Honorable Kathleen Wynne
Premier of Ontario
795 Eglinton Avenue East, Suite 101
Toronto, ON M4G 4E4



Dear Premier Kathleen Wynne,

Re: Resolution respecting the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority Investigation

At its meeting of February 22, 2017 Hamilton City Council endorsed the Town of Lincoln's resolution (attached) respecting the above matter.

Sincerely,

Mayor Fred Eisenberger

Cc: Kathryn McGarry, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry
Auditor General of Ontario
NPCA Board of Directors
Niagara MPPs
Haldimand County
Niagara's Local Area Municipalities
Niagara Region
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Town of Lincoln

File C17-003
(5.10)

CLERK'S DEPARTMENT

March 1, 2017

Mr. Alan Caslin, Regional Chair
Niagara Region
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way
P.O. Box 1042
Thorold, ON
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Dear Chair Caslin:

Re: Request for support of family members of missing persons, and namely Niagara resident, Ashley Smith

This is to advise that on Monday, February 27, 2017, West Lincoln Township Council approved the following recommendation relating to a request from the Niagara Region for support of family members of missing persons, and namely Niagara resident, Ashley Smith:

That, the correspondence from the Office of the Regional Chair, Alan Caslin, dated February 16, 2017, requesting support of a motion adopted by Niagara Regional Council at their meeting of Thursday, February 9, 2017 regarding support of family members of missing persons, and namely Niagara resident, Ashley Smith; be received and supported.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905-957-3346 ext. 6720.

Sincerely,



Carolyn Langley,
Clerk

cc: Mr. Ralph Walton, Regional Clerk
Niagara Local Area Municipalities
Niagara Members of Parliament
Niagara Members of Provincial Parliament

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March 3, 2017

CL 3-2017, March 2, 2017
PDC 3-2017, February 22, 2017
Report PDS 2-2017

LOCAL AREA MUNICIPALITIES

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Initiation Report: Regional Official Plan Amendment 13 (ROPA 13)
Transportation Policies

PDS 2-2017

Regional Council, at its meeting of March 2, 2017, approved the following recommendation of its Planning and Development Committee:

That Report PDS 2-2017, dated February 22, 2017, respecting Initiation Report: Regional Official Plan Amendment 13 (ROPA 13) Transportation Policies, **BE RECEIVED** for information and **BE CIRCULATED** to the local area municipalities.

A copy of Report PDS 2-2017 is enclosed for your information.

Yours truly,



Ralph Walton
Regional Clerk
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cc: A. Morrison, Planner
D. Landry, Planner
N. Oakes, Executive Assistant to the Commissioner, Planning & Development Services

**Subject: Initiation Report: Regional Official Plan Amendment 13 (ROPA 13)
Transportation Policies**

Report To: Planning and Development Committee

Meeting Date: Wednesday February 22, 2017

Recommendations

1. That this report **BE RECEIVED** for information.
2. That a copy of this report **BE CIRCULATED** to the local municipalities.

Key Facts

- The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the intent to initiate an Amendment to the Regional Official Plan (ROP) to replace and enhance the existing transportation policies in Chapter 9 of the ROP with comprehensive policies developed as part of the Transportation Master Plan (TMP).
- Transportation policies currently existing within Chapter 9 of the ROP are outdated and must be revised.
- Updating the transportation policies within the ROP is a key component of the implementation of the TMP recommendations.
- Regional Official Plan Amendment 13 (ROPA 13) will equip Niagara with current and sound transportation policy to ensure best practices are utilized across the region.
- Although the Region will be preparing a new ROP, this Amendment is required in order to ensure consistency between the TMP and the current ROP. It is expected that this section will be carried over to the new ROP with only minor changes if required.

Considerations

Financial

The cost of the work associated with this Amendment was funded within the Planning and Development Services' 2016 operating levy budget. More specifically, \$35,000.00 was allocated from the Planning and Development Services Department budget to the TMP for the development of draft transportation policies.

Corporate

Planning and Development Services is working collaboratively with Public Works and Public Health on the development of the transportation policies.

Governmental Partners

Local planning and public works departments will be engaged throughout the development of the draft transportation policies. ROPA 13 will be distributed to all appropriate government agencies, including Provincial agencies through the one-window review process, for review and comment. All received feedback will be considered towards the development of new transportation policies.

Public and/or Service Users

To date, the TMP has completed three of its four sets of public information sessions as a part of its public consultation process. During the TMPs fourth set of public information sessions, the public will be informed of the upcoming draft transportation policies.

ROPA 13 is being initiated under Section 26 of the *Planning Act*, as it is considered an update to conform to provincial policy. Amendments under Section 26 require that an open house and statutory public meeting at Committee be held to receive feedback on the draft policies. The statutory open house and public meeting are anticipated to be held in March and April of 2017. All public input will be considered during the development and review of the policies and will be addressed in the staff recommendation report. The recommendation report is anticipated to be brought forward to Planning and Development Services Committee for consideration in Q3 of 2017 to align with the endorsement of the TMP.

Analysis

The TMP is a comprehensive study that directs how the Niagara Transportation Network will be designed, the modes that will utilize it (pedestrian, cyclist, transit, rail, air, freight, automobile), and the investments needed to achieve it. The TMP provides direction and insight towards the creation of the new transportation policies for Niagara's ROP.

ROPA 13 is intended to be brought forward with the TMP. The Amendment will be replacing the existing transportation policies in Chapter 9 with new comprehensive regional policies. The Amendment will be brought forward under Section 26 of the *Planning Act*, as it is considered an update to the Official Plan to conform to provincial policies. ROPA 13 will enact new policies that will align with and conform to new Provincial legislations and regulations, including the anticipated revisions to the Growth

Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe. The Amendment will equip Niagara with current and sound transportation policy to ensure best practices are utilized across the region.

ROPA 13 will include policies to address the following transportation elements:

- Transportation Systems;
- Regional Road System (including road allowances and right-of-ways);
- Public Transit;
- Railroads, Marine, and Airports;
- Active Transportation; and,
- Complete Streets and Transportation Demand Management.

The transportation policies within the Amendment will implement the direction and recommendations identified by the TMP. In 2015, the TMP project scope included the development of transportation policies. ROPA 13 is intended to be brought forward in 2017 in coordination with the TMP. The background work for the new ROP will be starting in 2017 and will, at minimum, take 2-4 years to complete. To have new transportation policies on hold for 2-4 years is not the best approach at this time.

Alternatives Reviewed

Complete transportation policies update through the new ROP process.

Should Council decide to not endorse the initiation of ROPA 13, the transportation section can be addressed during the review and update of the ROP. The new ROP process has not yet commenced and will take, at minimum, 2-4 years to complete. Given the timing of the new ROP in relation to the completion of the TMP, staff believes updating our transportation policies through ROPA 13 is most advantageous.

Origin of Report

This report was brought forward by staff to inform Council of the initiation of ROPA 13, which will replace and enhance the existing transportation policies in Chapter 9 of the ROP with comprehensive policies informed by the TMP.

Other Pertinent Reports

Not applicable.

Submitted by:

Rino Mostacci, MCIP, RPP
Commissioner
Planning and Development Services

Approved by:

Carmelo D'Angelo, BSc, MPA
Chief Administrative Officer

This report was prepared by Alexander Morrison, Planner, Denise Landry, Planner and reviewed by Diana Morreale, Manager of Community Planning, Doug Giles, Director of Planning Services, Planning and Development Services.

Appendices

None.

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LOCAL AREA MUNICIPALITIES
NIAGARA PENINSULA CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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Coordinated Policy Review – Response to Greenbelt Plan
Environmental Bill of Rights Posting

PDS 11-2017

Regional Council, at its meeting of March 2, 2017, approved the following recommendation of its Planning and Development Committee:

That Report PDS 11-2017, dated February 22, 2017, respecting Coordinated Policy Review - Response to Greenbelt Plan Environmental Bill of Rights Posting, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Report PDS 11-2017 and the attached comments (Appendix I and II) **BE ENDORSED** as Niagara Region's submission to the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs, and Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, in response to the Environmental Registry (EBR) Postings No. 012-9241/7 deadline of February 27, 2017 respecting proposed changes to Greenbelt Plan mapping; and
2. That Report PDS 11-2017 **BE CIRCULATED** to the local area municipalities and the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority.

A copy of Report PDS 11-2017 is enclosed for your information.

Yours truly,



Ralph Walton
Regional Clerk
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cc: E. Acs, Planner
T. Donia, Senior Planner
N. Oakes, Executive Assistant to the Commissioner, Planning & Development Services

Subject: Coordinated Policy Review - Response to Greenbelt Plan EBR Posting

Report to: Planning and Development Committee

Meeting Date: February 22, 2017

Recommendations

1. That this Report and the attached comments (Appendix I & II) **BE ENDORSED** as Niagara Region's submission to the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs, and Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, in response to the Environmental Registry (EBR) Postings No. 012-9241/7 deadline of February 27, 2017 respecting proposed changes to Greenbelt Plan mapping; and,
2. That this report **BE RECEIVED** for information, and that a copy of this report **BE CIRCULATED** to the local area municipalities and the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority.

Key Facts

- The purpose of this report is to seek endorsement from Council on the comments to be sent to the Province as part of the Coordinated Policy Review process regarding proposed changes to Greenbelt mapping.
- The Province has proposed minor mapping changes for the Greenbelt Boundary for comment by February 27, 2017 through EBR postings 012-9241 (policy) and 012-9247 (regulation).
- The attached comments are reflective of Council's previous submissions for changes to Greenbelt Plan mapping that seek improvements that would make implementation more effective and logical.
- Comments on both the proposed Greenbelt changes and recommendations made by the NEC (PDS 16-2017) are being submitted to the Province together to offer suggestions and solutions to the Province as they finalize the three Plans that affect Niagara – the Niagara Escarpment Plan, Greenbelt Plan and Growth Plan.
- Staff will submit the attached comments in advance of Regional Council's next scheduled meeting on March 2, 2017 to meet the February 27th, 2017 deadline.

Considerations

Financial

The attached comments form part of the continuing process associated with the CPR. This review has been undertaken by staff in consultation with a number of stakeholders. All costs have come from the operating budget of the Planning Department.

When the final versions of the Growth Plan, Greenbelt Plan, and Niagara Escarpment Plan have been released and the cumulative changes are understood, staff will update Council with respect to financial impacts.

Corporate

The attached comments echo and build on previous comments to the Province which were developed with input from staff across the organization.

Governmental Partners

The attached comments reflect the Region's previous responses to the Province with respect to the CPR. The Region's position has been shaped through working with local staff from the twelve municipalities, the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, and the Niagara Parks Commission.

Public and/or Service Users

Throughout the review process, staff have met and encouraged input from private land owners, the development community, agricultural stakeholders, and consultants representing clients with affected lands.

Analysis

In January the Province released EBR Postings 012-9241 (policy) and 012-9247 (regulation) that proposed minor changes to the Greenbelt Boundary as part of the Coordinated Policy Review. These changes were released through a series of online maps, with comments due to the Province by February 27th, 2017.

None of the proposed changes are in Niagara.

According to the Provincial website, the changes that were supported include those that were in progress before the Greenbelt Plan came into effect, reflect existing roads or the Oak Ridges Moraine boundaries to make more logical boundaries, and sites where the existing boundary cuts across major institutional, commercial or industrial structures (<http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/Page15226.aspx>, February 8th, 2017).

Changes not supported, according to the Ministry website, include those that involved:

- removing any land designated specialty crop
- removing any land for the purpose of settlement area boundary expansion
- removing or re-designating any land that is part of the Oak Ridges Moraine
- re-designating any land that is part of the Greenbelt (e.g., protected countryside to settlement area)
- removing any land that is necessary for the viability of a robust Natural Heritage System (<http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/Page15226.aspx>, February 8th, 2017).

Niagara Region has always supported a strong and viable agricultural sector and the protection of agricultural land. The problem with the Province's approach is that lands designated as "Specialty Crop" have not been accurately ground-truthed and as a result, there are many instances where properties have been identified erroneously as they have been developed with non-agricultural uses for decades. To rely on the concept of "current designation" as a reason not to consider minor changes ignores the reality and problems we are facing in Niagara. Relief is required to address challenges several specific properties are experiencing since the adoption of the Greenbelt Plan.

Through the CPR process, the Region and local municipalities have offered the Province a number of potential solutions that would balance the need to protect specialty crop lands with some limited flexibility to address various challenges. The challenges include multiple designations on single properties and scale related boundary errors, as well as providing recognition for previously developed urban uses with limited expansion potential. The Province needs to support the opportunity to resolve these issues.

The Region has provided mapping to the Province identifying five 'Special Policy Areas' for additional flexibility to allow businesses in those areas to grow and foster. The mapping also identifies properties affected by multiple boundaries and boundary inconsistencies. (Appendix II). While the Province has committed to mapping the agricultural lands and uses within the GGH as part of their policy approach, staff has also reinforced the need for ground-truthed mapping of the specialty crop lands to ensure an accurate basis for future decision-making. The Region strongly recommends that where lands are clearly already developed and have no potential be farmed for specialty crop purposes, that the designation be changed to "Protected Countryside".

Staff have prepared comments (attached as Appendix I) to the Province, re-iterating Niagara's position in our initial mapping submission, to rectify situations such as Greenbelt boundary anomalies, even though they might be in the Specialty Crop Area.

Alternatives Reviewed

Failure to submit comments will result in a missed opportunity to influence Provincial Plans. The Coordinated Policy Review represents a critical time for Niagara Region to provide feedback on how the draft Provincial Plan policies will affect Niagara and offer potential remedies.

Origin of Report

Influencing Provincial Plans is a Strategic Priority identified by Regional Council. This report helps Council in achieving this Priority by identifying specific changes that are required in the draft Plans to help Niagara achieve economic prosperity.

Other Pertinent Reports

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| PDS 16-2017 | Coordinated Policy Review –Niagara Escarpment Commission Site Specific Recommendations, February 22, 2017 |
| PDS 41-2016 | Coordinated Policy Review Proposed Revisions, October 27, 2016 |
| PDS 29-2016 | Province of Ontario Coordinated Plan Review Submission on the Draft Plans, October 19, 2016 |
| PDS-C 13-2016 | Province of Ontario Coordinated Policy Review, June 22, 2016 |
| PDS 11-2016 | Coordinated Provincial Review Update - Reflections on the Crombie Panel Report |
| PDS 31-2015 | Province of Ontario Coordinated Policy Review Mapping Submission, July 15, 2015 |
| PDS 22-2015 | Province of Ontario Coordinated Policy Review Submission, May 21, 2015 |
| PDS-C 4-2015 | Coordinated Provincial Plan Review, April 9, 2015 |

Submitted by:

Rino Mostacci, MCIP, RPP
Commissioner
Planning & Development Services

Approved by:

Carmelo D'Angelo, BSc, MPA
Chief Administrative Officer

This report was prepared by Erik Acs, MCIP RPP, Planner and Terri Donia, MCIP RPP, Senior Planner and reviewed by Doug Giles, Director of Community and Long Range Planning.

Appendices

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Niagara Region Comments on EBR Postings 012-9241/7 Respecting Proposed Minor Boundary Changes to the Greenbelt Plan

The Province provided reasoning on their website for the proposed changes (<http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/Page15226.aspx>, February 8th, 2017). This reasoning indicated a desire to make logical adjustments to the Greenbelt boundary to reflect other Plan / road boundaries and consider elements that existed prior to the Greenbelt's creation. This approach is in keeping with the submissions made by Niagara Region and its local municipalities to the Province as part of the Coordinated Plan Review. The challenge, however, is that this same approach was not considered in areas designated as specialty crop lands within the Greenbelt.

Provincial Approach to Consider Changes

The Province has released proposed minor changes to the Greenbelt Boundary for comment. On the Province's website, it indicates the changes that were supported by the Province include those that were in progress before the Greenbelt Plan came into effect, changes that reflect existing roads or the Oak Ridges Moraine boundaries to make more logical boundaries, and sites where the existing boundary cuts across major institutional, commercial or industrial structures.

Changes not supported, according to the Ministry website, include those that involved:

- removing any land designated specialty crop
- removing any land for the purpose of settlement area boundary expansion
- removing or re-designating any land that is part of the Oak Ridges Moraine
- re-designating any land that is part of the Greenbelt (e.g., protected countryside to settlement area)
- removing any land that is necessary for the viability of a robust Natural Heritage System. (<http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/Page15226.aspx>, February 8th, 2017)

Challenges with Provincial Approach

Niagara Region and its local municipalities have outlined challenges with the current boundary lines and proposed some policies for consideration that address these issues.

Boundary Issues

In the Region's May 2015 reports the Region outlined the concern and offered the following recommendation:

An unintended result of the Greenbelt being mapped at a high scale is that there are a number of properties within Niagara that have multiple Plans affecting single properties. In a couple of cases, the Greenbelt actually goes through a dwelling. While this is understood as an error, it has unintentionally caused municipalities and landowners no end of grief, especially as the policy of the Greenbelt states that the bounds cannot be changed until the ten year review. Niagara Region recommends that minor boundary corrections that don't create developable area be permitted locally to avoid any future challenges to land owners and municipalities. (PDS 22-15, Appendix I, page 15)

In the Region's July 2015 report to the Province, the Region provided mapping to demonstrate the challenges experienced in Niagara with the current Provincial Plan boundaries not corresponding to available mapping. The Region further outlined the difficulties with two or more designations on single properties. Ensuring an updated mapping approach that achieves consistency between the boundaries of the Greenbelt, urban areas, the Lake Ontario shoreline, and Niagara Escarpment Plan was seen as a helpful tool for implementation, as was the ability to have limited flexibility to adjust the boundaries slightly to ensure efficient development of land. The Region requested a policy to provide for these slight adjustments that would not substantially change the urban area (PDS 31-2015, Pages 11-12, and Appendix VI).

It is expected that this request would not significantly impact the overall amount of land designated for specialty crop, yet it would offer individual and owners and municipalities the limited flexibility needed to effectively and logically develop existing parcels. Mapping is provided in Appendix II to help demonstrate these concerns. These proposed solutions offer a reasonable balance between removing specialty crop land and adjusting boundaries slightly to make development decisions predictable and logical along the periphery of the urban areas.

Recognition of Special Policy Areas and Area for Potential Urban Expansion

Also included in the July 2015 submission is a proposal for the creation of five 'Special Policy Areas' and consideration of an area for possible urban expansion. The maps of these areas are also included in Appendix II. Within these areas are schools, residential subdivisions and businesses, many of which have existed for decades and have access to municipal servicing. The challenge for these properties is that they are often limited to expand, grow and change by the policies of the specialty crop designation and the draft existing use policies.

As part of the July report, Niagara Region asked for the following for the five special policy areas: .. *has requested that policies be put in the Greenbelt Plan to allow for*

Special Policy Areas. We envision these Special Policy Areas to be further defined through local discussions to determine the Vision for the area, the boundaries, and the types of redevelopment that would be beneficial to the area and what would be directed to the existing settlement areas

This would provide Niagara and other municipalities with added flexibility to offer businesses, housing developments, and current and former institutional properties an opportunity to further benefit the overall community, while reflecting the principles of the Greenbelt (PDS 31-2015, Page 6).

The Grimsby Area was recognized as an area for potential urban expansion in that report. Like the areas identified for potential Special Policy areas, this areas contains a number of existing urban uses, and has the added consideration of the proposed GO station in that area. As part of that same report, the Region asked that:

The Region requests that a policy change be added to the new Greenbelt that allows for municipalities to alter the boundaries of settlement areas in the Greenbelt Plan onto Special Crop Lands, if it is determined through a formal MCR process that that expansion is needed to meet growth objectives, the best long-term use of the land is for urban purposes subject to defined criteria and best use of infrastructure (PDS 31-2015, Page 8).

With the release of the draft Growth Plan, a policy was included that indicated that no considerations for settlement area expansions could be considered on specialty crop lands. Subsequent to this request, requests were made by the Town to consider a designation change within the Greenbelt from the specialty crop designation to protected countryside so that a future potential MCR could consider this area.

Need for Ground-truthed Specialty Crop Mapping

Throughout Niagara's October 2016 submission, the request for mapping accuracy was reinforced, including the need for accurate mapping of the specialty crop and natural heritage system lands (PDS 29-2016).

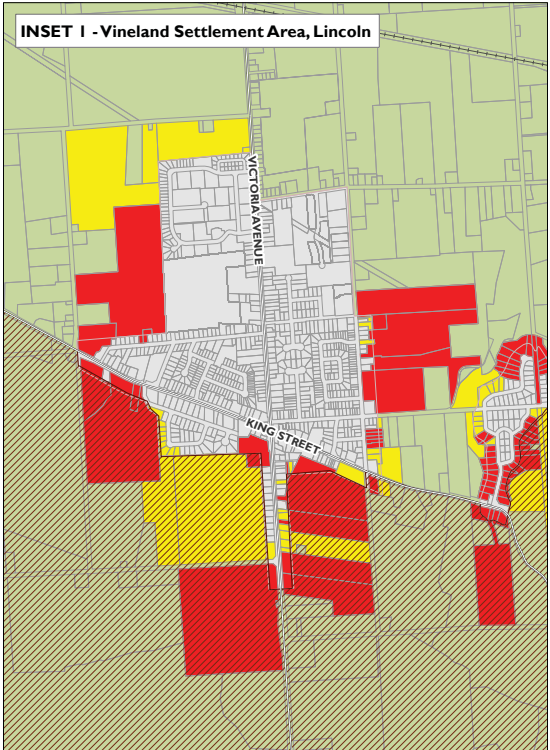
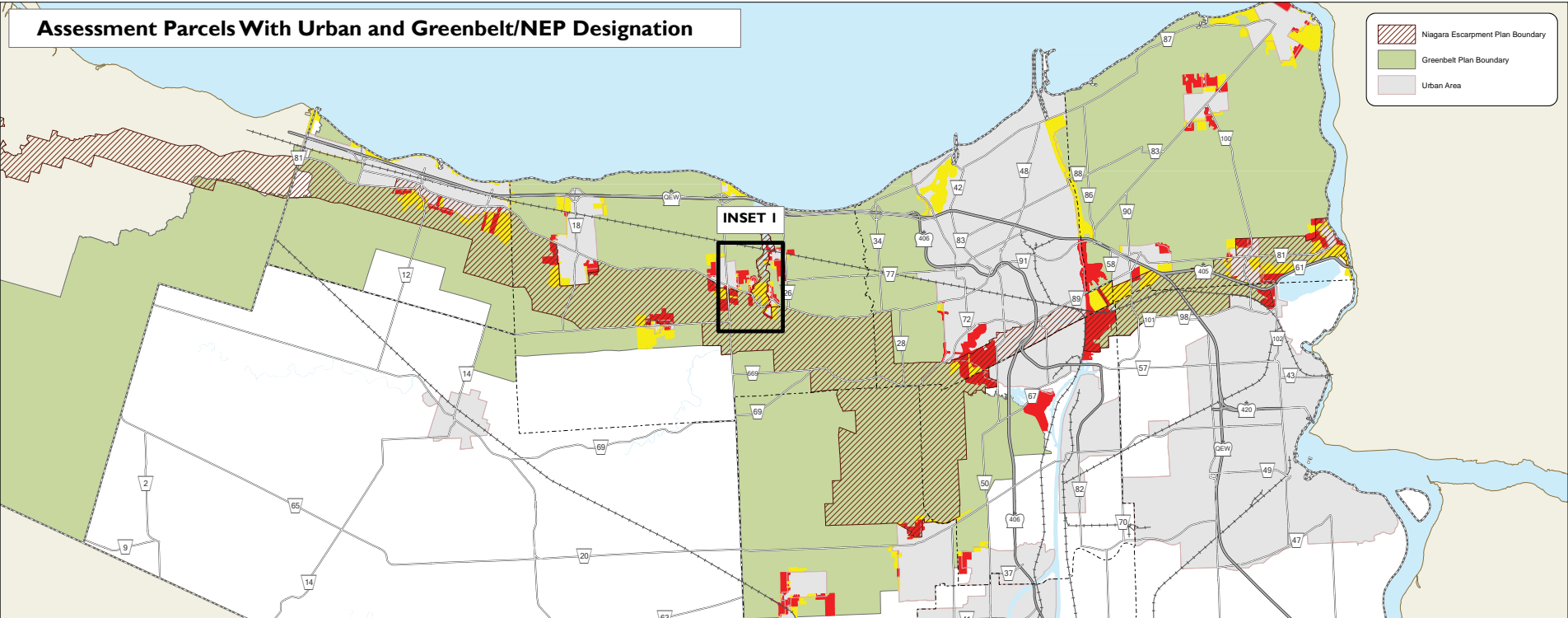
Considering that the lands within the Greenbelt in Niagara are either specialty crop, natural heritage, or within the Niagara Escarpment Plan area, the need for accurate and ground-truthed mapping is essential, especially if this is one of the reasons the Province is using to defend no changes to the current boundaries.

Request

1. Niagara Region requests that lands designated as "Specialty Crop" be accurately ground-truthed to resolve erroneous designations. The Region strongly recommends that where lands are clearly already developed and/or have no

potential be farmed for specialty crop purposes due to soil conditions, fragmentation and other impacts and facilities, the designation be changed to "Protected Countryside".

2. The Region request that areas identified as "Special Policy Area", in the Region's first submission, be provided flexibility by way of policy, to consider appropriate development opportunities that do not undermine the agricultural area.
3. Finally, the Region continues to request that properties affected by split designations or regulations be provided with the flexibility to develop appropriately.



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MAPPING CORRECTIONS

Parcels Affected by Provincial Plan Boundary Issues

The identification of these parcels was performed through spatial analysis within a GIS environment. Parcels shown here are not completely contained within a particular designation area.

 Parcels with More Than One Designation

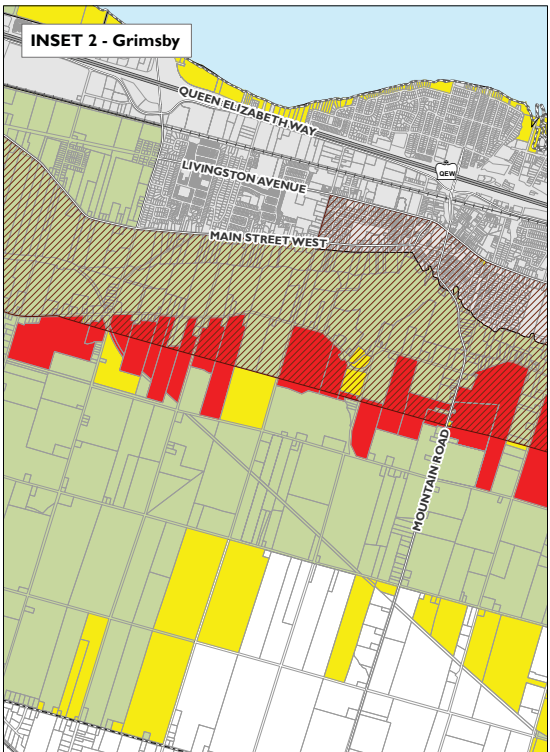
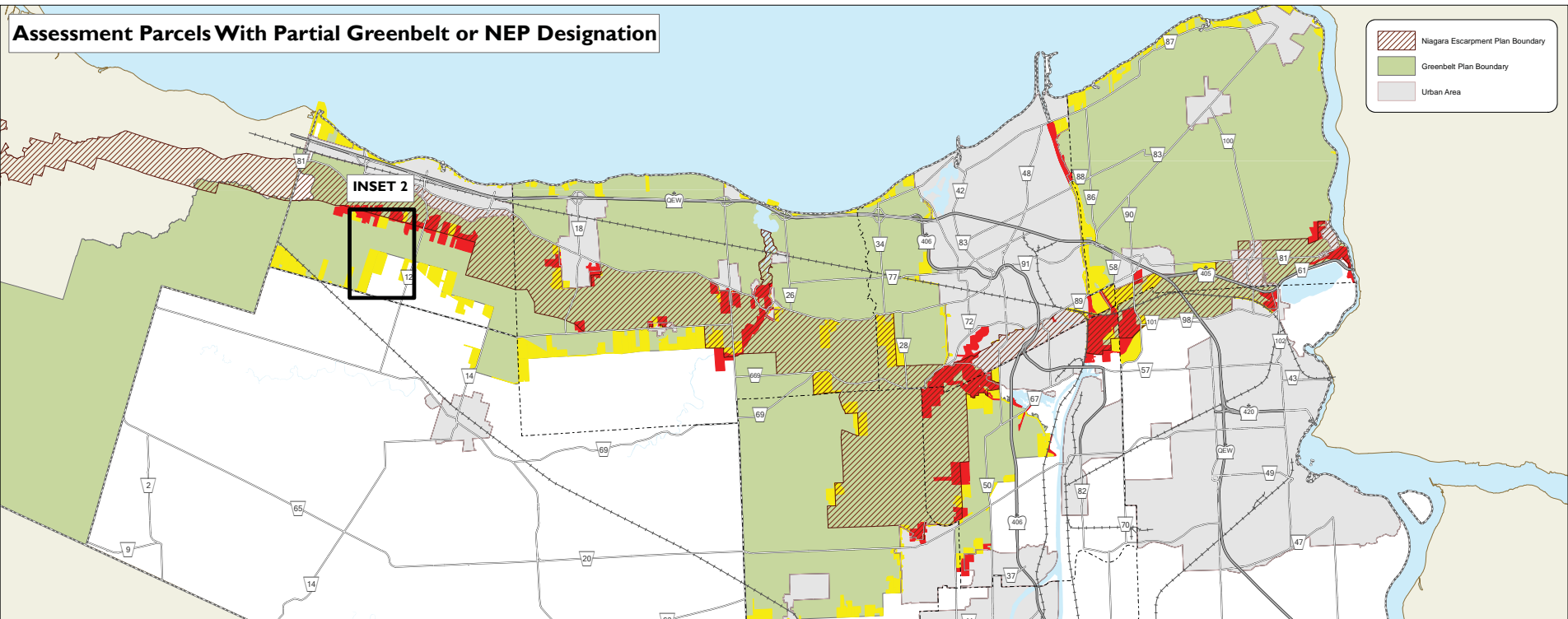
The mapping of these properties puts more than one plan designation. This creates difficulty for development, policy interpretation and best use.

Ask:
That a policy be created in the resulting Plan(s) that allow for some flexibility to undertake minor boundary adjustments to the Plan areas.

 Scale Related Boundary Errors

The original scale of the Greenbelt mapping was digitized at a small scale whereas the municipalities and Region work at a larger scale for accuracy. This has created challenges when defining the boundaries and limits the use of some properties.

Ask: Niagara Region will submit a topologically correct GIS map to the Province to correct any digitizing related issues.





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SIGNIFICANT GREENBELT CHANGES

Possible Special Policy Areas

These areas are developed with urban type uses and have potential for further limited expansions and changes of use that are consistent with the Greenbelt, but require flexibility.

- 1 Victoria Avenue, Lincoln (between Vineland Settlement Area and QEW South Service Road)
- 2 North Service Road, Lincoln (between Jordan Harbour and Charles Daley Park)
- 3 Highway 20, Thorold (between Merrittville Highway and Cataract Road)
- 4 Highway 55, Niagara on the Lake (between Virgil and Old Town Settlement Areas)
- 5 Fruitbelt Parkway, Niagara Falls (near Stanley Ave and General Brock Pkwy)

Possible Greenbelt Expansion Areas

The two areas indicated have been studied and have been deemed suitable by the local municipality for Greenbelt expansion.

- 1 Town of Grimsby (Along Mud Street West, Kemp Road West, Thirty Road), 923 ha
- 2 City of Thorold (Surrounding Lake Gibson), 487 ha

Municipal Request - Possible Urban Area Expansion

This area, identified by the local municipality, has significant existing urban development, including full subdivisions. It is experiencing development pressure and has been recommended for urban expansion.

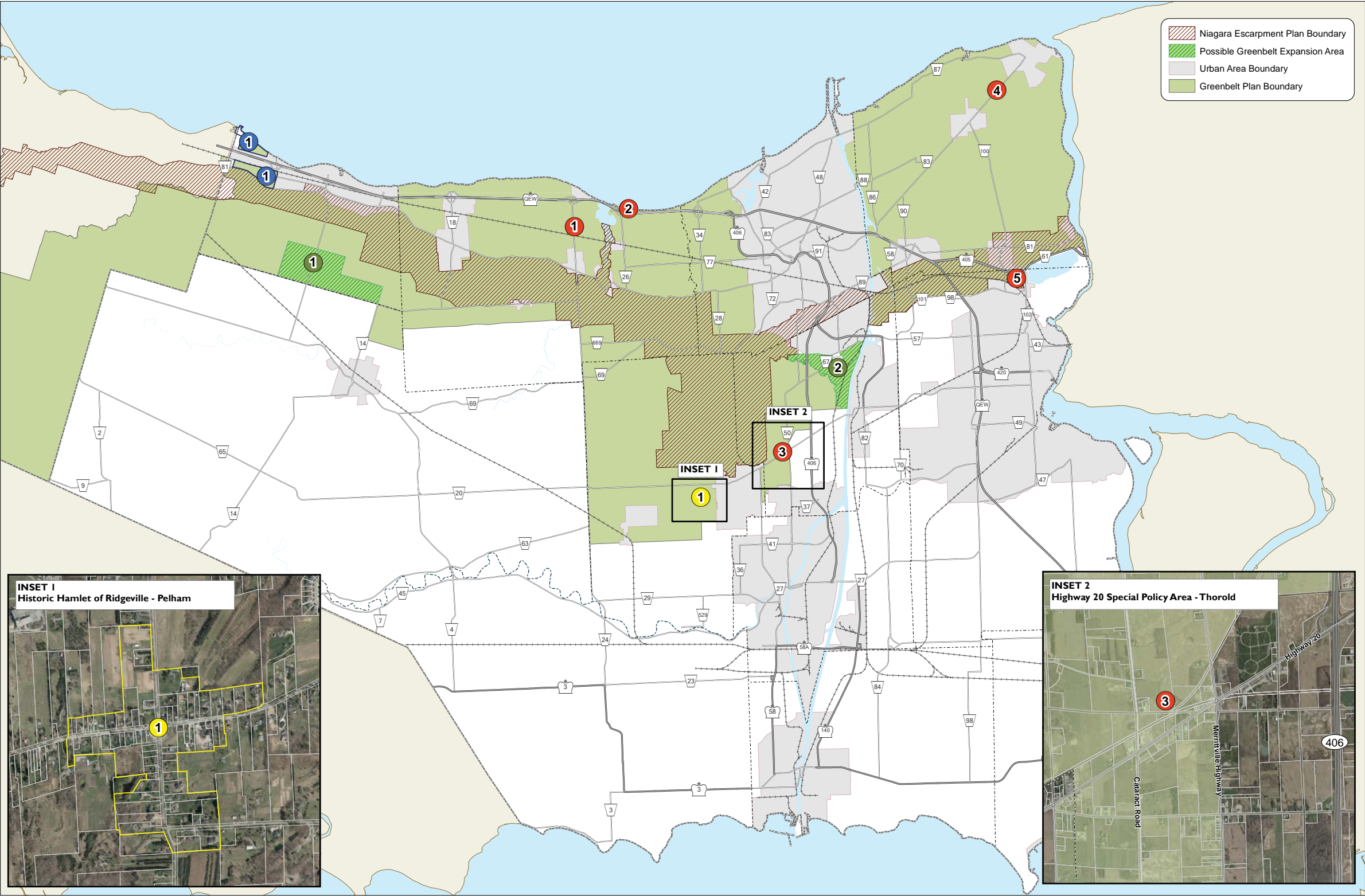
- 1 Grimsby GO Station Area, Grimsby (between Casablanca Blvd and Kelson Ave)

Existing Urban Area Recognition

Established in 1865, the historic hamlet of Ridgeville has full municipal services, a mix of commercial, industrial and residential uses as well as a streetscaped downtown. This boundary recognizes the existing area.

- 1 Historic Hamlet of Ridgeville

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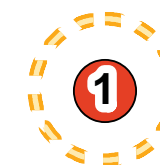
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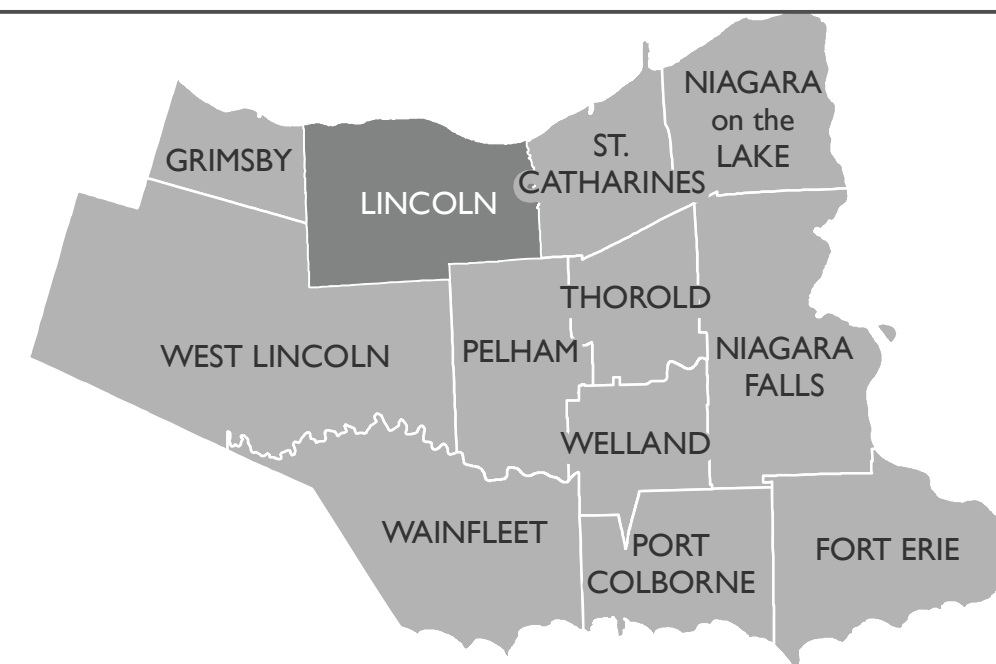
Conceptual boundary requiring further study.



Victoria Avenue, Lincoln
(between Vineland Settlement Area and
QEW South Service Road)

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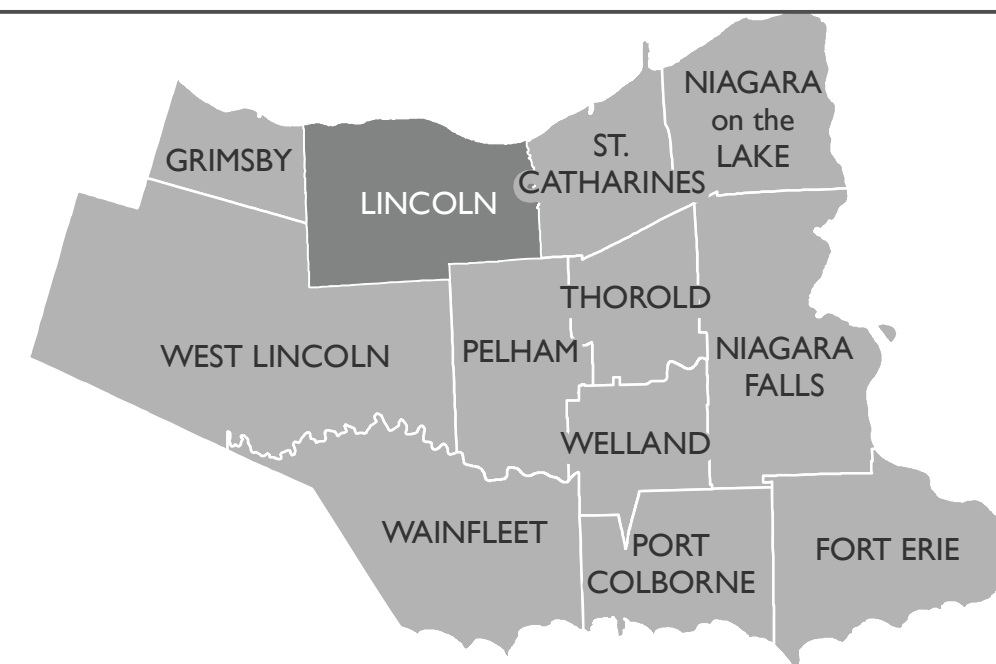
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and Charles Daley Park)

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-  Urban Area Boundary
-  Greenbelt Plan Boundary
-  Niagara Escarpment Plan Boundary



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Possible Special Policy Areas

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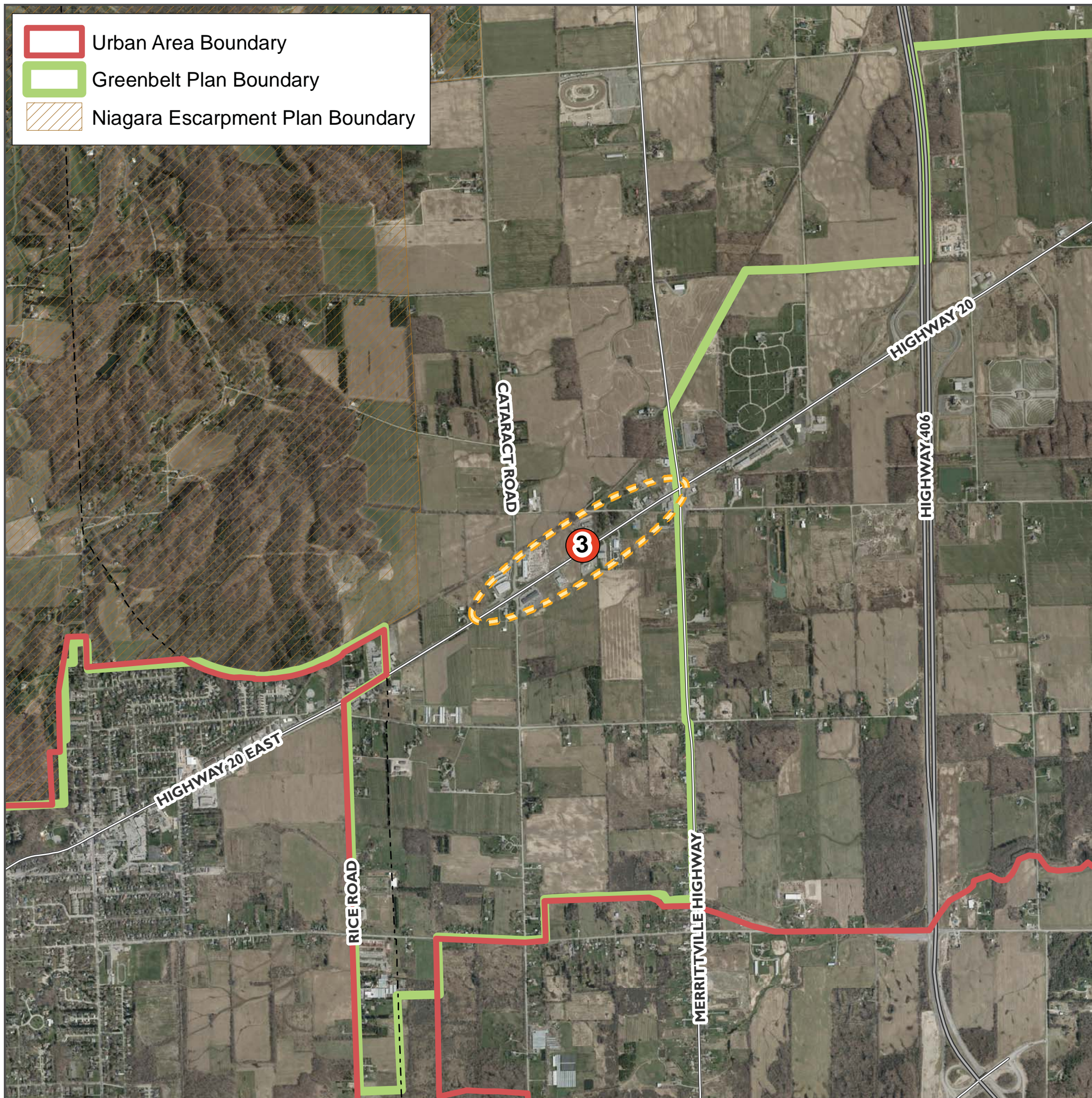
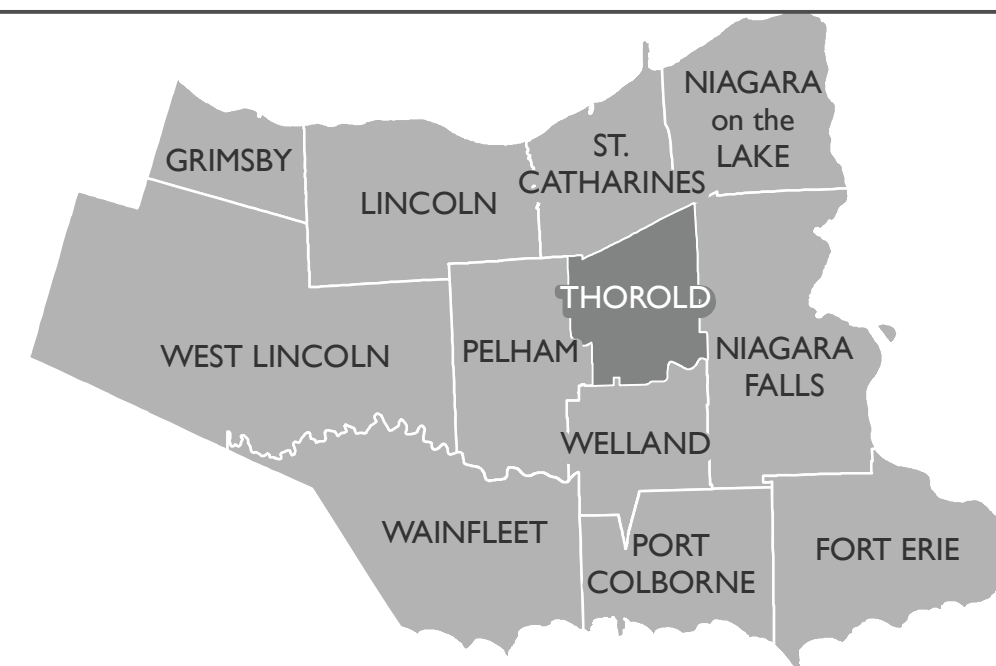
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Highway 20, Thorold
(between Merrittville Highway
and Cataract Road)



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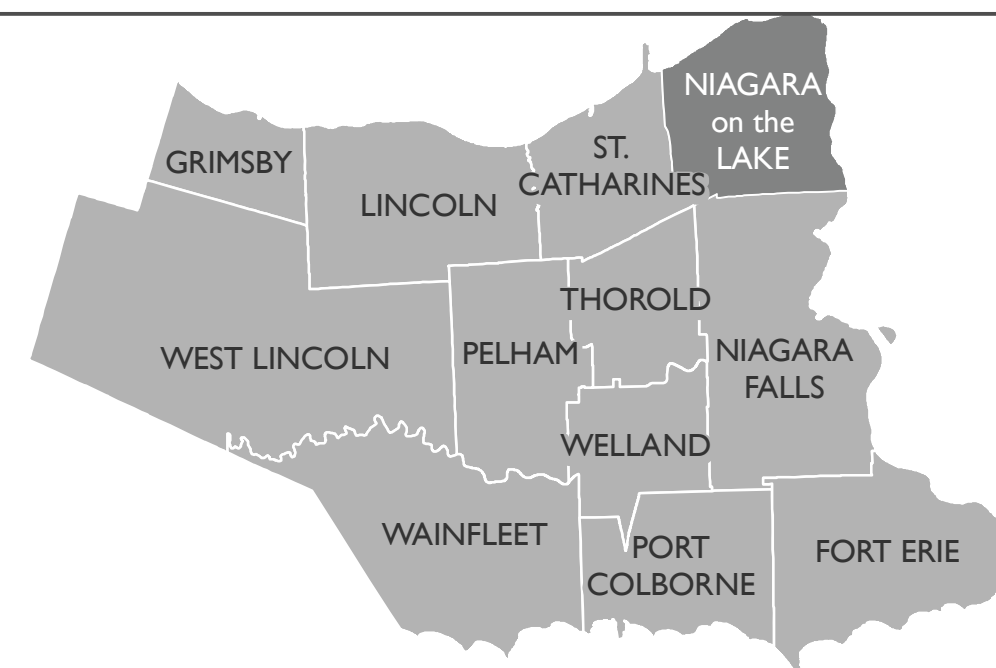
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Highway 55, Niagara on the Lake
(between Virgil and
Old Town Settlement Areas)

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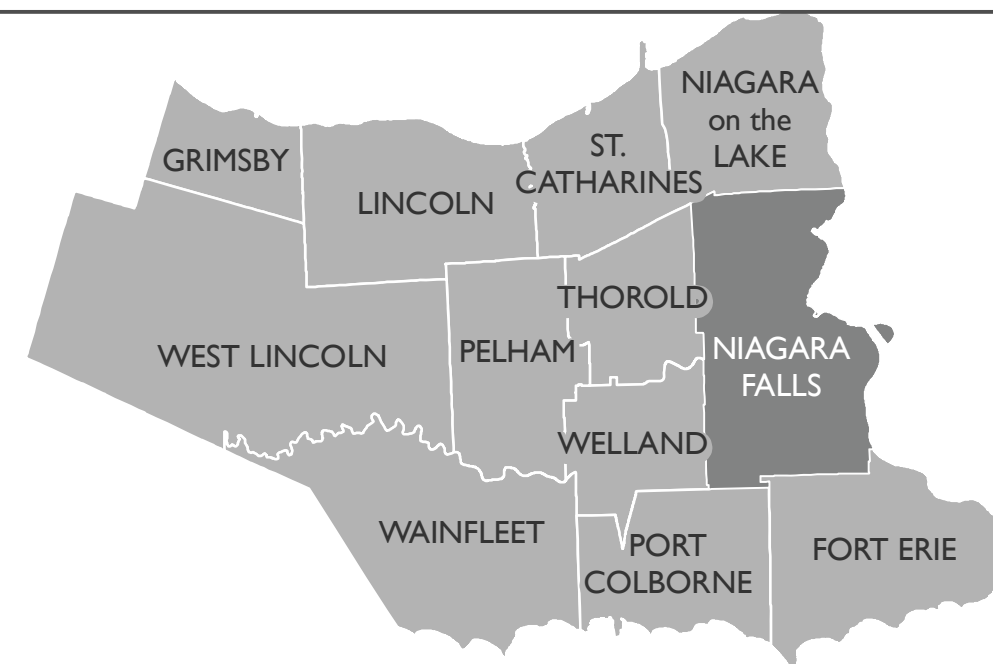
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Fruitbelt Parkway, Niagara Falls
(near Stanley Ave
and General Brock Pkwy)



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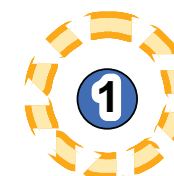


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Municipal Request - Possible Urban Area Expansion

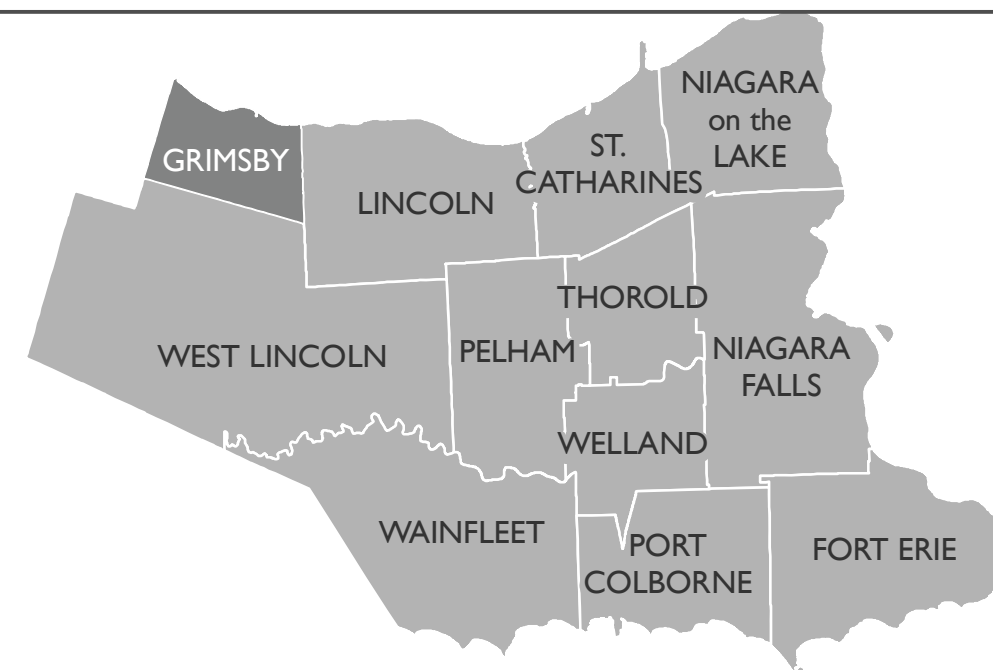
This area, identified by the Town, has significant development pressures and several existing uses and has been recommended for urban expansion.



Grimsby GO Station Area, Grimsby
(between Casablanca Blvd and Kelson Ave)

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**CL 3-2017, March 2, 2017
PDC 3-2017, February 22, 2017
Report PDS 16-2017**

**LOCAL AREA MUNICIPALITIES
NIAGARA PENINSULA CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

SENT ELECTRONICALLY

Coordinated Policy Review Niagara Escarpment Commission
Site Specific Recommendations
PDS 16-2017

Regional Council, at its meeting of March 2, 2017, approved the following recommendation of its Planning and Development Committee:

That Report PDS 16-2017, dated February 22, 2017, respecting Coordinated Policy Review Niagara Escarpment Commission Site Specific Recommendations, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Report PDS 16-2017 and the attached comments (Appendix1) **BE ENDORSED** as Niagara Region's submission to be sent to the Province as part of the Coordinated Policy Review regarding recommendations made by the Niagara Escarpment Commission to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry on site specific amendments to the Niagara Escarpment Plan; and
2. That a copy of this report **BE CIRCULATED** to the local area municipalities and the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority.

A copy of Report PDS 16-2017 is enclosed for your information.

Yours truly,



Ralph Walton
Regional Clerk

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cc: E. Acs, Planner
T. Donia, Senior Planner
N. Oakes, Executive Assistant to the Commissioner, Planning & Development Services

Subject: Coordinated Policy Review Niagara Escarpment Commission Site Specific Recommendations

Report To: Planning and Development Committee

Meeting Date: February 22, 2017

Recommendations

1. That this report and the attached comments (Appendix1) **BE ENDORSED** as Niagara Region's submission to be sent to the Province as part of the Coordinated Policy Review regarding recommendations made by the Niagara Escarpment Commission to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry on site specific amendments to the Niagara Escarpment Plan; and,
2. That a copy of this report **BE CIRCULATED** to the local area municipalities and the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority.

Key Facts

- The purpose of this report is to seek endorsement from Council on the comments to be sent to the Province as part of the Coordinated Policy Review process regarding recommendations made by the Niagara Escarpment Commission to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) on site specific amendments to the Niagara Escarpment Plan.
- The Province has posted mapping changes to the Greenbelt Plan on the Environmental Registry and asked for comment by February 27, 2017. In keeping with this deadline, staff prepared the attached comments with respect to recent recommendations made by the Niagara Escarpment Commission.
- On January 26 and 27th the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) made a series of recommendations to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) with respect to 12 site specific requests in Niagara. Six of the twelve were approved, although some include special conditions or the original request was altered. Appendix I includes Regional comments on these recommendations and, should they be accepted by MNRF, the need to ensure consistency between the Coordinated Plans for effective implementation.
- Comments on both the Greenbelt changes (PDS 11-2017) and recommendations made by the NEC (PDS 16-2017) are being submitted to the Province to offer

suggestions and solutions as they finalize the three Plans that affect Niagara – the Niagara Escarpment Plan, Greenbelt Plan and Growth Plan. Staff will submit the attached comments in advance of Regional Council's next scheduled meeting on March 2, 2017.

Considerations

Financial

The attached comments form part of the continuing process associated with the CPR. This review has been undertaken by staff in consultation with a number of stakeholders. All costs have come from the operating budget of the Planning Department.

When the final versions of the Growth Plan, Greenbelt Plan, and Niagara Escarpment Plan have been released and the cumulative changes are understood, staff will update Council with respect to financial impacts.

Corporate

The attached comments are consistent and build on previous comments to the Province which were developed with input from staff across the organization.

Governmental Partners

The attached comments reflect the Region's previous responses to the Province with respect to the CPR. The Region's position has been shaped through working with local staff from the twelve municipalities, the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, and the Niagara Parks Commission.

Public and/or Service Users

Throughout the review process, staff have met and encouraged input from private land owners, the development community, agricultural stakeholders, and consultants representing clients with affected lands.

Analysis

Site specific property requests for lands within the Niagara Escarpment Plan (NEP) area are subject to review by the NEC and final approval by the MNR.

Local municipalities and private land owners made submissions to the NEC through the CPR process. There were 12 submissions considered for lands in Niagara. One additional request is known for a designation change on lands relating to Brock University, but this was not included in the NEC report.

The Region and local municipalities supported ten of the applicants in their requests with comments to the Province. However, 2 requests were not directly shared with local municipalities or the Region.

Regional staff attended the NEC meeting held on January 26, 2017 where the 12 Niagara site specific requests were heard. The NEC's decisions are forwarded to the MNRF with 4 of the 12 requests recommended for approval, 2 of the 12 are recommended for approval in part or with conditions. And the remaining 6 requests are recommended for refusal.

Table A below outlines the 12 requests. Appendix I, attached with this report provides more in-depth information on these requests.

Table A

| Applicant | Site | Request | Commission Recommendation |
|---|--|---|--|
| City of Niagara Falls | Lands North of Mountain Road, between Garner and Regional Landfill Niagara Falls | Removal from NEP Area or alternatively re-designate to Escarpment Urban Area | Refuse removal Refuse re-designation |
| Cotton Holdings & City of Niagara Falls | Fruitbelt Parkway, Niagara Falls | Cotton: re-designate from Escarpment Protection to Escarpment Urban Area Niagara Falls: Remove Lands from NEP Area | Approve re-designation Refuse removal |
| Walker Environmental Group | Lands east and west of Thorold Townline Road (Walker Landfill and Quarry), Niagara Falls | Re-designate from Mineral Resource Extraction Area to Escarpment Urban Area | Approve |
| Kaneff Capital Properties | Undeveloped lands abutting Royal Niagara Golf Course along Glendale Avenue, St. Catharines | Re-designate from Escarpment Protection Area to Escarpment Urban Area | Refuse |

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| Queenston Quarry Reclamation Company | Queenston Quarry site, NOTL | Re-designate from Escarpment Rural Area to Escarpment Recreation Area and to permit the redevelopment of the former quarry for commercial and recreational uses and to allow municipal servicing | Approve with special conditions |
| Appletree Developments Limited | Part Lot 18, Concession 5, Louth (Jordan), Lincoln | It is noted that the applicant is seeking a re-designation but the applicant didn't specify the target designation | Refuse |
| Mrs. Carol Austin | 4818 King Street (Beamsville), Lincoln | Remove 2.9 hectares of Escarpment Rural Area from the NEP Area | Refuse |
| Vineland Missionary Church | 3874 Victoria Avenue (Vineland), Lincoln | Remove 0.4 hectares of the 1.8 hectare church property from the NEP Area, as the majority of the church property is outside the NEP Area | Approve |
| Sunrise Eggs Limited | Part Lot 7, Concession 6, Clinton (Campden), Lincoln | It is noted that the applicant is seeking a re-designation but the applicant didn't specify the target designation | Refuse |
| Albright Centre | Albright Centre 5050 Hillside Drive, Lincoln | Re-designate 14.2 hectares from Escarpment Protection Area to Escarpment Urban Area | Approve |
| Town of Grimsby | Lands south of Main Street, West of Casablanca, Grimsby | Re-designate 191 hectares of land from Escarpment Protection Area to Escarpment Urban Area | Refuse |
| Winona Concrete and Pipe Products Limited | 487 & 489 Main Street West, Grimsby | Amend the NEP to enable expansion of an existing industrial use which exceeds the allowable expansion under current NEP policies | Approve |

If the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry accept these recommendations from the Niagara Escarpment Commission, there will need to be changes made to the Growth and Greenbelt Plans to ensure these changes can be implemented. This includes policies in the Growth Plan that consider the ability of adding developed lands to existing urban boundaries through the Municipal Comprehensive Review process, and not just consideration for greenfield lands.

Alternatives Reviewed

Failure to submit Regional comments will result in a missed opportunity to influence Provincial Plans. The Coordinated Policy Review represents a critical time for Niagara Region to provide feedback on how the draft Provincial Plan policies will affect Niagara and offer potential remedies.

Origin of Report

Influencing Provincial Plans is a Strategic Priority identified by Regional Council. This report helps Council in achieving this Priority by identifying specific changes that are required in the draft Plans to help Niagara achieve economic prosperity.

Other Pertinent Reports

PDS 11-2017, Coordinated Policy Review Response to Greenbelt Plan EBR Posting, February 22, 2017

PDS 41-2016, Coordinated Policy Review Proposed Revisions, October 27, 2016

PDS 29-2016, Province of Ontario Coordinated Plan Review Submission on the Draft Plans, October 19, 2016

Submitted by:

Rino Mostacci, MCIP, RPP
Commissioner
Planning & Development Services

Approved by:

Carmelo D'Angelo, BSc, MPA
Chief Administrative Officer

This report was prepared by Erik Acs, MCIP, RPP, Planner and Terri Donia, MCIP, RPP, Senior Planner and reviewed by Doug Giles, Director of Community and Long Range Planning.

Appendices

**Mountain Road, Niagara Falls
NEC File UA-01**

APPLICANT / SUBJECT PROPERTY:

City of Niagara Falls
Lands north of Mountain Road, between Garner Rd and Regional landfill
Lot 13 & 14 and Part Lots 7, 27 & 28, Stamford
City of Niagara Falls, Niagara Region

CURRENT NEP DESIGNATION:

Escarpment Natural Area and Escarpment Rural Area

PROPOSAL:

To remove the subject lands totaling approximately 168 hectares from the NEP Area, or alternatively, to re-designate the subject lands to Urban Area, to facilitate the development of Niagara Region's Gateway Economic Zone.

NEC STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That the Commission recommend to the Minister that the proposal to remove the subject lands from the NEP Area be refused, and that the proposal to re-designate the subject lands to Urban Area be refused.

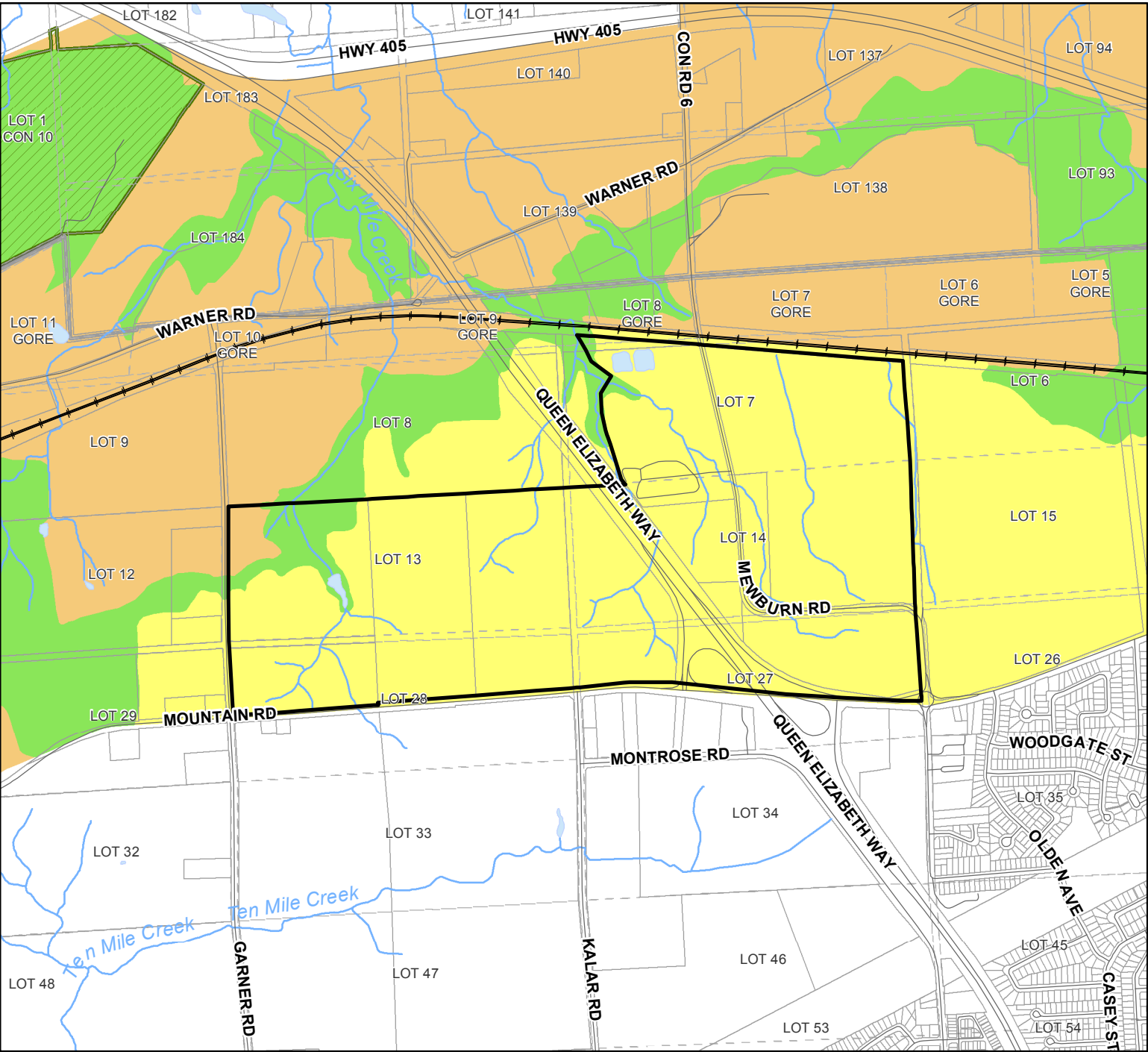
COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

Refuse removal. Refuse re-designation

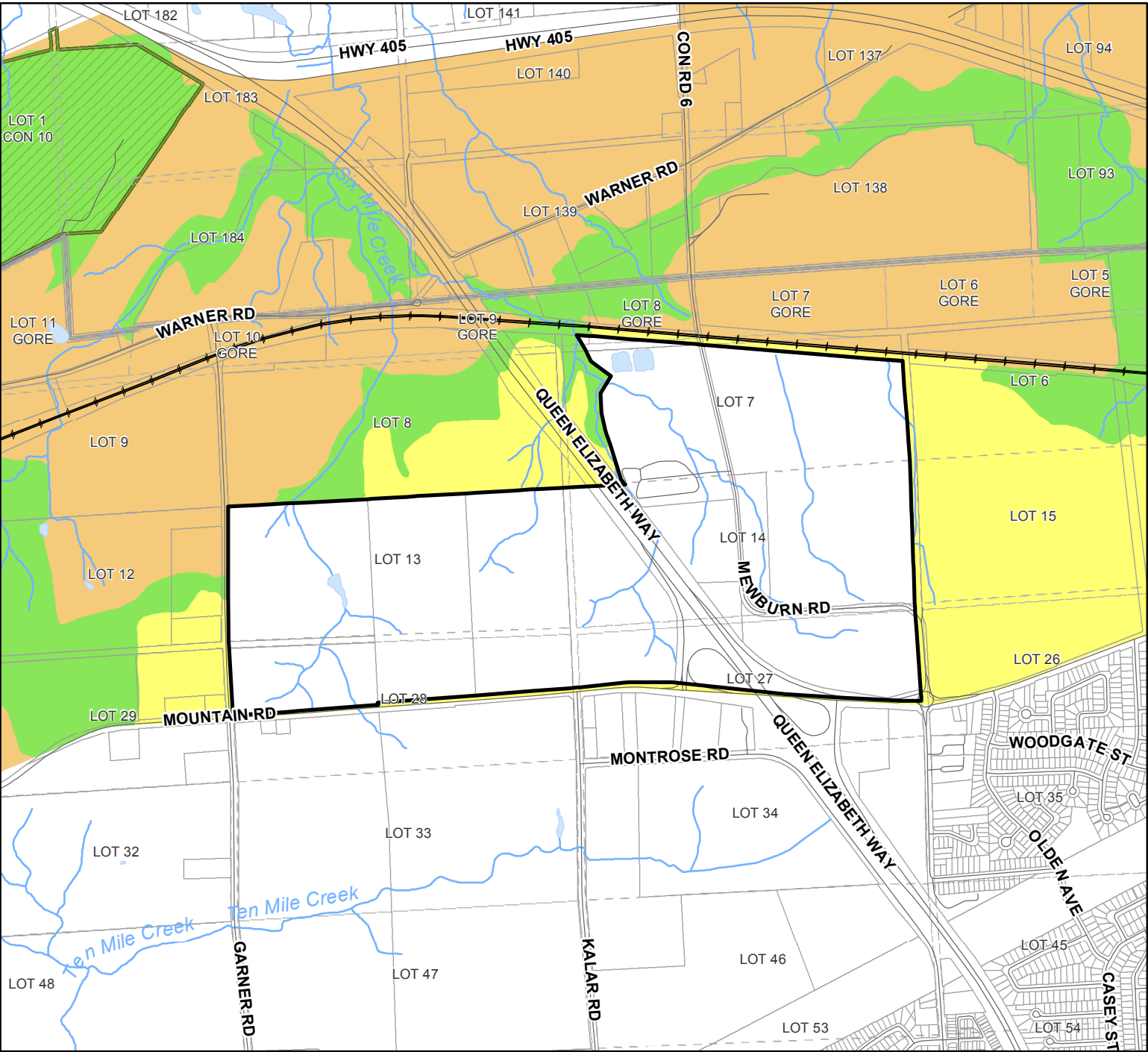
NIAGARA REGION'S COMMENTS ON RECOMMENDATION:

- Niagara Region supported the applicant's request through comments submitted as part of the Coordinated Policy Review and continues to support the City of Niagara Falls with this application.
- The Region is not satisfied with the NEC's review and recommendations with respect to this request. Previous submissions made to the Province during the review asked for removal of Gateway lands, agricultural lands and lands with existing uses that pre-date the NEP from development control.
- The Region requests that the MNRF remove the subject lands from NEP development control as historic, current and future uses do not meet the NEP's objectives for an Escarpment Rural Area.

Existing NEP Land Use Designations



Applicant Proposed Removal from NEP Area



Niagara Falls - Mountain Road

Applicant: City of Niagara Falls

Alternate Proposal: To remove lands totaling approximately 167.5 ha from the NEP Area.

Staff Recommendation (Jan. 2017): That the Commission recommend to the Minister that the proposal to remove the subject lands from the NEP Area should be refused.

Legend

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| Subject Property | Escarpment Rural Area | Minor Urban Centre |
| Escarpment Natural Area | Mineral Resource Extraction Area | Niagara Escarpment Parks and Open Space System |
| Escarpment Protection Area | Escarpment Recreation Area | Urban Area |

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**Fruitbelt Parkway, Niagara Falls
NEC File UA-02**

APPLICANTS:

Cotton Holdings Inc. & City of Niagara Falls
1919 1959, 2025, 2125, Fruitbelt Parkway
1985 Stanley Avenue Part Lots 4 & 14, Stamford
City of Niagara Falls, Niagara Region

CURRENT NEP DESIGNATIONS:

Escarpment Protection Area and Escarpment Rural Area (2125 Fruitbelt Parkway)
Escarpment Rural Area (1919, 1959 and 2025 Fruitbelt Parkway)

PROPOSAL:

Cotton Holdings Inc. has submitted a site-specific proposal for their 2.8-hectare property (2125 Fruitbelt Parkway) to re-designate from Escarpment Protection Area and Escarpment Rural Area to Urban Area.

The City of Niagara Falls has requested removal of Fruitbelt Parkway and nearby lands at 1919, 1959, 2025 Fruitbelt Parkway (and including Cotton Holdings land at 2125 Fruitbelt Parkway), and 1985 Stanley Ave, from the NEP Area.

NEC STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That the Commission recommend to the Minister that the application by Cotton Holdings Inc. to re-designate the subject lands at 2125 Fruitbelt Parkway from Escarpment Protection Area and Escarpment Rural Area to Escarpment Urban Area be approved, in those areas identified on Appendix A (to be provided).

That the Commission advise the Minister that the application by the City of Niagara Falls and Niagara Region to remove the subject lands from the NEP Area be refused.

COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

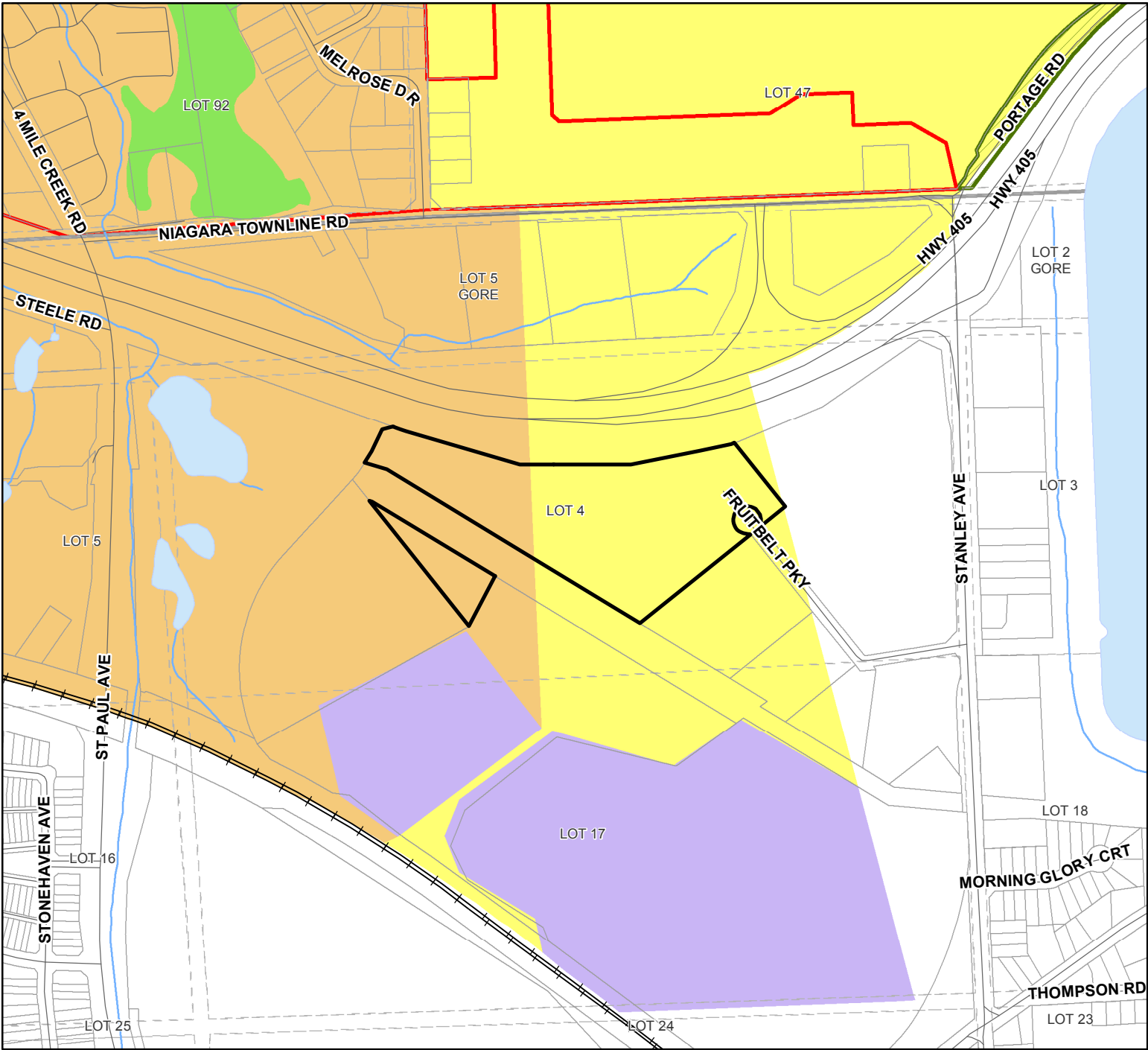
Refuse removal. Conditionally approve re-designation

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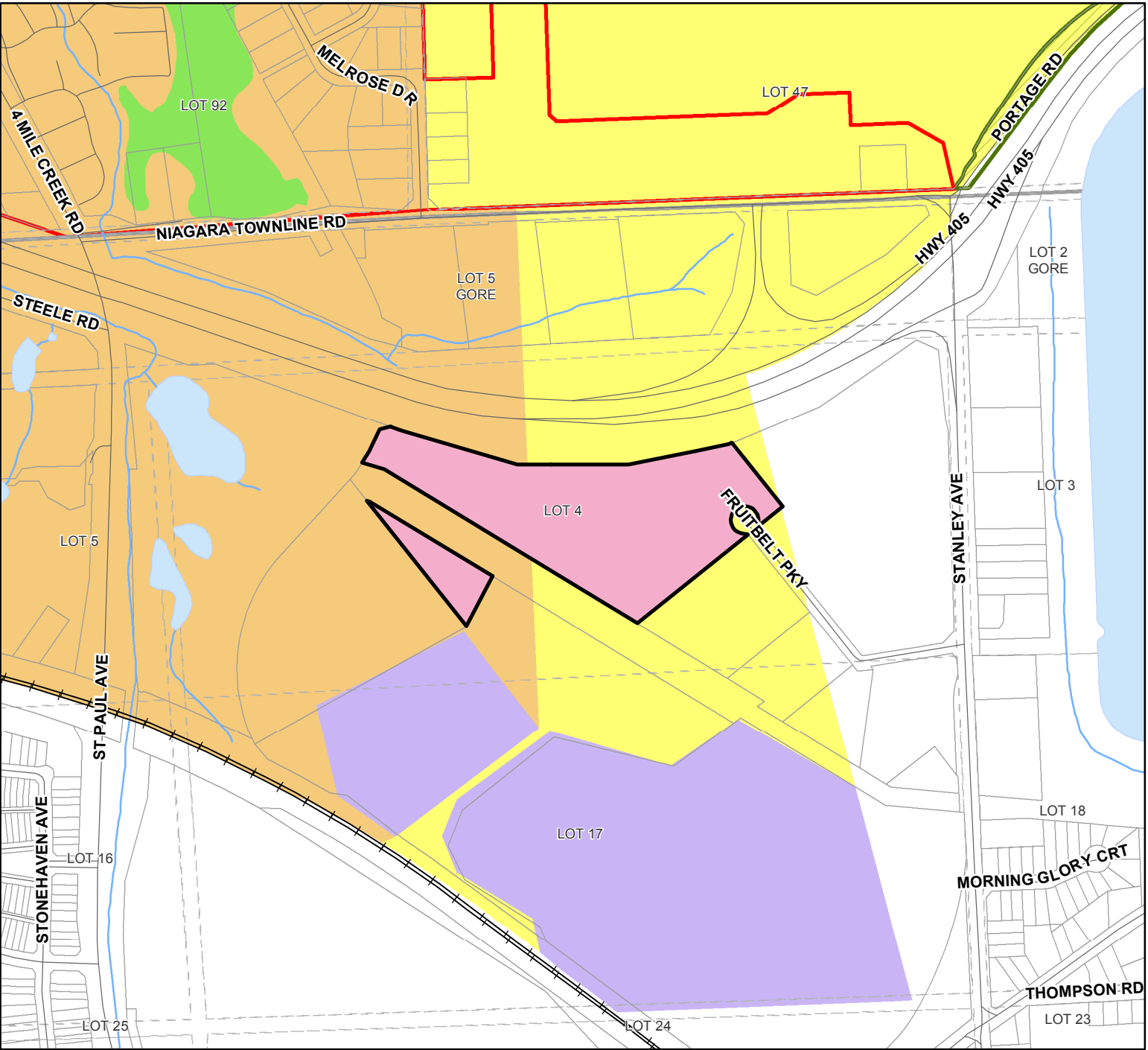
- Niagara Region supported the applicant's request through comments submitted as part of the Coordinated Policy Review, and continues to support the City of Niagara Falls with respect to their request for this land to be removed from the NEP area and would encourage the Province to conduct a site visit to this area to better understand its use and landscape.
- The NEC's Public Interest Advisory Committee recommended supporting the Region and City's proposal for removal from the NEP area.
- This area is fully serviced, and is located between a railway corridor to the south and a 400 series highway to the north. The NEC has permitted industrial uses to establish.

- The NEC has incorrectly mapped a manmade feature as escarpment brow on the subject lands. This is an industrial area with an altered landscape. The small piece of Escarpment Rural lands south of the subject site should also be included in any change.
- The Region is not satisfied with the recommendations of the NEC which seek to re-designate the lands as urban but keep them under development control. The landowner, local municipality, Niagara Region, and the Niagara Escarpment Public Interest Advisory Group all support the removal of these lands from the NEP. The Region requests that the MNRF remove these lands from the NEP.
- The Region would like to ensure that when the decision pertaining to the subject lands is finalized, it is reflected consistently in the Growth Plan and Greenbelt Plan.

Existing NEP Land Use Designations



Applicant Proposed NEP Land Use Designations



Niagara Falls – Fruitbelt Parkway

Owner/Applicant: Cotton Holdings Inc.

Proposal: Cotton Holdings Inc. has submitted a site-specific proposal for their 2.8 ha property (2125 Fruitbelt Parkway) to re- designate from Escarpment Protection and Rural Area to Urban Area.

Staff Recommendation (Jan. 2017): That the Commission recommend to the Minister that the application should be approved.

Legend

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| Subject Property | Escarpment Rural Area | Minor Urban Centre |
| Escarpment Natural Area | Mineral Resource Extraction Area | Niagara Escarpment Parks and Open Space System |
| Escarpment Protection Area | Urban Area | |

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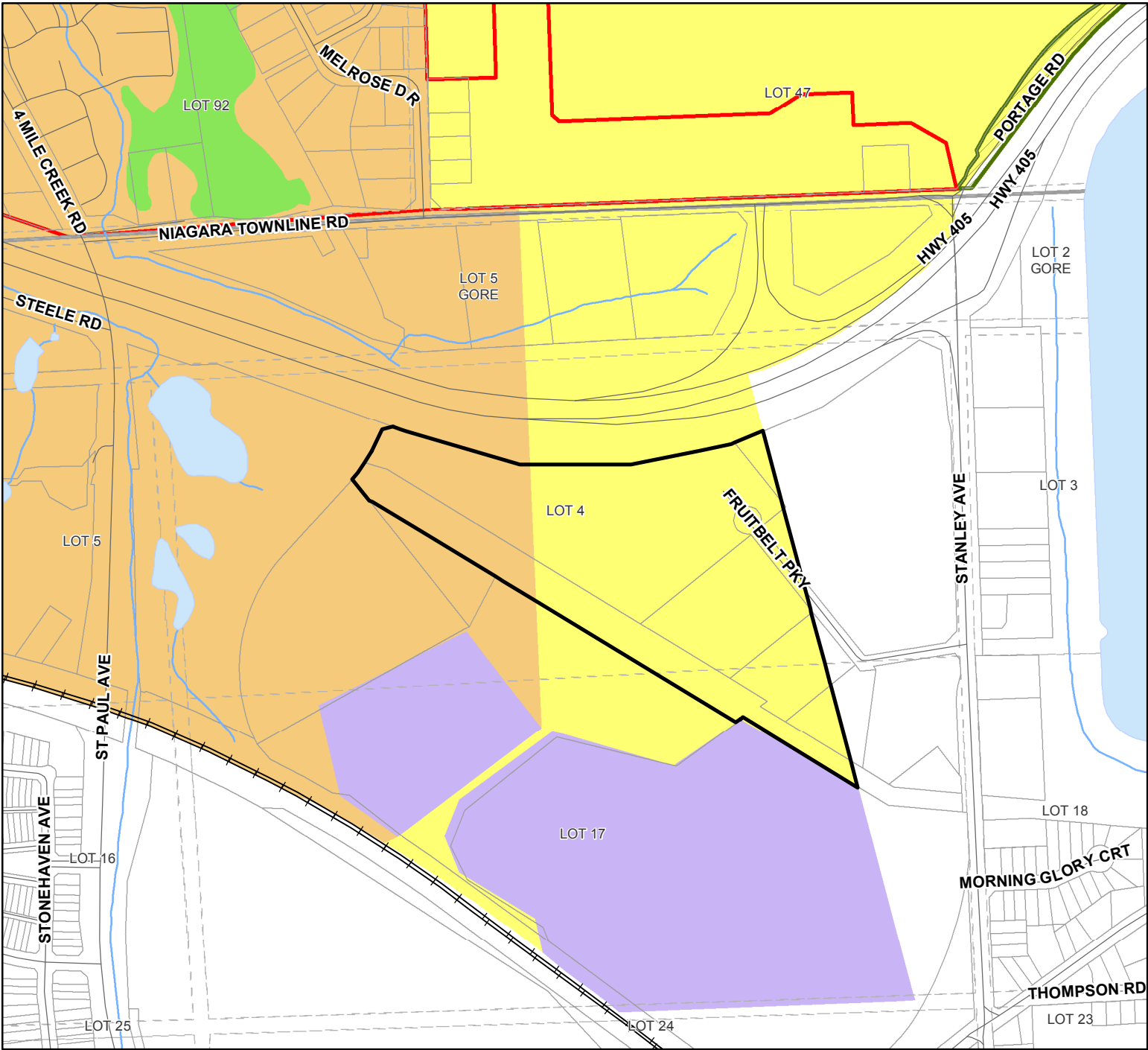
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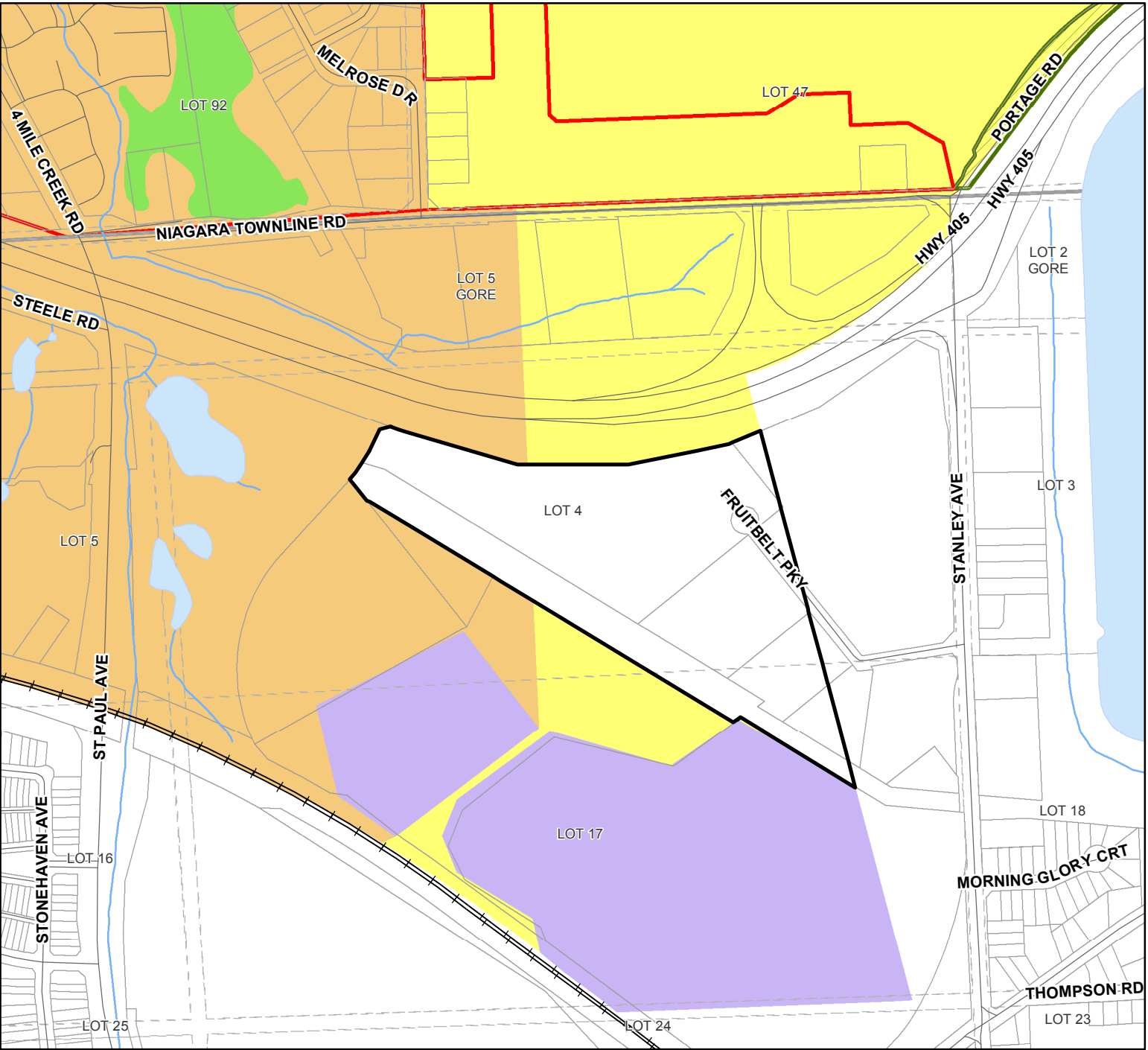
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Existing NEP Land Use Designations



Applicant Proposed Removal from NEP Area



Niagara Falls – Fruitbelt Parkway

Owner/Applicant: City of Niagara Falls

Alternate Proposal: The City of Niagara Falls and Niagara Region have requested removal of Fruitbelt Parkway and nearby lands from the NEP.

Staff Recommendation (Jan. 2017): That the Commission recommend to the Minister that the application to remove the subject lands from the NEP Area be refused. That the Commission recommend to the Minister that the subject lands be re-designated to Urban Area

Legend

Subject Property

Plan Designations

- Escarpment Natural Area
- Escarpment Protection Area

- Escarpment Rural Area
- Mineral Resource Extraction Area
- Escarpment Recreation Area
- Urban Area

- Minor Urban Centre
- Niagara Escarpment Parks and Open Space System

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**Thorold Townline Road, Niagara Falls & Thorold
NEC File UA-03**

APPLICANT:

Walker Environmental Group Inc.
Part Lots 4 & 12, City of Thorold, Part Lots 30, 31 & 49, City of Niagara Falls
Region of Niagara

CURRENT NEP DESIGNATION:

Mineral Resource Extraction Area (MREA), Escarpment Natural, Escarpment Protection and Escarpment Rural Areas with a NEPOSS overlay.

PROPOSAL:

Change the designation of a portion of the subject lands currently designated MREA to Urban Area with special provisions to recognize existing uses and future waste management and recycling uses.

NEC STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That the Commission recommend to the Minister that the application be approved.

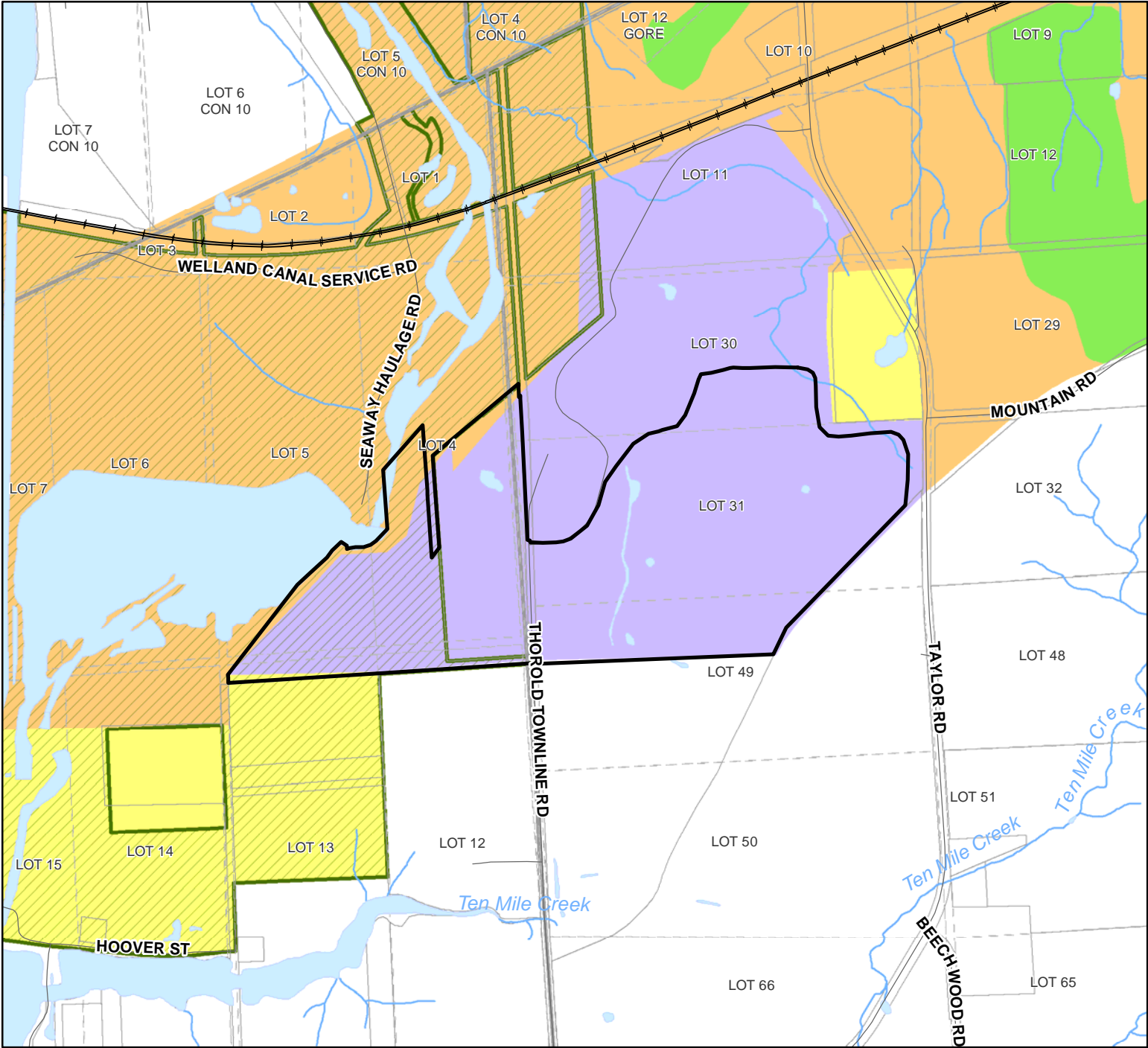
COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

Approve re-designation

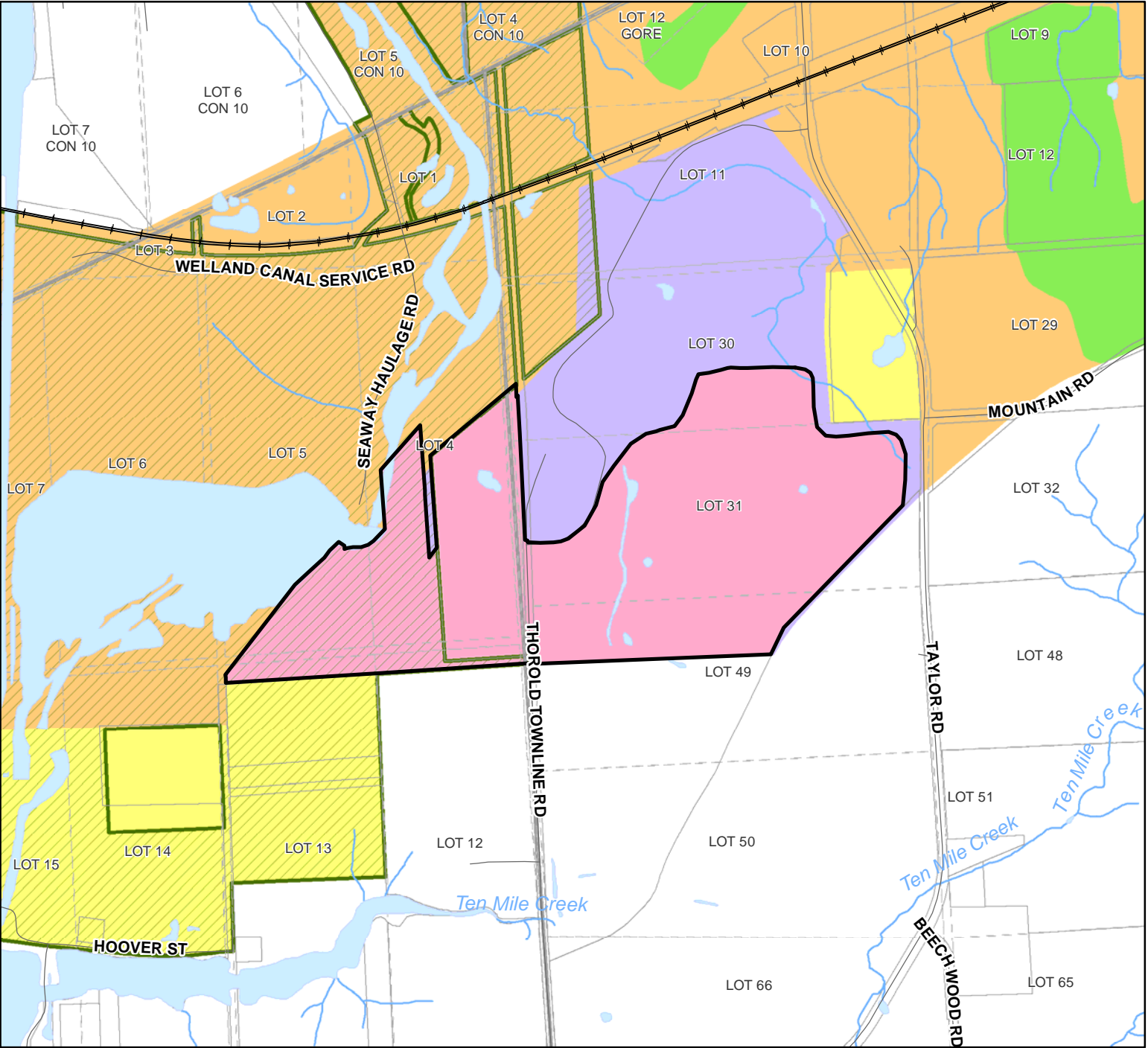
NIAGARA REGION'S COMMENTS ON RECOMMENDATION:

- Niagara Region supported the applicant's request through comments submitted as part of the Coordinated Policy Review.
- The Region supports the Commission's decision to re-designate this land as Escarpment Urban to reflect the fact that existing uses on the site do not meet the objectives of an Escarpment Mineral Resource Extraction Area.
- The Region would like to ensure that when the decision pertaining to the subject lands is finalized, it is reflected consistently in the Growth Plan and Greenbelt Plan.

Existing NEP Land Use Designations



Applicant Proposed NEP Land Use Designations



Thorold and Niagara Falls

Owner/Applicant: Walker Environmental Group Inc.

Proposal: To re-designate NEP lands currently designated as Mineral Resource Extraction Area to Urban Area and to recognize existing uses and future waste management and recycling uses.

Staff Recommendation (Jan. 2017): That the Commission recommend to the Minister that the application should be approved.

Legend

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| Subject Property | Escarpment Rural Area | Minor Urban Centre |
| Escarpment Natural Area | Mineral Resource Extraction Area | Niagara Escarpment Parks and Open Space System |
| Escarpment Protection Area | Escarpment Recreation Area | Urban Area |

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**Glendale Avenue, St. Catharines
NEC File UA-04**

APPLICANT / SUBJECT PROPERTY:

Kaneff Capital Properties Inc.
Royal Niagara Golf Club
Part Lots 5, 6, Concession 10
Region of Niagara, City of St. Catharines

CURRENT NEP DESIGNATION:

Escarpment Protection Area
Niagara Escarpment Parks and Open Space System (St. Lawrence Seaway Authority)

PROPOSAL:

To re-designate an approximately 17 hectare parcel of undeveloped lands along Glendale Avenue from Escarpment Protection Area to Urban Area to facilitate more intensive urban and recreational development (residential).

NEC STAFF COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION:

NEC staff in their recommendation indicated support for greater intensification of existing urban lands and this application might be premature

That the Commission recommend to the Minister that the application be refused.

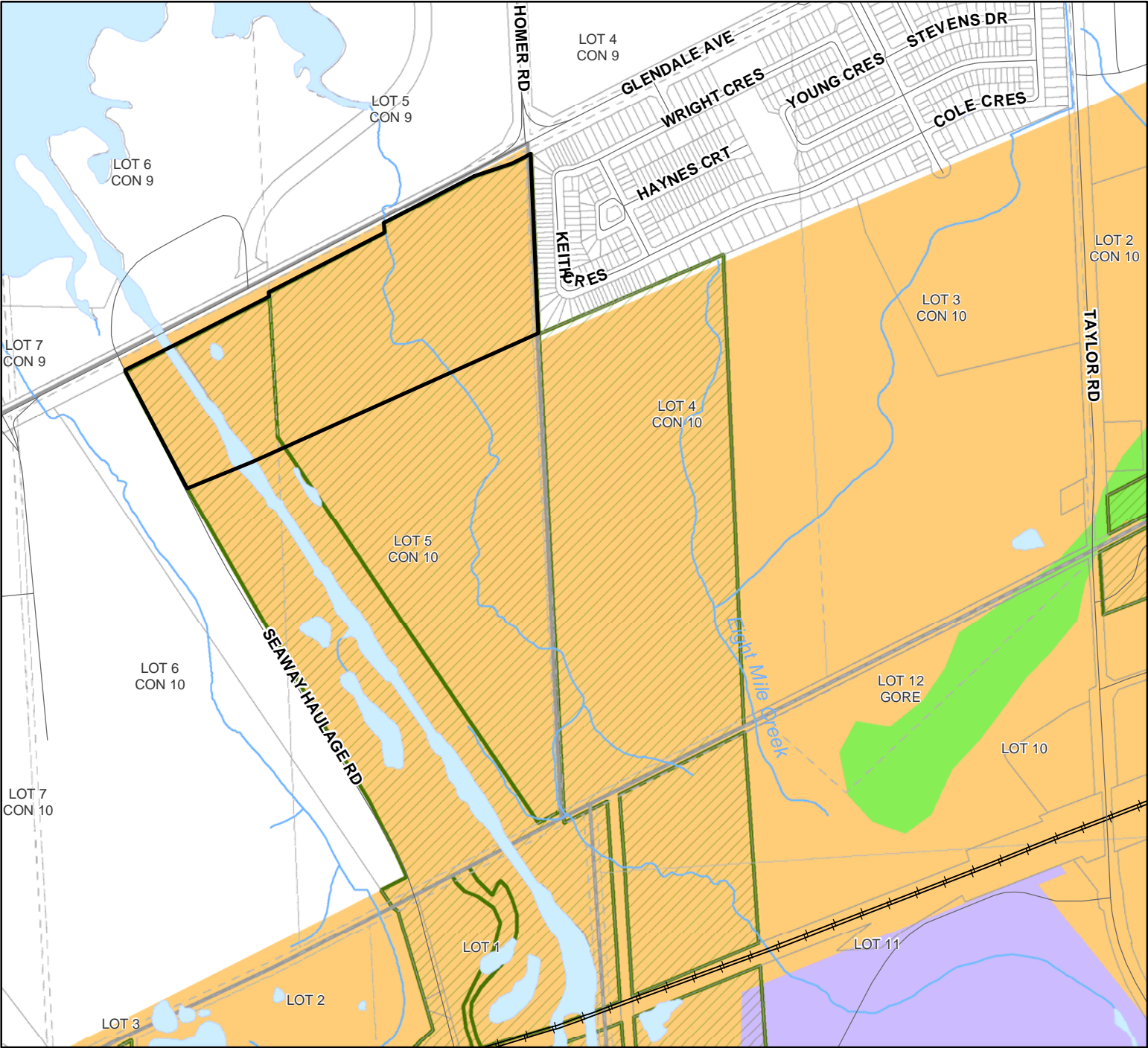
COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

Refuse re-designation

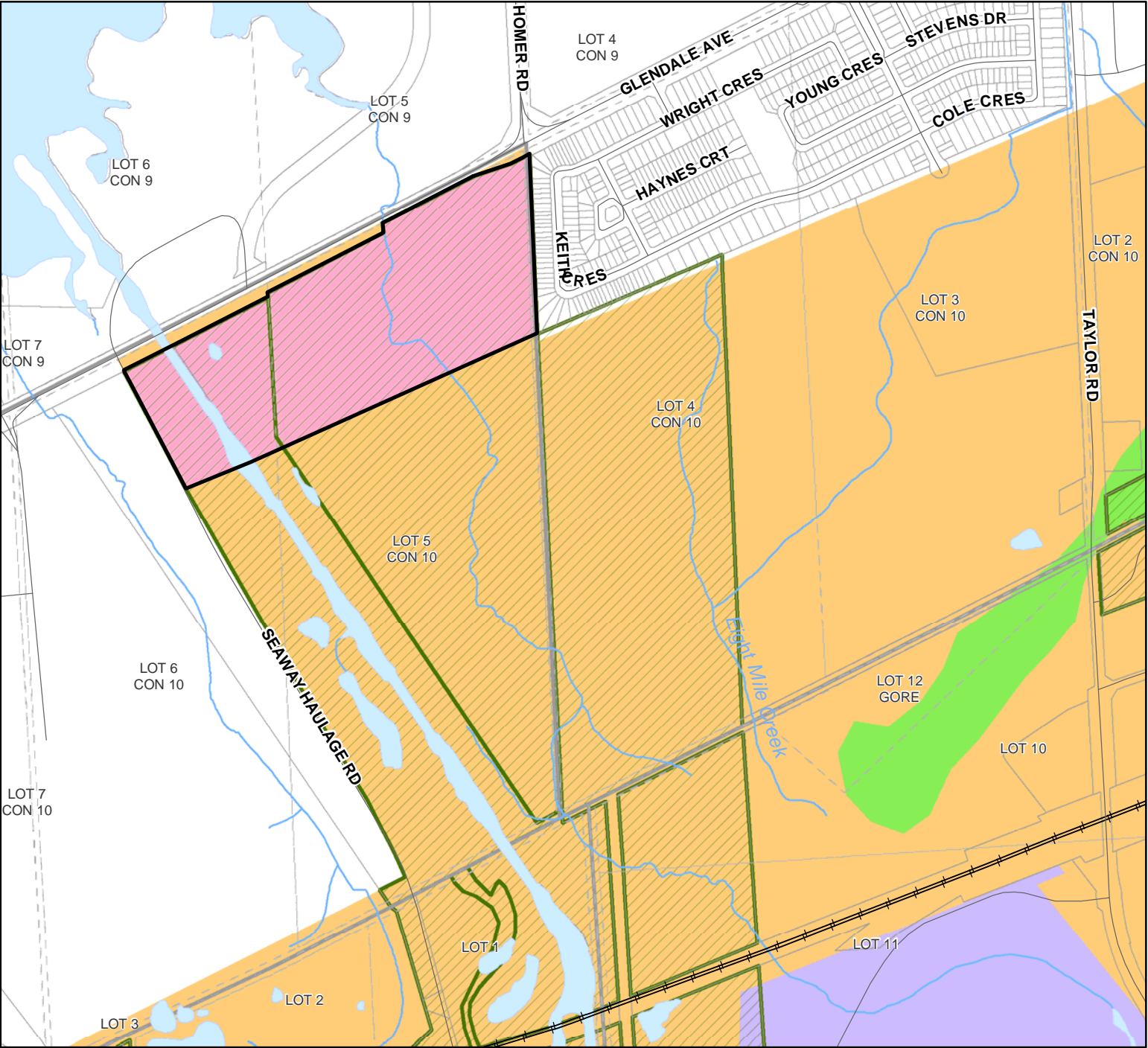
NIAGARA REGION'S COMMENTS ON RECOMMENDATION:

- Niagara Region supported the applicant's request in consideration of the City of St. Catharines comments pertaining to the subject lands.
- The City of St. Catharines identified the subject lands for consideration through the Region's Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR) for inclusion into the Urban Area Boundary
- The NEC report notes that the NEC Public Interest Advisory Committee indicated general support although quorum could not be reached due to a conflict of interest.
- The Region is not satisfied with the recommendations of the NEC as they place the landowner in a catch-22 situation with respect to requiring an Escarpment Urban designation prior to the subject lands being considered during an MCR process. The Region would recommend that the MNRF create a policy where lands other than Escarpment Urban Area can be considered during an MCR and additional amendments to the NEP are not required when an MCR identifies lands for inclusion.

Existing NEP Land Use Designations



Applicant Proposed NEP Land Use Designations



Stamford

Applicant: Kaneff Capital Properties Inc.

Proposal: To re-designate approximately 17 ha of land from Escarpment Protection Area to Urban Area.

Staff Recommendation (Jan. 2017): That the Commission recommend to the Minister that the application should be refused.

Legend

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| Subject Property | Escarpment Rural Area | Minor Urban Centre |
| Plan Designations | Mineral Resource Extraction Area | Niagara Escarpment Parks and Open Space System |
| Escarpment Natural Area | Escarpment Recreation Area | |
| Escarpment Protection Area | Urban Area | |

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**5523 Townline Road, Niagara on the Lake
NEC File UA-05**

APPLICANT:

Queenston Quarry Reclamation Company

James Parkin, MHBC Planning (agent)

Property Location: 5523 Townline Road, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Niagara Region

CURRENT NEP DESIGNATION: Escarpment Natural, Escarpment Protection, Escarpment Rural Area, partially within the St. David's Minor Urban Centre (MUC)

PROPOSAL: To designate the Escarpment Rural Area lands to Escarpment Recreation Area to permit the re-development of the former quarry for commercial and recreation uses and to allow a connection to urban (municipal) services. No change to the MUC or to the existing site specific policies for the subject lands are proposed.

NEC STAFF RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission advise the Minister that the application should be approved with appropriate special policies.

COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

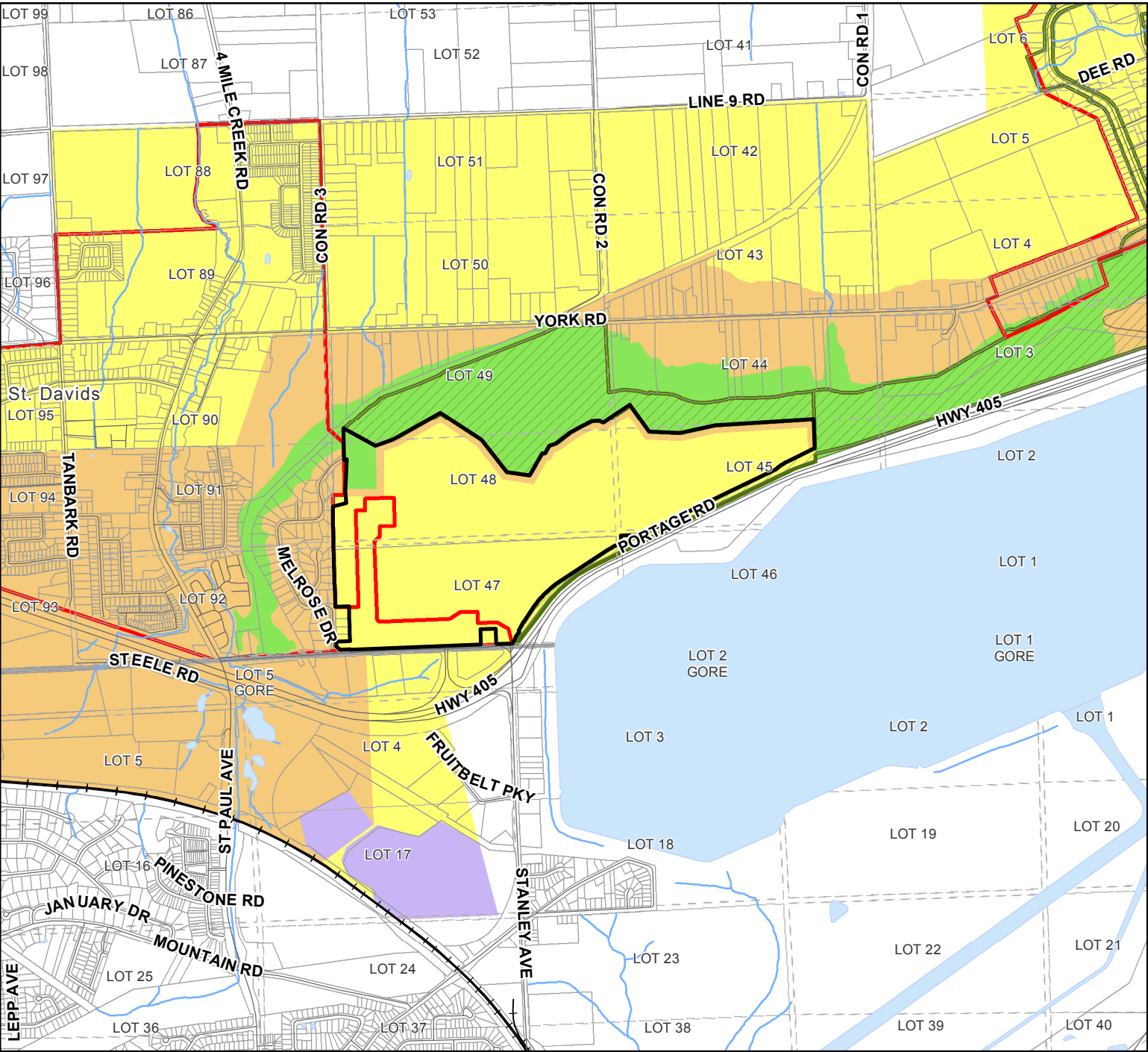
Approve with special policies (see items 1-5)

1. Lands continue to be governed by Mineral Resource Extraction Area policies until the quarry license is surrendered.
2. Exact delineation of land use designations is shown on a schedule unique to this site.
3. Additional uses for this site have been added to Escarpment Protection Area related to a gold course.
4. Upon surrendering the quarry license, the lands may be connected to municipal services subject to Regional approval.
5. Niagara Region ROPA 1-2009 and Niagara on the Lake OPA 45 include additional for this site and may be amended.

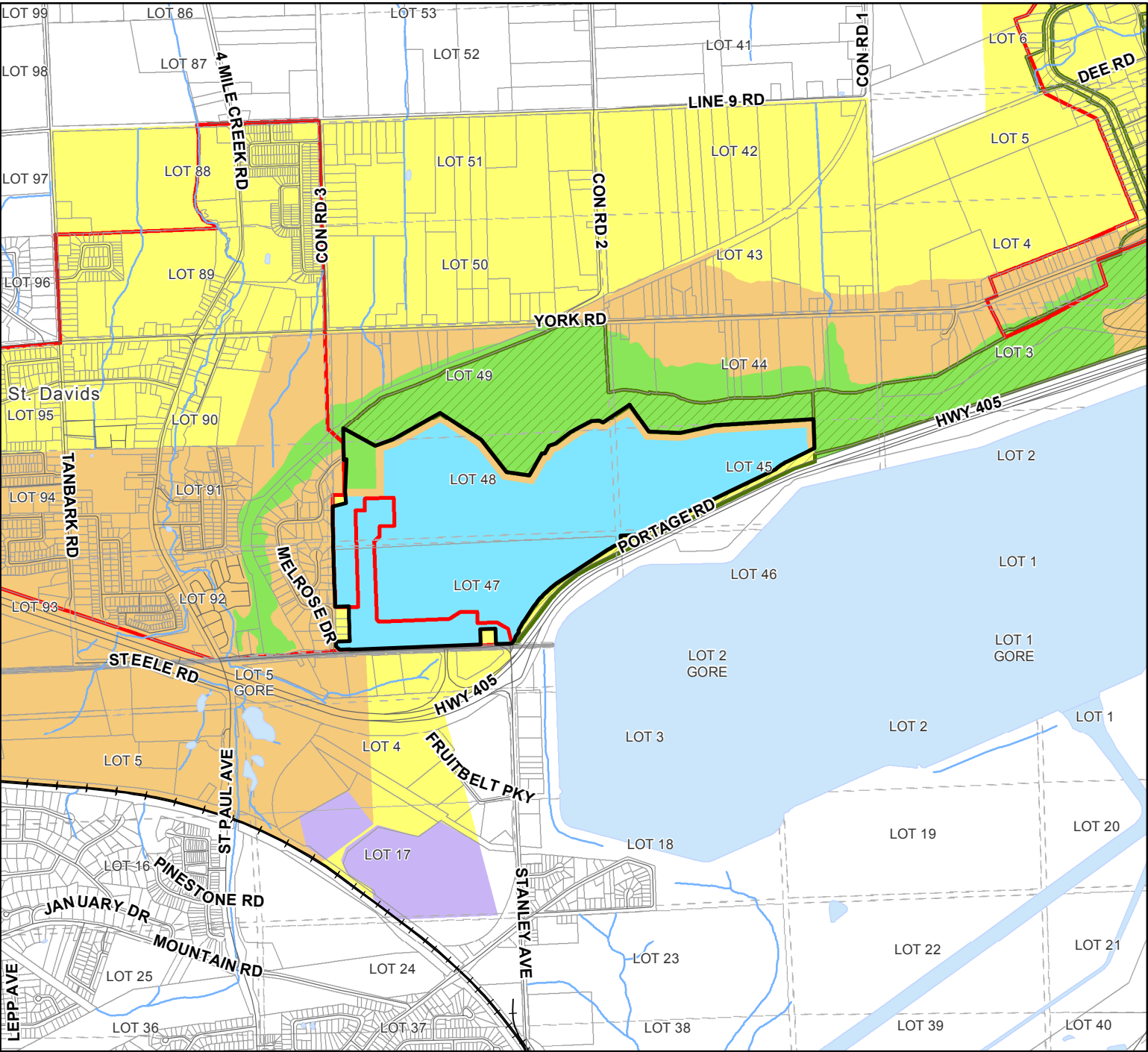
NIAGARA REGION'S COMMENTS ON RECOMMENDATION:

- Niagara Region supported the applicant's request through comments submitted as part of the Coordinated Policy Review.
- The Region has reviewed the special policies recommended by the NEC and supports the decision of the Commission.
- The Region would like to ensure that when the decision pertaining to the subject lands is finalized, it is reflected consistently in the Growth Plan and Greenbelt Plan.

Existing NEP Land Use Designations



Applicant Proposed NEP Land Use Designations



Niagara-on-the-Lake

Owner/Applicant: Queenston Quarry Reclamation Company

Proposal: Request Escarpment Recreation Area designation for lands currently designated Escarpment Rural Area with special policies to permit re-development of the former quarry for commercial and recreation uses (hotel, spa, banquet centre, golf course and clubhouse, winery and vineyard, cabins, retail, wine storage caves); connection to municipal services.

Staff Recommendation (Jan. 2017): That the Commission recommend to the Minister that the application should be approved.

Legend

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| Subject Property | Escarpment Rural Area | Minor Urban Centre |
| Escarpment Natural Area | Mineral Resource Extraction Area | Niagara Escarpment Parks and Open Space System |
| Escarpment Protection Area | Escarpment Recreation Area | Urban Area |

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**19th Street, Town of Lincoln
NEC File UA-06**

SUBJECT LANDS:

Part Lot 18 Concession 5, Louth (Jordan)
Town of Lincoln, Niagara Region

OWNER/APPLICANT:

Appletree Developments Limited
123 Springfield Boulevard
Ancaster, ON L9K 1H8

CURRENT NEP DESIGNATION:

Escarpment Protection Area
Escarpment Natural Area (small amount)

PROPOSAL:

To re-designate the subject lands (8.5 hectares) to allow for urban single family home residential development. The applicant did not identify which land use designation is requested.

NEC STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That the Commission recommend to the Minister that the amendment be refused.

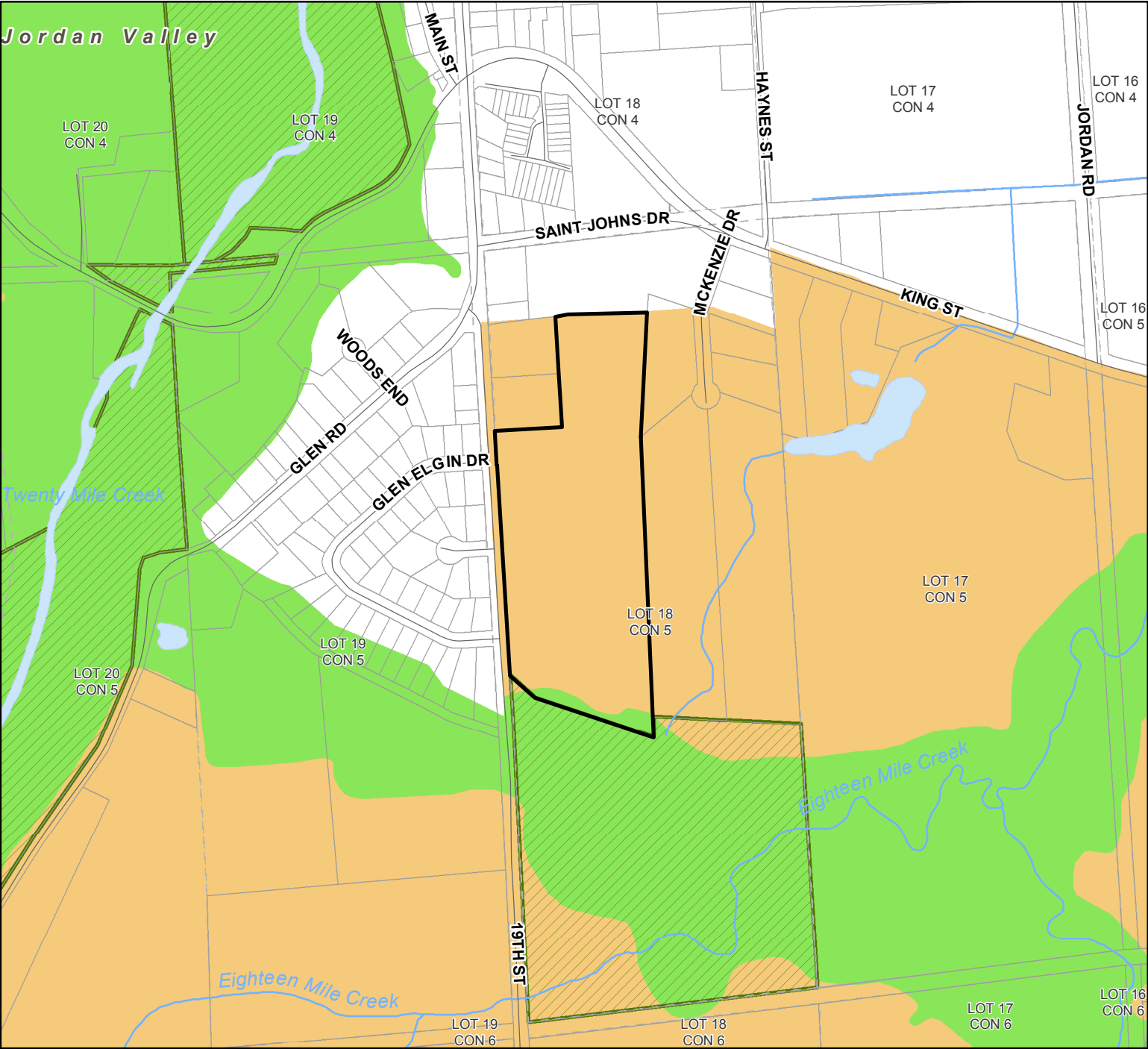
COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

Refuse re-designation

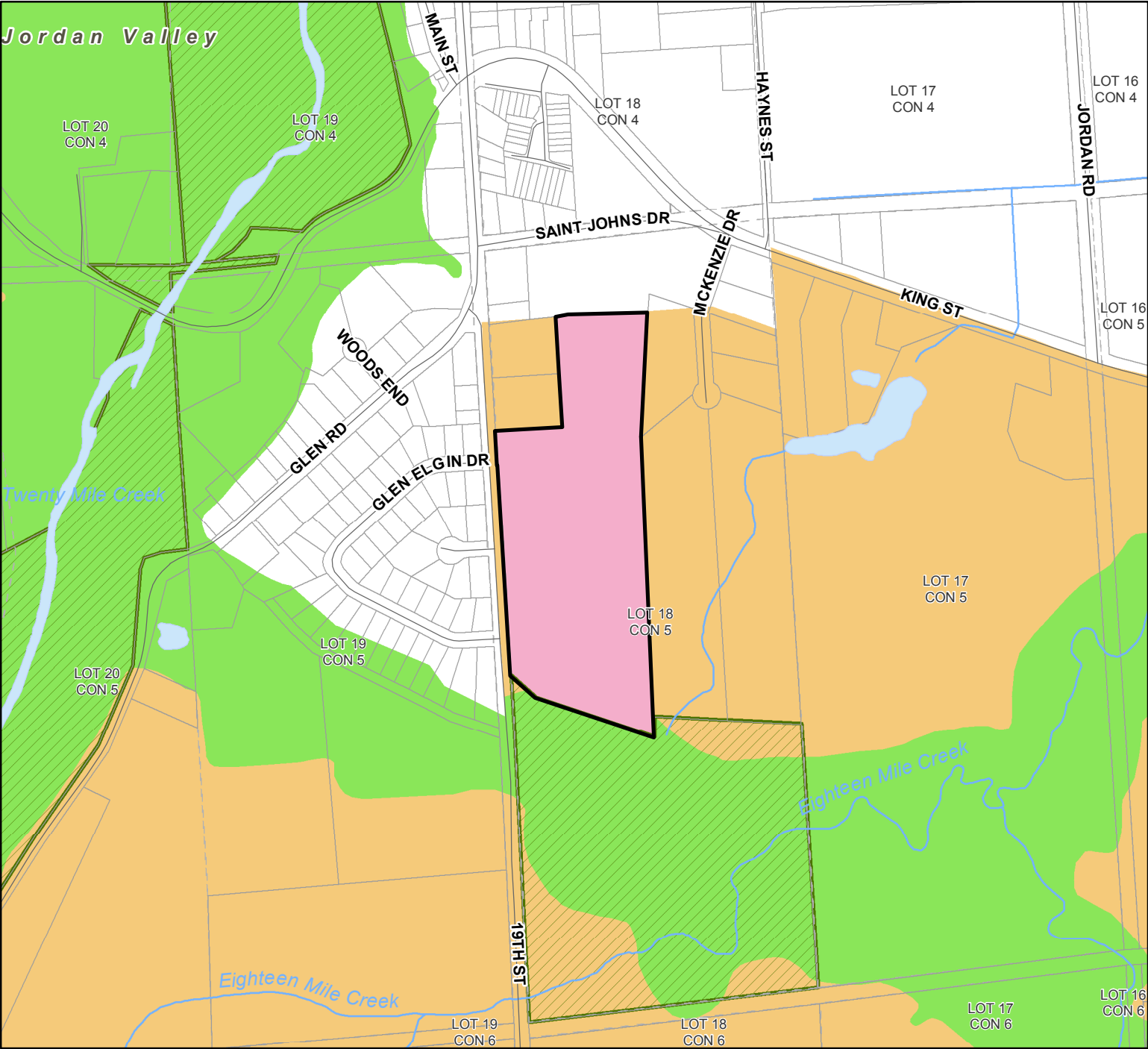
NIAGARA REGION'S COMMENTS ON RECOMMENDATION:

- While this specific request wasn't shared with the Region in advance of the NEC's review, comments in the Region's response pertaining to the removal of agricultural land from the NEP area supported the concept of lessening restrictions on the subject lands.
- The Town of Lincoln hasn't included this request in their submissions to the Region or Province; therefore, the Region is not in a position to make additional comments on this application.

Existing NEP Land Use Designations



Applicant Proposed NEP Land Use Designations



Lincoln - Louth

Owner/Applicant: Appletree Development Inc.

Proposal: To re-designate the subject lands (8.5 hectares) to allow for urban single family home residential development. The applicant did not identify which land use designation is requested.

Staff Recommendation (Jan. 2017): That the Commission recommend to the Minister that the application should be refused.

Legend

Subject Property

Plan Designations

- Escarpment Natural Area
- Escarpment Protection Area

- Escarpment Rural Area
- Mineral Resource Extraction Area
- Escarpment Recreation Area
- Urban Area

- Minor Urban Centre
- Niagara Escarpment Parks and Open Space System

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**4848 King Street, Town of Lincoln
NEC File UA-07**

APPLICANT / SUBJECT PROPERTY:

Edward & Carol Austin
4818 King Street (Beamsville)
Part Lots 14 & 15, Concession 4, Clinton
Town of Lincoln, Niagara Region

CURRENT NEP DESIGNATION:

Escarpment Rural Area

PROPOSAL:

To remove approximately 2.9 hectares of land designated as Escarpment Rural Area from the NEP Area on a 12.8 hectare property that also falls within the Protected Countryside of the Greenbelt Plan, and is also partially within the Beamsville settlement area.

NEC STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That the Commission recommend to the Minister that the proposed removal of lands from the NEP Area be refused.

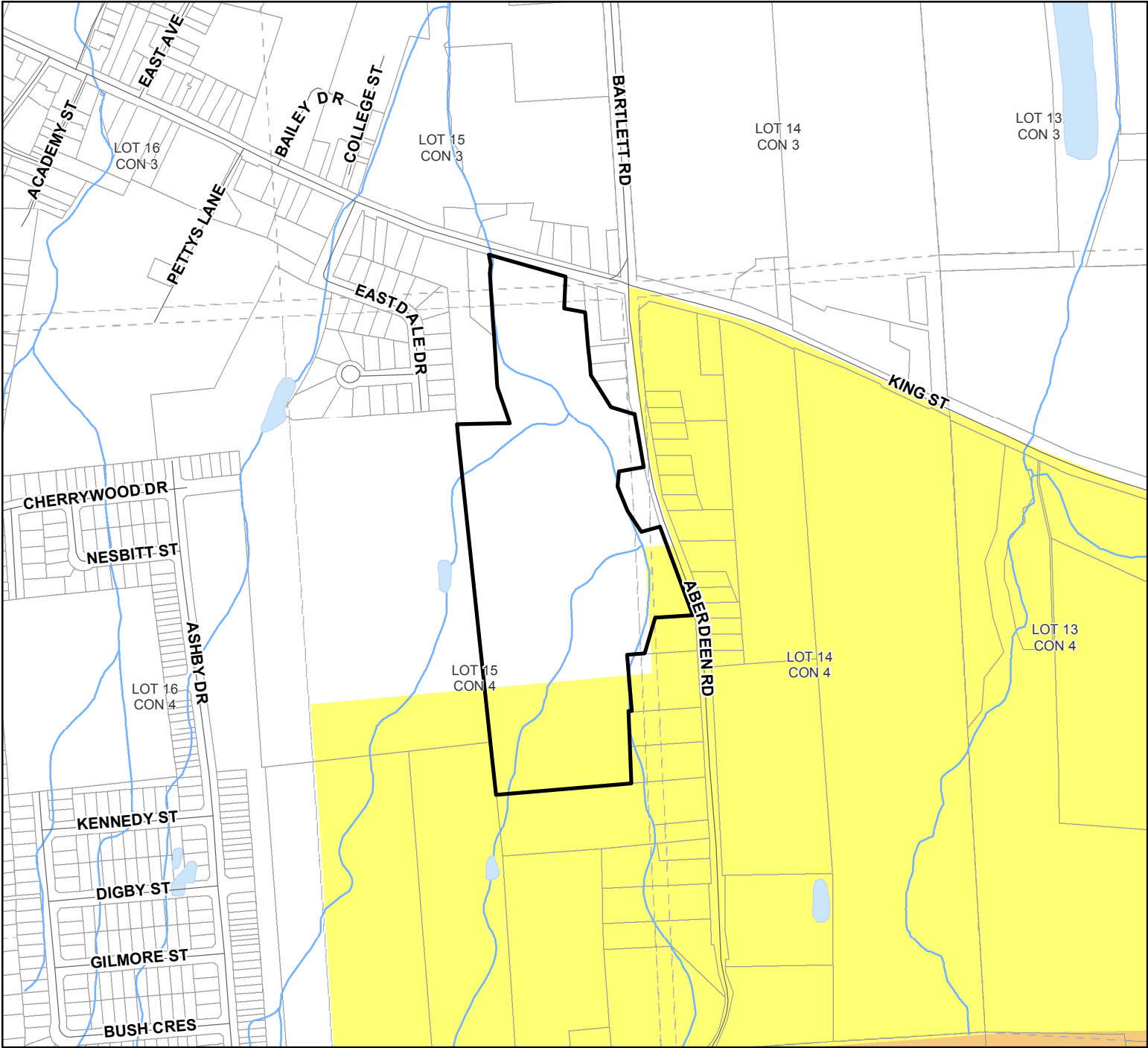
COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

Refuse removal

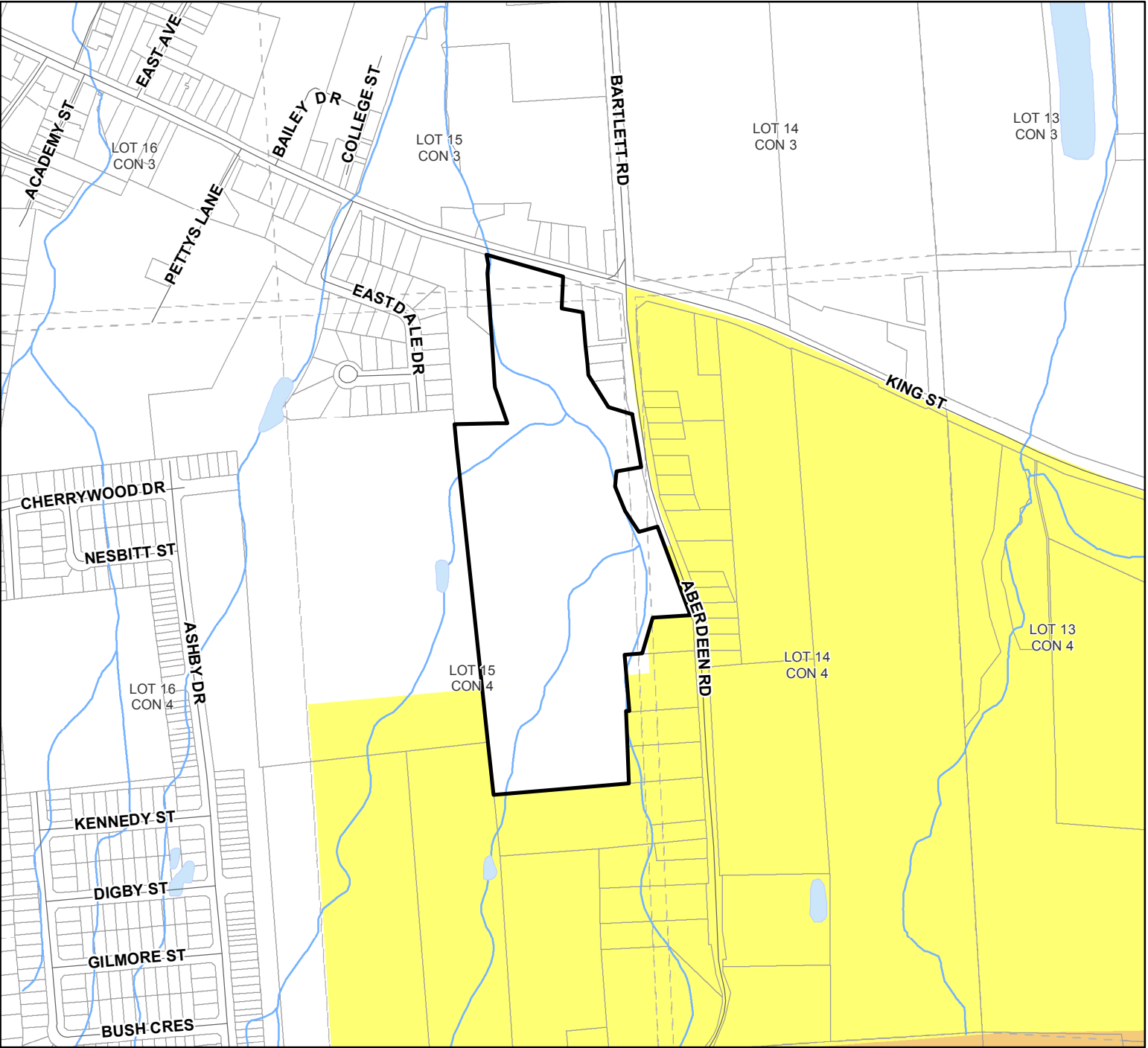
NIAGARA REGION'S COMMENTS ON RECOMMENDATION:

- Niagara Region supported the applicant's request through comments submitted as part of the Coordinated Policy Review.
- The Region is not satisfied with the recommendations of the NEC with respect to this request. The Region provided mapping to the Province which outlined this parcel, among others with multiple land use designations, with the request that the Province refine their mapping to not place multiple designations on an individual parcel.
- The Region requests that the MNRF remove the 2.9 hectares of this 12.8 hectare property from the NEP.

Existing NEP Land Use Designations



Applicant Proposed Removal from NEP Area



Lincoln - King Street

Owner/Applicant: Private Individual

Proposal: To remove approximately 2.9 ha of land designated as Escarpment Rural Area from the NEP Area on a 12.8 ha property.

Staff Recommendation (Jan. 2017): That the Commission recommend to the Minister that the proposed removal of lands from the NEP Area should be refused.

Legend

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| Subject Property | Escarpment Rural Area | Minor Urban Centre |
| Plan Designations | Mineral Resource Extraction Area | Niagara Escarpment Parks and Open Space System |
| Escarpment Natural Area | Escarpment Recreation Area | Urban Area |
| Escarpment Protection Area | | |

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3874 Victoria Avenue, Town of Lincoln
NEC File: UA-08

APPLICANT / SUBJECT PROPERTY:

Vineland Missionary Church
Part Lot 1, Concession 5, Clinton
3874 Victoria Avenue (Vineland)
Town of Lincoln, Niagara Region

CURRENT NEP DESIGNATION:

Escarpment Protection Area

PROPOSAL:

To remove a 0.4-hectare portion of the 1.8-hectare Vineland Missionary Church property from the NEP Area because the majority of the property is outside of the NEP Area, and the portion within the NEP Area contains a portion of the church and the church parking lot.

NEC STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That the Commission recommend to the Minister that the amendment for a minor adjustment of the outer boundary of the NEP Area be approved, and by doing so remove the requested portion of the subject lands from the NEP Area.

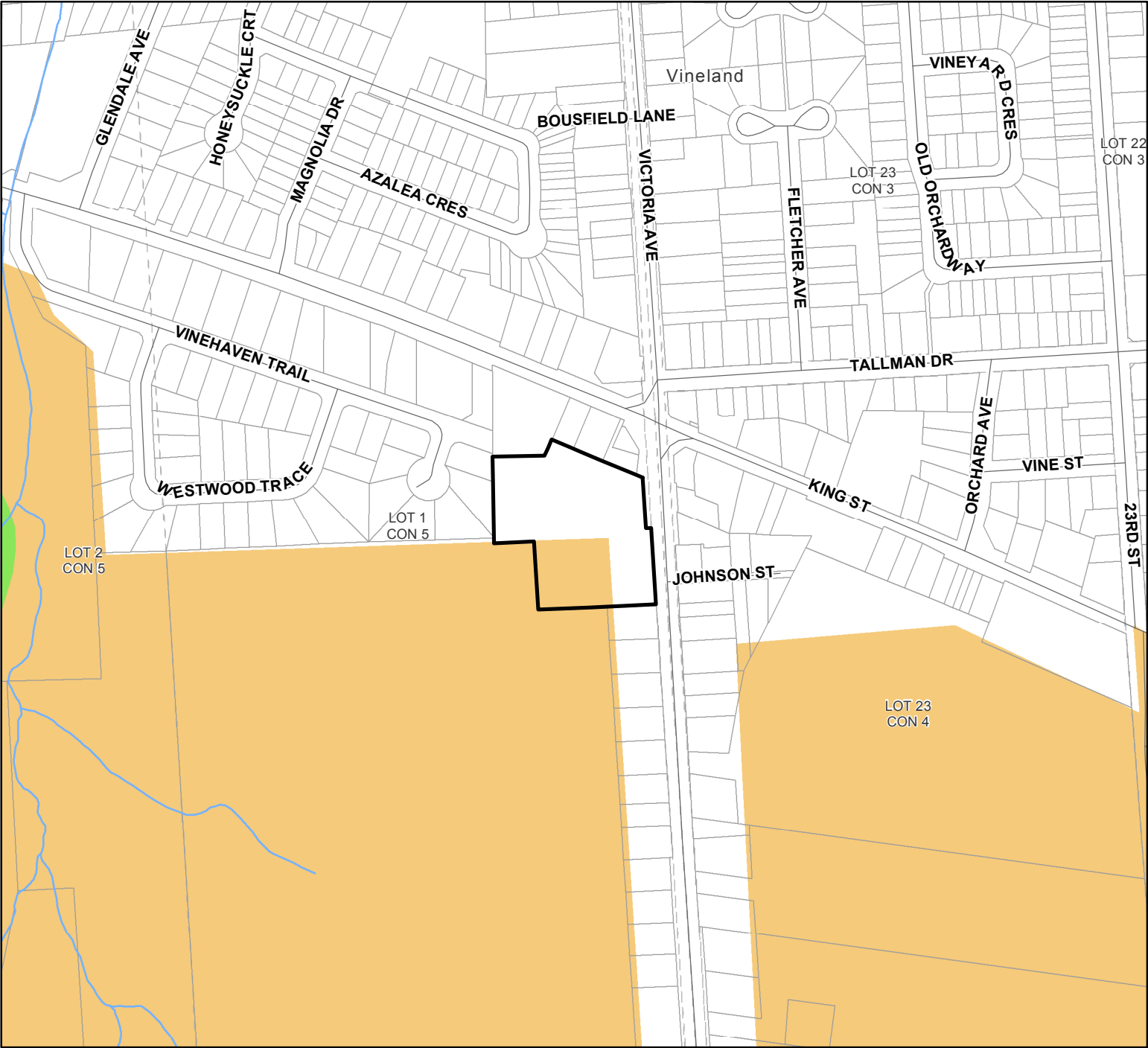
COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

Approve removal

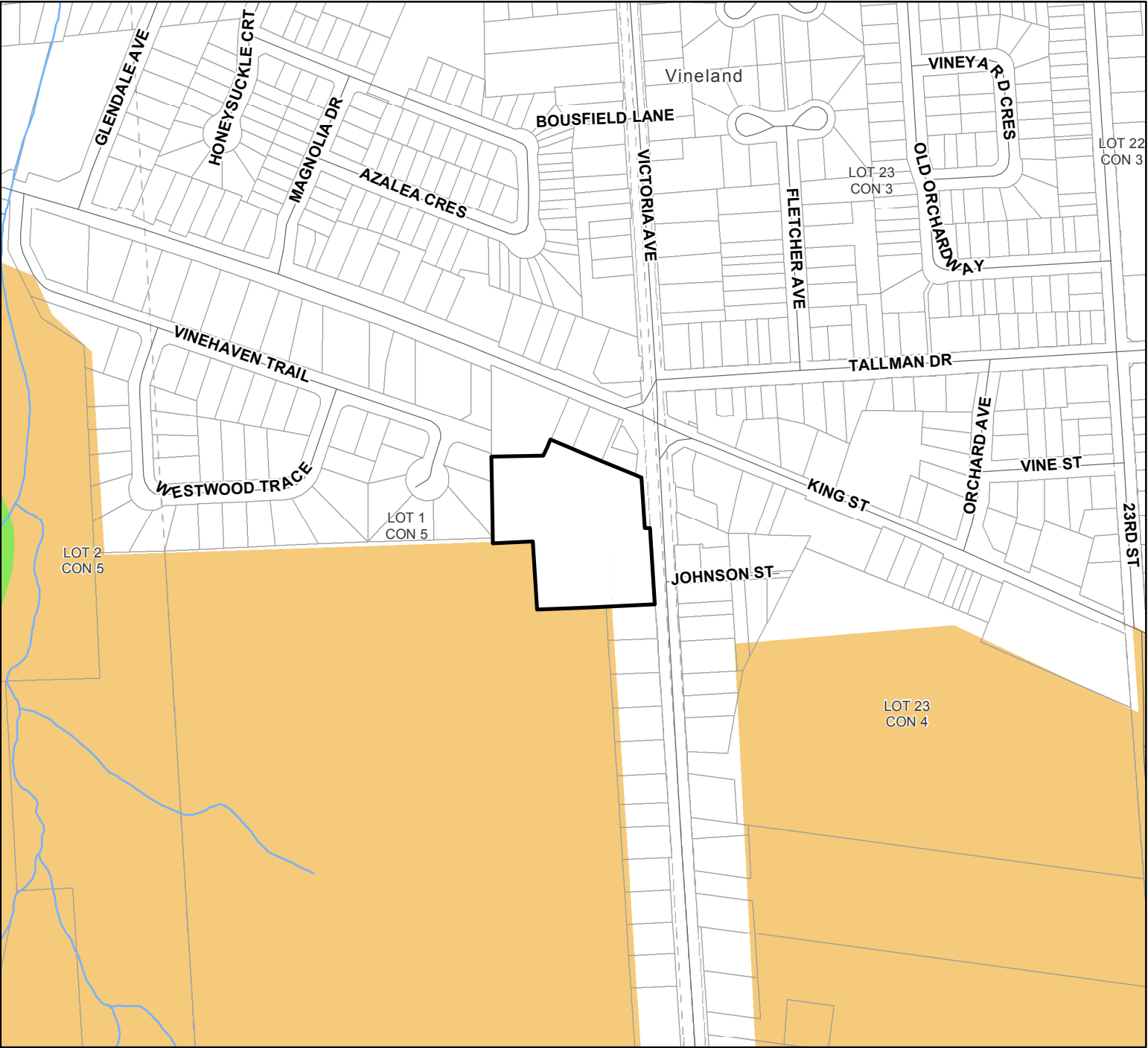
NIAGARA REGION'S COMMENTS ON RECOMMENDATION:

- Niagara Region supported the applicant's request through comments submitted as part of the Coordinated Policy Review.
- The Region supports the Commission's decision to remove this land from the NEP area, as the majority of the subject parcel is not included in the NEP area.
- The Region would like to ensure that when the decision pertaining to the subject lands is finalized, it is reflected consistently in the Growth Plan and Greenbelt Plan.

Existing NEP Land Use Designations



Applicant Proposed Removal from NEP Area



Lincoln - Vineland

Owner/Applicant: Vineland Missionary Church

Proposal: To remove a 0.4 ha portion of the 1.8 ha Vineland Missionary Church property from the NEP Area because the majority of the property is outside of the NEP Area, and the portion within the NEP Area is a church parking lot.

Staff Recommendation (Jan. 2017): That the Commission recommend to the Minister that the amendment for a minor adjustment of the outer boundary of the NEP Area be approved, and by doing so remove the requested portion of the subject lands from the NEP Area.

Legend

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| Subject Property | Escarpment Rural Area | Minor Urban Centre |
| Plan Designations | Mineral Resource Extraction Area | Niagara Escarpment Parks and Open Space System |
| Escarpment Natural Area | Escarpment Recreation Area | Urban Area |
| Escarpment Protection Area | | |

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**Tintern Road, Town of Lincoln
NEC File: UA-09**

SUBJECT LANDS:

Part Lot 7 Concession 6, Clinton
Village of Campden
Town of Lincoln, Niagara Region

OWNER/APPLICANT:

Sunrise Eggs Limited
123 Springfield Boulevard
Ancaster, ON L9K 1H8

CURRENT NEP DESIGNATION:

Escarpment Rural Area
Urban Area (small amount)

PROPOSAL:

To re-designate the subject lands (11.2 hectares) to allow for urban single family home residential development. (Note: the applicant did not specify what designation he is seeking.)

NEC STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That the Commission recommend to the Minister that the proposed amendment be refused.

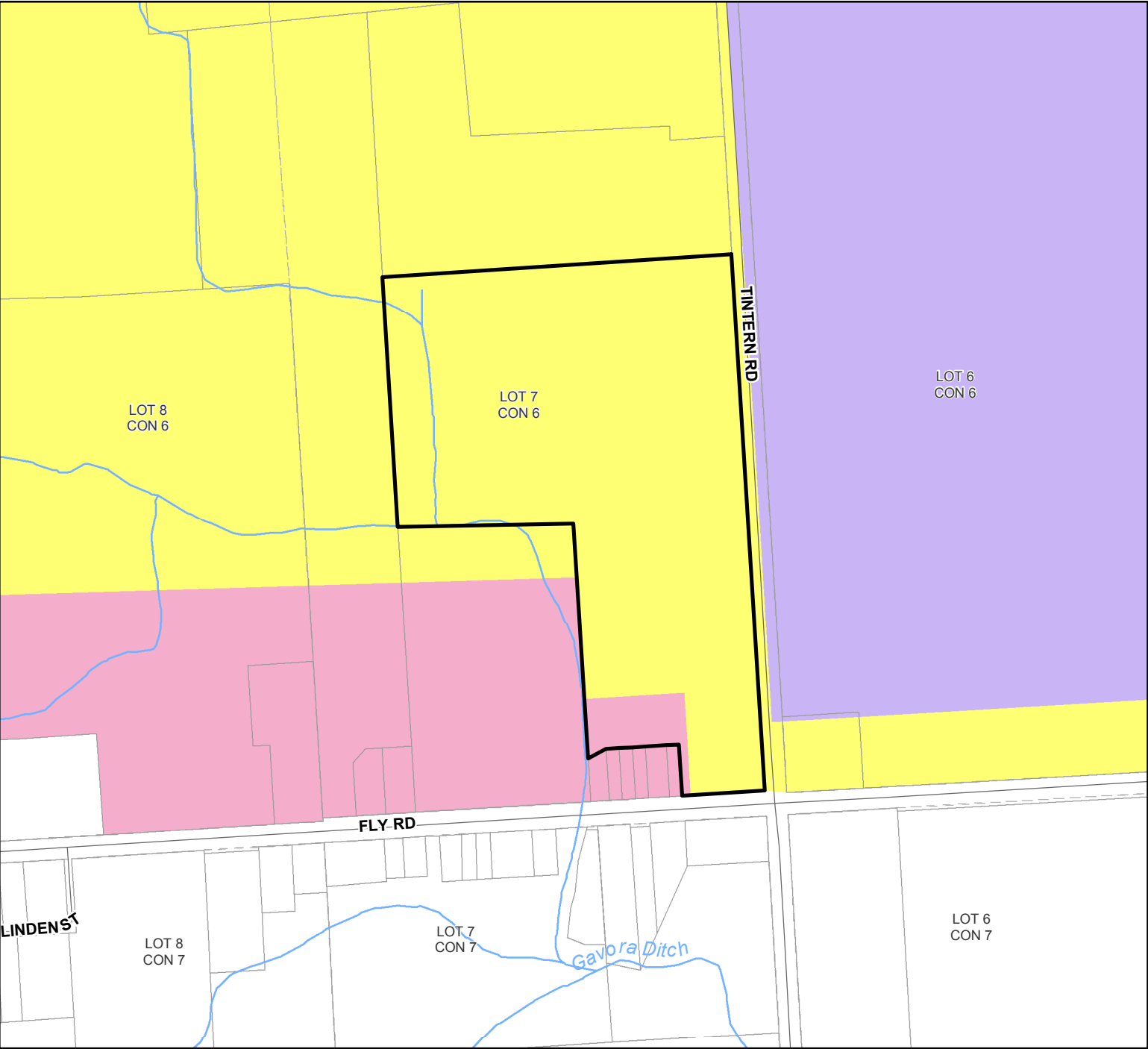
COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

Refuse re-designation

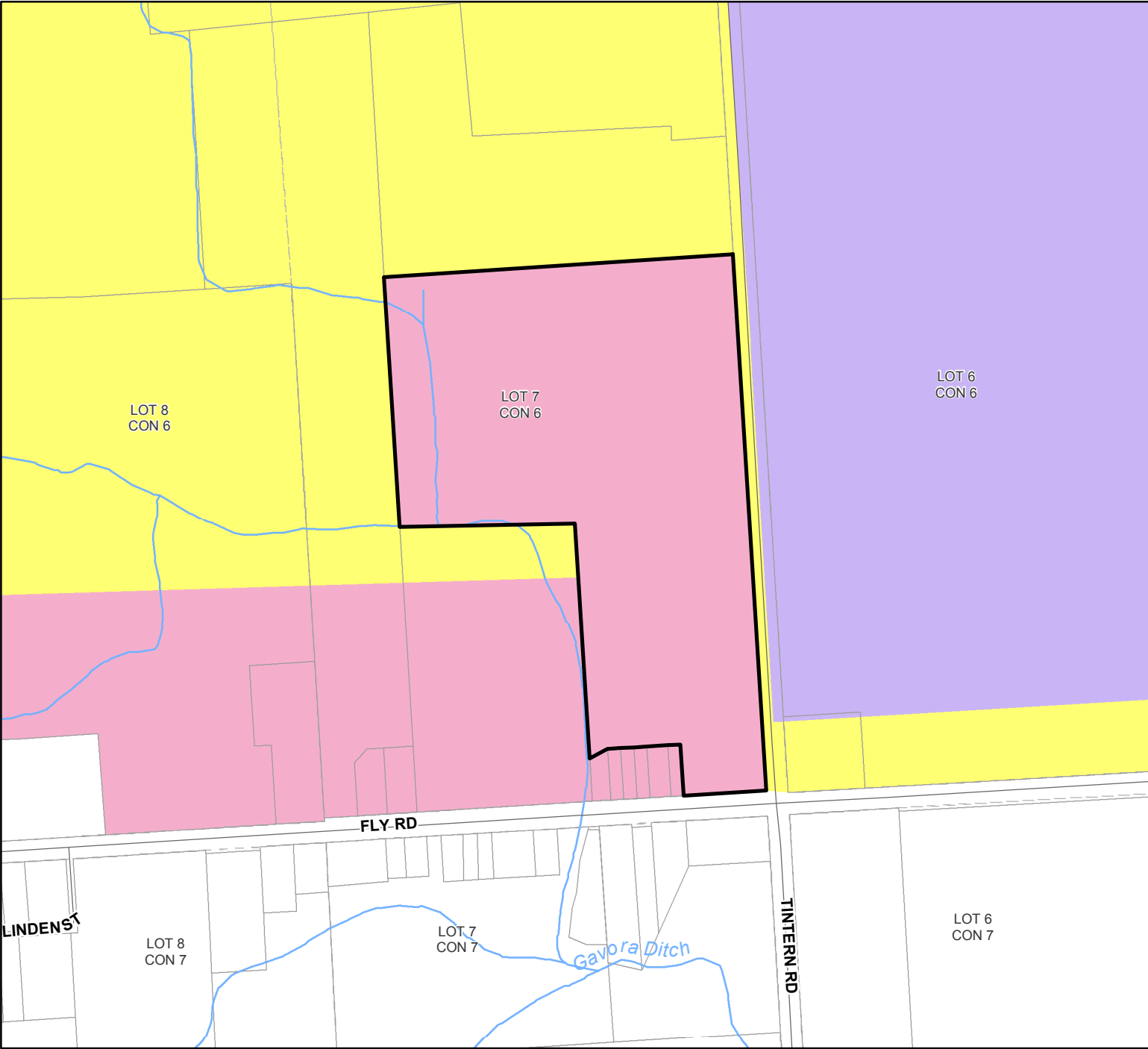
NIAGARA REGION'S COMMENTS ON RECOMMENDATION:

- While this specific request wasn't shared with the Region in advance of the NEC's review, comments in the Region's response pertaining to the removal of agricultural land from the NEP area supported the concept of lessening restrictions on the subject lands.
- The Town of Lincoln hasn't included this request in their submissions to the Region or Province; therefore, the Region is not in a position to make additional comments on this application.

Existing NEP Land Use Designations



Applicant Proposed NEP Land Use Designations



Lincoln - Campden

Owner/Applicant: Sunrise Eggs (1989) Limited

Proposal: To re-designate the 11.4 ha property to allow for urban single family home residential development. The applicant did not specify what designation is being sought.

Staff Recommendation (Jan. 2017): That the Commission recommend to the Minister that the application be refused.

Legend

Subject Property

Plan Designations

Escarpment Natural Area

Escarpment Protection Area

Escarpment Rural Area

Mineral Resource Extraction Area

Escarpment Recreation Area

Urban Area

Minor Urban Centre

Niagara Escarpment Parks and Open Space System

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**5050 Hillside Drive, Town of Lincoln
NEC File: UA-10**

APPLICANT / SUBJECT PROPERTY:

Albright Centre
5050 Hillside Drive, Beamsville
Parts Lot 17, Concession 5
Town of Lincoln, Niagara Region

CURRENT NEP DESIGNATION(S):

Escarpment Protection Area and Escarpment Natural Area

PROPOSAL:

To re-designate approximately 14.2 hectares of the subject property from Escarpment Protection Area to Urban Area to accommodate future expansion needs of a housing and long-term care facility for the elderly.

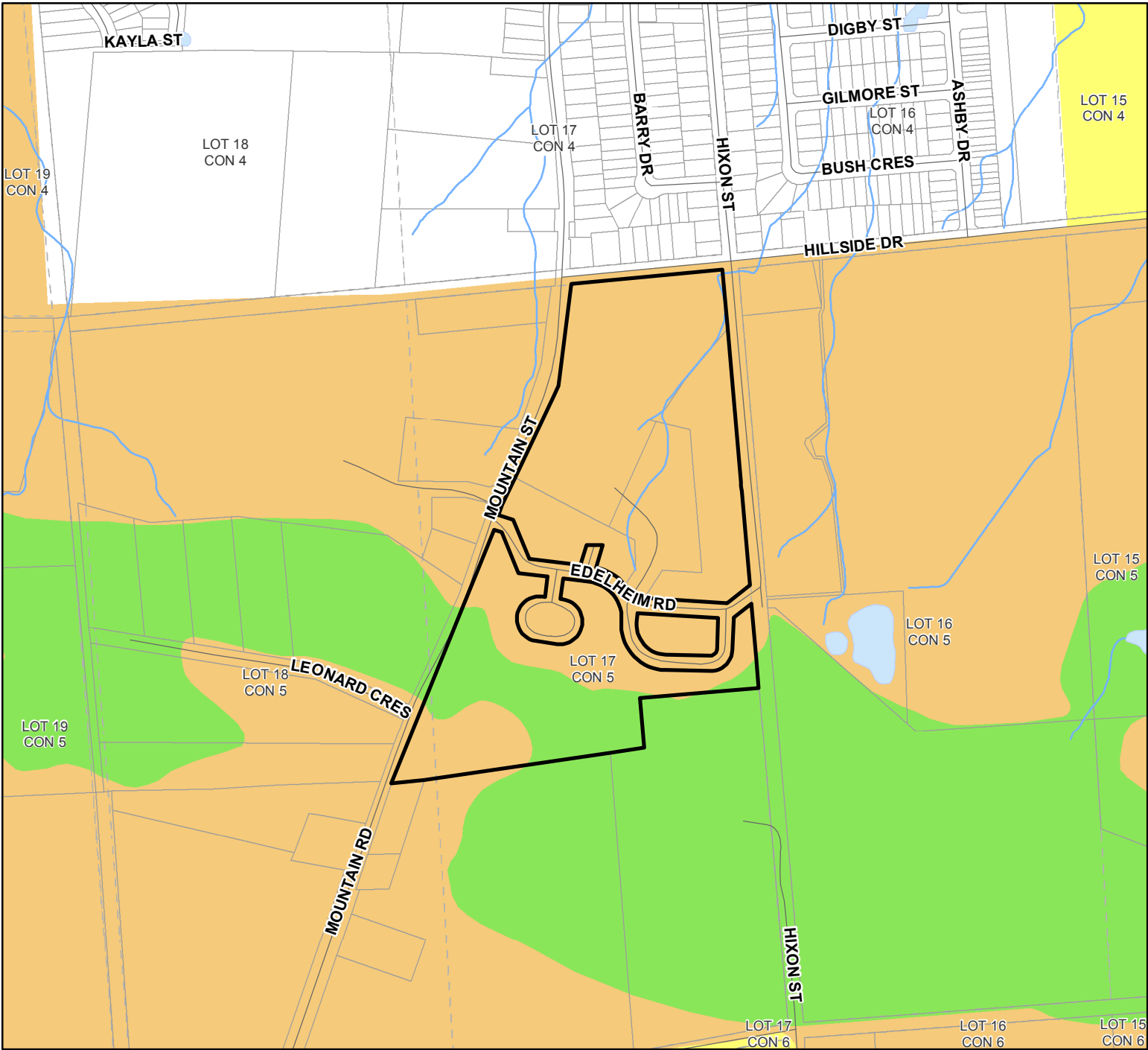
NEC STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That the Commission recommend to the Minister that the application to re-designate the developed portion of the Escarpment Protection Area on the subject property to Escarpment Urban Area be approved.

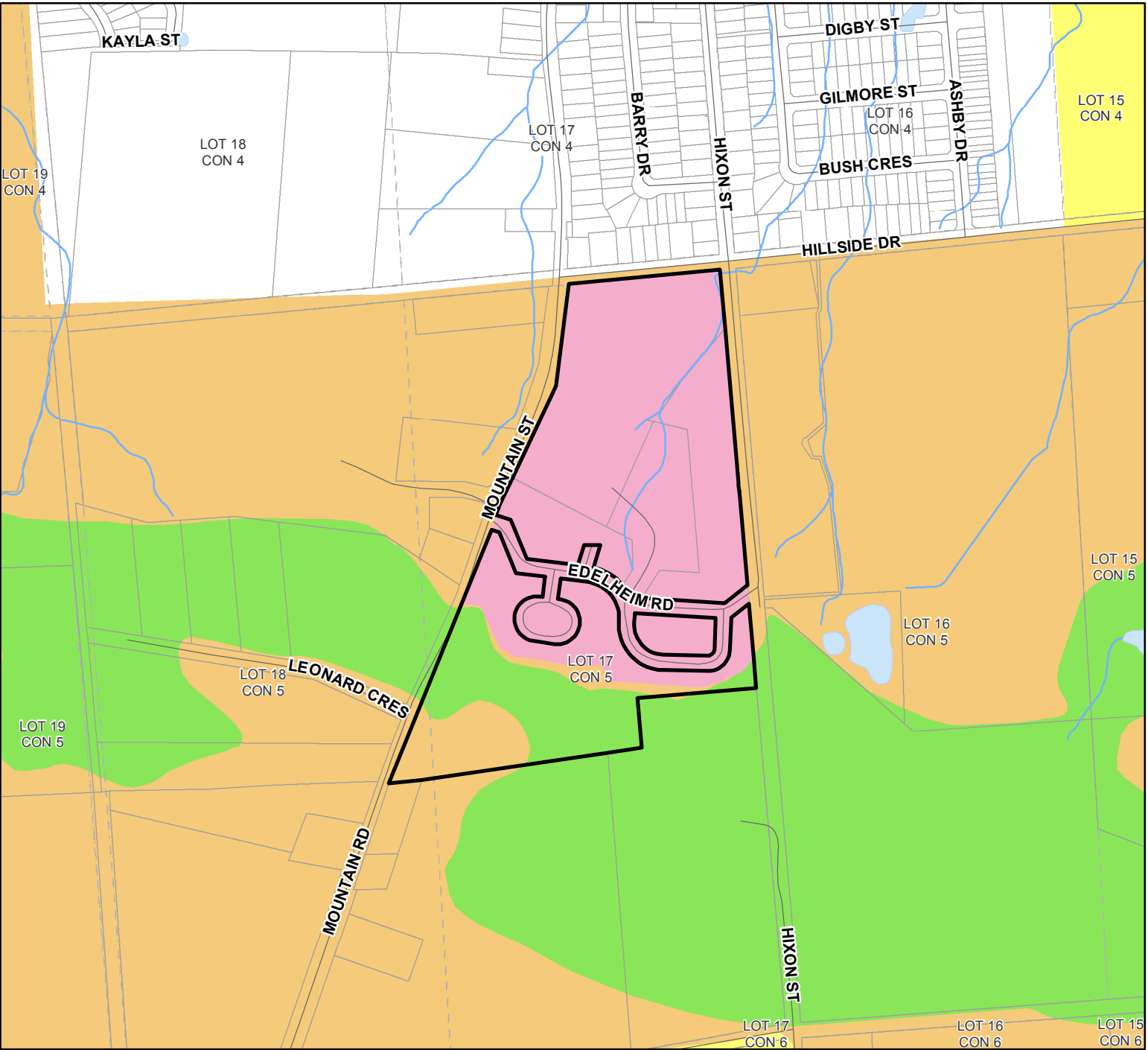
NIAGARA REGION'S COMMENTS ON RECOMMENDATION:

- Niagara Region supported the applicant's request through comments submitted as part of the Coordinated Policy Review, and continues to support the Town of Lincoln and the applicant with respect to their request for this land to be re-designated Escarpment Urban Area.
- The Region has reviewed the proposed amendment recommended by the NEC and supports the decision of the Commission.
- The Region would like to ensure that when the decision pertaining to the subject lands is finalized, it is reflected consistently in the Growth Plan and Greenbelt Plan.

Existing NEP Land Use Designations



Applicant Proposed NEP Land Use Designations



Lincoln - Hillside Drive

Owner/Applicant: Albright Centre

Proposal: To re-designate approximately 14.2 hectares of land from Escarpment Protection Area to Urban Area to accommodate future expansion needs of a housing and long-term care facility for the elderly.

Staff Recommendation (Jan. 2017): That the Commission recommend to the Minister that the application to re-designate the developed portion of the Subject Lands from Escarpment Protection Area to Escarpment Urban Area should be approved.

Legend

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| Subject Property | Escarpment Rural Area | Minor Urban Centre |
| Plan Designations | Mineral Resource Extraction Area | Niagara Escarpment Parks and Open Space System |
| Escarpment Natural Area | Escarpment Recreation Area | |
| Escarpment Protection Area | Urban Area | |

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**Main Street West, Grimsby
NEC File: UA-11**

APPLICANT / SUBJECT PROPERTY:

Town of Grimsby
Lots 21 & 22, Concession 2
Part Lots 17, 18, 19, 20 & 23, Concession 2
Part Lots 22 & 23, Concession 3
Town of Grimsby, Niagara Region

CURRENT NEP DESIGNATION:

Escarpment Protection Area

PROPOSAL:

To re-designate approximately 191 hectares of subject lands from Escarpment Protection Area to Urban Area, to recognize existing urban development.

Note: *The Town's proposal also includes lands owned by Winona Concrete and Pipe Products Ltd (487 & 489 Main Street West), who have applied separately for an amendment for their properties. The proposal related to the Winona Concrete and Pipe products Ltd. properties are dealt with separately in a site – specific amendment proposal UA 12.*

NEC STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That the Commission recommends to the Minister that the application to re-designate the subject lands from Escarpment Protection Area to Urban Area be refused.

COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

Refuse removal

NIAGARA REGION'S COMMENTS ON RECOMMENDATION:

- Niagara Region supported seven separate requests from landowners and the Town of Grimsby through comments submitted as part of the Coordinated Policy Review, and continues to support these seven separate requests. **The NEC has altered the seven requests by lumping them together in a single request for an Escarpment Urban Area re-designation, which is greater in land area, and different in scope than what was being sought by the original requests.**
- By combining the seven separate requests into single Proposal NEC staff did not allow Commission members to review and make recommendations on the merits of each application.
- **The Region is extremely dissatisfied with the manner in which separate requests were lumped together by NEC staff, undermining the individual requests. The Region requests that the Minister and MNR Staff review the**

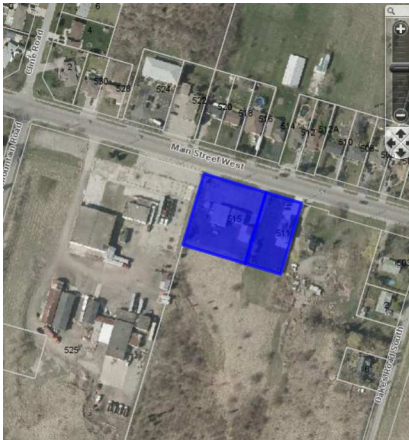
original submissions made to the Province (see attached) and approve each request as submitted.

- At the NEC meeting, dialogue between Commissioners and staff discussed the possibility of creating a 750 metre buffer from the escarpment toe, and removing subject lands outside the buffer area.
- The Region is not satisfied with the recommendations of the Niagara Escarpment Commission with respect to this request. In previous submissions the Region requested that all lands outside of the escarpment toe and brow be removed from development control. Based on discussions at the NEC between Commission members, this request should be considered.
- The Region requests that the MNRF consider options for this site to acknowledge existing uses (such as UA-12), existing residential subdivisions, commercial and institutional uses and potential future uses, such as Provincial transit.

| NIAGARA ESCARPMENT PLAN AREA | | | |
|------------------------------|--|------------------------------|--|
| PARCEL | 2 | Main / Oakes Settlement Area | |
| LOCATION | 503 Main Street West 2 and 6 Oakes Road South | | |
| EXISTING USES | Residential | | |
| GREENBELT PLAN | Niagara Escarpment Plan Area | | |
| ESCARPMENT PLAN | Escarpment Protection Area | | |
| OFFICIAL PLAN | Escarpment Protection Area | | |
| ZONING | N/A | | |
| AREA | .89 acres | | |
| SOILS | Miscellaneous Man Modified Land Units Mainly reddish hued silty clay loam over Queenston shale bedrock | | |
| SERVICES | WATER: | SEWER | |
| | Yes | Yes | |
| ANALYSIS | Residential lots – extension of residential settlement at Oakes Road and Main Street West | | |
| RECOMMENDATION | Consider redesignating as “Escarpment Urban” - transferring residential subdivision to municipal administration and zoning with NEC review | | |



| NIAGARA ESCARPMENT PLAN AREA | | | |
|------------------------------|--|---------------------|--|
| PARCEL | 3 | Grimsby Tackle Shop | |
| LOCATION | 511 and 515 Main Street West | | |
| EXISTING USES | Employment Grimsby Tackle - Residential | | |
| GREENBELT PLAN | Niagara Escarpment Plan Area | | |
| ESCARPMENT PLAN | Escarpment Protection Area | | |
| OFFICIAL PLAN | Escarpment Protection Area | | |
| ZONING | N/A | | |
| AREA | 1.26 acres | | |
| SOILS | Miscellaneous Man Modified Land Units Mainly reddish hued silty clay loam over Queenston shale bedrock | | |
| SERVICES | WATER: | SEWER | |
| | Yes | Yes | |
| ANALYSIS | Employment Lands and lands part of settlement at Oakes Road and Main Street West | | |
| RECOMMENDATION | Consider redesignating as “Escarpment Urban” - transferring residential subdivision to municipal administration and zoning with NEC review | | |






| NIAGARA ESCARPMENT PLAN AREA | | | |
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| PARCEL | 4 | Former Arkell Cannery Site | |
| LOCATION | 525 Main Street West | | |
| EXISTING USES | Various Storage etc. | | |
| GREENBELT PLAN | Niagara Escarpment Plan Area | | |
| ESCARPMENT PLAN | Escarpment Protection Area | | |
| OFFICIAL PLAN | Escarpment Protection Area | | |
| ZONING | N/A | | |
| AREA | 12.5139 | | |
| SOILS | Miscellaneous Man Modified Land Units | | |
| SERVICES | WATER: | SEWER | |
| | Yes | Yes | |
| ANALYSIS | Former Cannery Site – now largely abandoned, some storage | | |
| RECOMMENDATION | Policies to facilitate re-use and cleaning up of property. | | |
| | Consideration for allowing this and adjacent lands to be used for community parkland/recreational | | |
| | Consider redesignating as “Escarpment Urban” - transferring residential subdivision to municipal administration and zoning with NEC review | | |



| NIAGARA ESCARPMENT PLAN AREA | | | |
|------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|
| PARCEL | 5 | Cline Mountain Road Settlement | |
| LOCATION | Cline Mountain Road and Cedar Glen Subdivision | | |
| EXISTING USES | Residential Rural Subdivision | | |
| GREENBELT PLAN | Niagara Escarpment Plan Area | | |
| ESCARPMENT PLAN | Escarpment Protection Area | | |
| OFFICIAL PLAN | Escarpment Protection Area | | |
| ZONING | N/A | | |
| AREA | 24.758 acres | | |
| SOILS | Miscellaneous Man Modified Land Units | | |
| SERVICES | WATER: | SEWER | |
| | Yes | Yes | |
| ANALYSIS | Rural Residential Subdivision – largely developed | | |
| RECOMMENDATION | Consider redesignating as “Escarpment Urban” - transferring residential subdivision to municipal administration and zoning with NEC review | | |





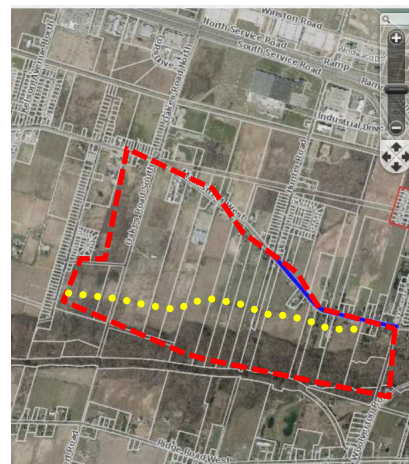
| NIAGARA ESCARPMENT PLAN AREA | | |
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| PARCEL | 6 | Hillview Woodcrest Subdivision |
| LOCATION | Kelson Avenue, South of Main Street West | |
| EXISTING USES | Residential Subdivision, Auto Dealership, Apartment | |
| GREENBELT PLAN | Niagara Escarpment Plan Area | |
| ESCARPMENT PLAN | Escarpment Protection Area | |
| OFFICIAL PLAN | Escarpment Protection Area | |
| ZONING | N/A | |
| AREA | 27.61 acres | |
| SOILS | Miscellaneous Man Modified Land Units | |
| SERVICES | WATER: | SEWER |
| | Yes | Yes |
| ANALYSIS | 1960s residential subdivision, apartment building and car dealership | |
| RECOMMENDATION | Consider redesignating as "Escarpment Urban" - transferring residential subdivision to municipal administration and zoning with NEC review | |



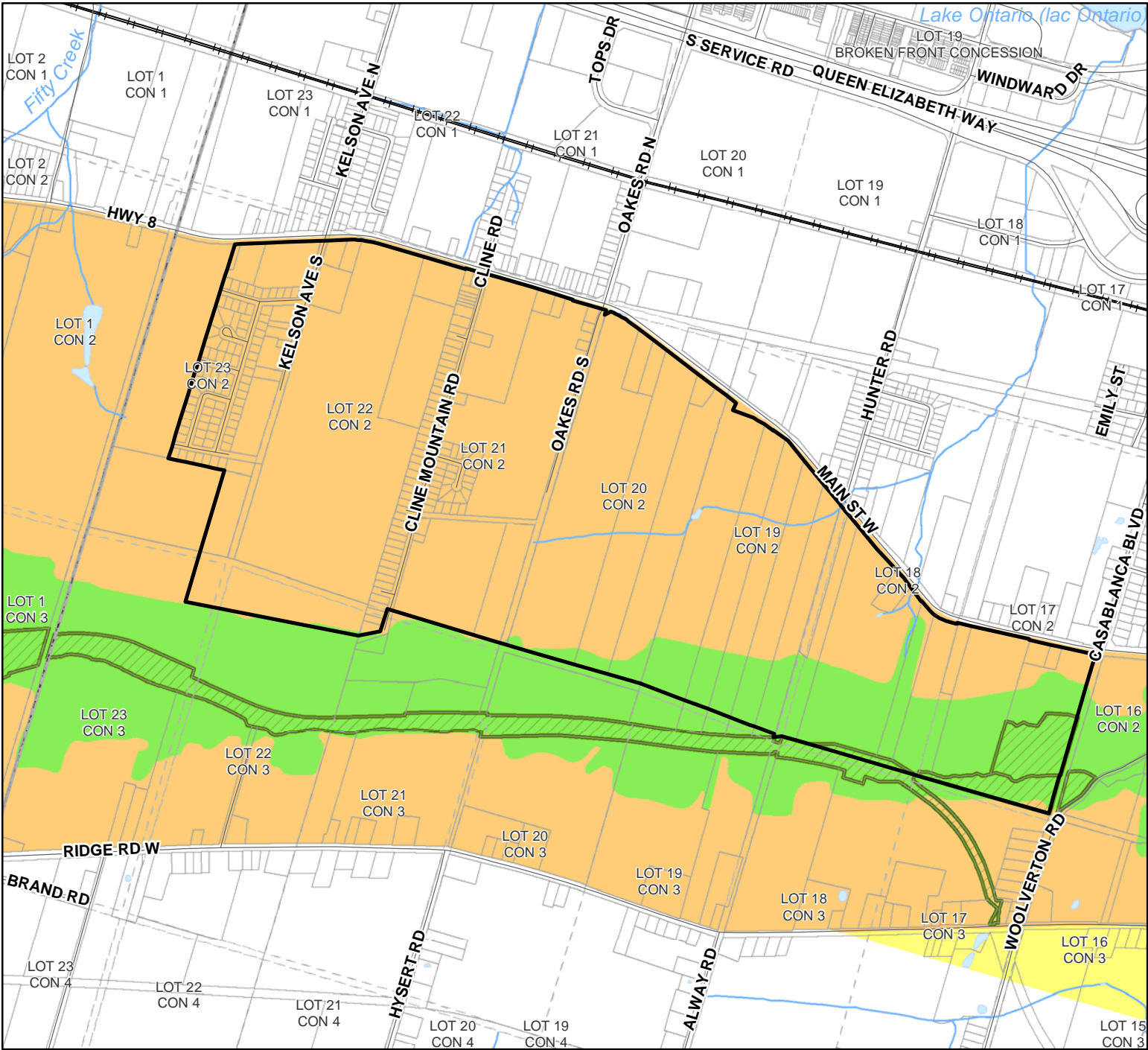
| NIAGARA ESCARPMENT PLAN AREA | | |
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| PARCEL | 7,8, 9, 10, 11 | Rural agricultural and rural residential |
| LOCATION | Main Street West between residential subdivision on Kelson and residential subdivision on Cline Mountain Road | |
| EXISTING USES | Agricultural and Residential | |
| GREENBELT PLAN | Niagara Escarpment Plan Area | |
| ESCARPMENT PLAN | Escarpment Protection Area | |
| OFFICIAL PLAN | Escarpment Protection Area | |
| ZONING | N/A | |
| AREA | 125 Acres | |
| SOILS | Miscellaneous Man Modified Land Units Mainly reddish hued silty clay loam over Queenston shale bedrock | |
| SERVICES | WATER: | SEWER |
| | Yes – partial | Yes - Partial |
| ANALYSIS | Rural Agricultural and Rural Residential. Views of the Escarpment | |
| RECOMMENDATION | Consider redesignating as “Escarpment Urban” - transferring residential subdivision to municipal administration and zoning with NEC review. | |



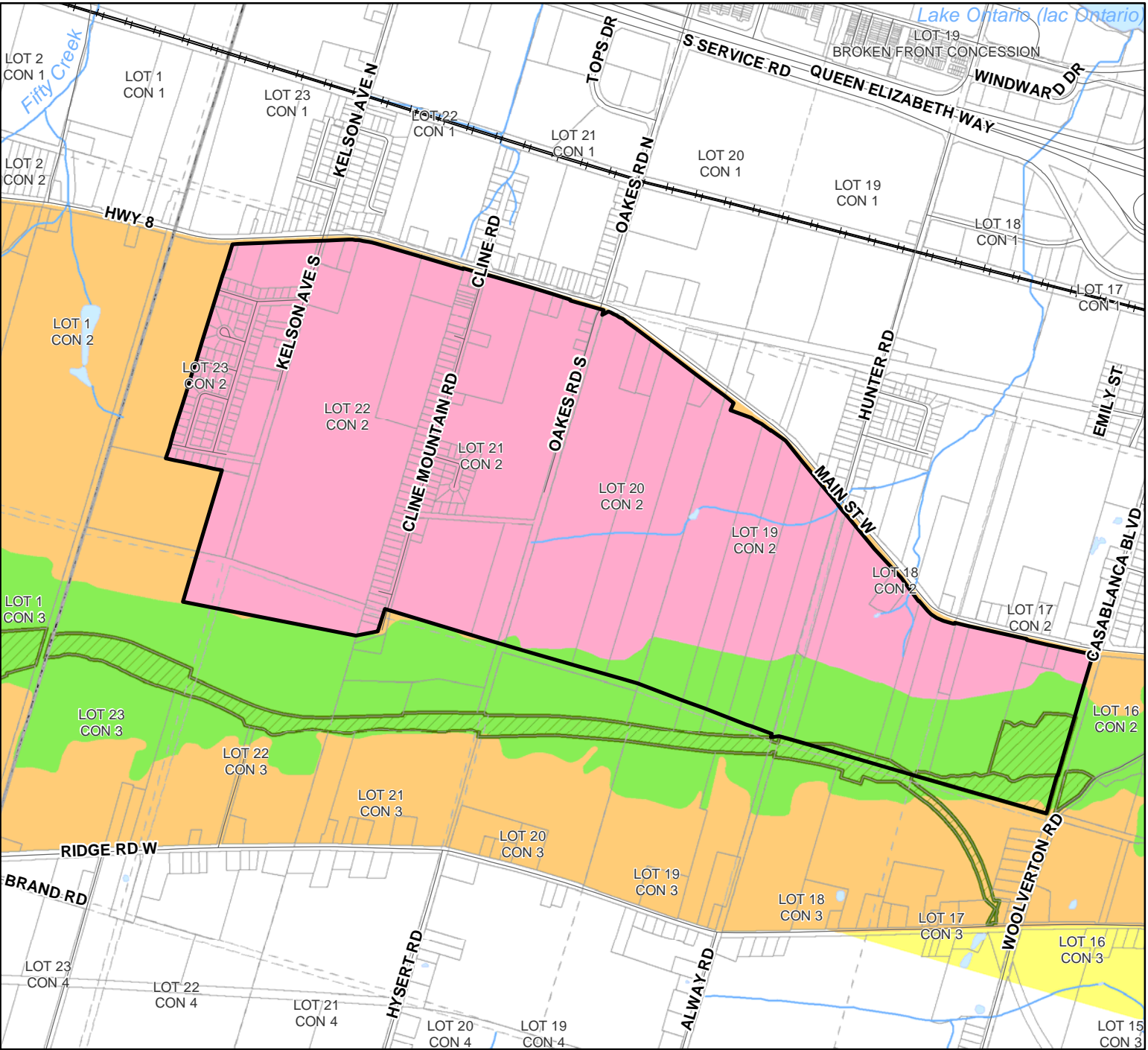
| NIAGARA ESCARPMENT PLAN AREA | | |
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| PARCEL | 12 | Garden of Canada Area |
| LOCATION | Main Street West south side between Casablanca Boulevard and former Arkel Cannery site at Cline Mountain Road | |
| EXISTING USES | Agricultural, residential, commercial | |
| GREENBELT PLAN | Niagara Escarpment Plan Area | |
| ESCARPMENT PLAN | Escarpment Protection Area | |
| OFFICIAL PLAN | Escarpment Protection Area | |
| ZONING | N/A | |
| AREA | 345 Acres | |
| SOILS | <p>Miscellaneous Man Modified Land Units</p> <p>Mainly reddish hued silty clay loam over Queenston shale bedrock</p> <p>Mainly Clay Loam Till</p> | |
| SERVICES | WATER: | SEWER |
| | Partial | Partial |
| ANALYSIS | <p>Scenic Rural agricultural area that provides significant vistas of the Niagara Escarpment.</p> <p>Cultural Heritage Landscape</p> | |
| RECOMMENDATION | Consider redesignating up to base of escarpment as "Escarpment Urban" - transferring residential subdivision to municipal administration and zoning with NEC review (Area north of yellow dotted line) | |



Existing NEP Land Use Designations



Applicant Proposed NEP Land Use Designations



Grimsby

Owner/Applicant: Town of Grimsby

Proposal: To re-designate the subject lands (approximately 191 ha) from Escarpment Protection Area to Urban Area.

Staff Recommendation (Jan. 2017): That the Commission recommends to the Minister that the application to re-designate the subject lands from Escarpment Protection Area to Urban Area be refused.

Legend

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| Subject Property | Escarpment Rural Area | Minor Urban Centre |
| Plan Designations | Mineral Resource Extraction Area | Niagara Escarpment Parks and Open Space System |
| Escarpment Natural Area | Escarpment Recreation Area | |
| Escarpment Protection Area | Urban Area | |

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487- 489 Main Street West, Grimsby
NEC File: UA-12

APPLICANT / SUBJECT LANDS:

Winona Concrete and Pipe Products, Ltd.
487 & 489 Main Street West
Part Lot 20, Concession 2, Grimsby
Town of Grimsby, Niagara Region

CURRENT NEP DESIGNATION:

Escarpment Protection Area

PROPOSAL:

To amend the NEP to enable the expansion of an existing industrial use, which exceeds the allowable expansion for an existing use under current NEP policies.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That the Commission recommend to the Minister that the proposed amendment to allow for the expansion of an existing industrial use be approved.

COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

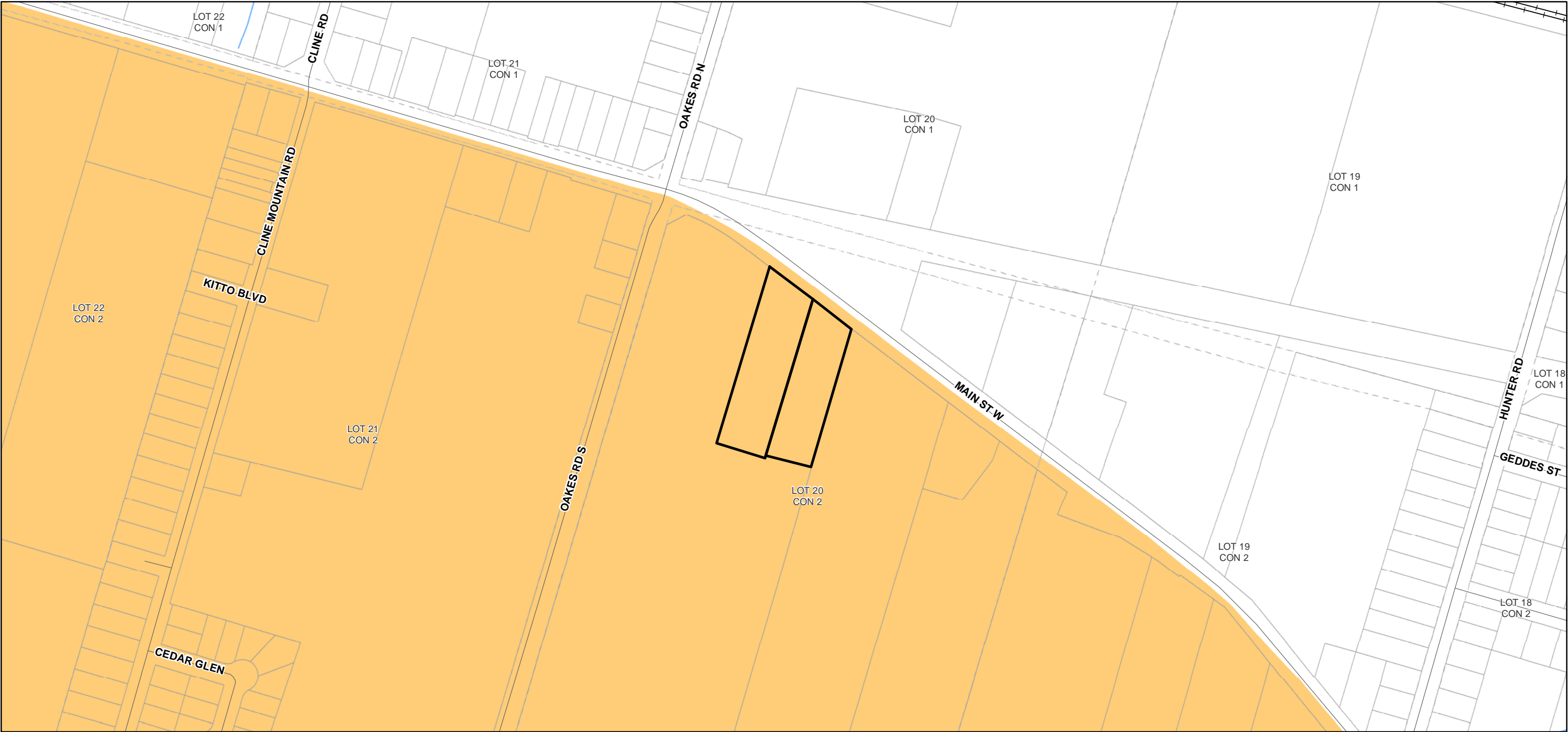
Approve policy changes

NIAGARA REGION'S COMMENTS ON RECOMMENDATION:

- Niagara Region supported the Applicant and Town of Grimsby's request to re-designate the subject lands as Escarpment Urban Area. **NEC Staff changed the Proposal from what was requested; it does not reflect what the applicant or Town is seeking.**
- By altering the Applicant's proposal, NEC staff did not allow NEC Commission members to review and make recommendations on the merits of the original application.
- **The Region is extremely dissatisfied with the manner in which a private land-owner request was altered by the NEC, and requests that the Minister and MNRF Staff review the original submission made to the Province (see attached) and approve the re-designation of the subject lands to Escarpment Urban Area.**
- This request, along with other existing residential, commercial and institutional uses within the original UA-11 request area require a more fulsome solution beyond one-off policy amendments.

| NIAGARA ESCARPMENT PLAN AREA | | |
|------------------------------|--|-----------------|
| PARCEL | 1 | Winona Concrete |
| LOCATION | 487 and 489 Main Street West | |
| EXISTING USES | Winona Concrete Plant and Residential | |
| GREENBELT PLAN | Niagara Escarpment Plan Area | |
| ESCARPMENT PLAN | Escarpment Protection Area | |
| OFFICIAL PLAN | Escarpment Protection Area | |
| ZONING | N/A | |
| AREA | 3.59 acres | |
| SOILS | Miscellaneous Man Modified Land Units Mainly reddish hued silty clay loam over Queenston shale bedrock | |
| SERVICES | WATER: | SEWER |
| | Yes | No |
| ANALYSIS | Concrete Plant and land owned by the concrete plant | |
| RECOMMENDATION | Consider redesignating as "Escarpment Urban" - transferring residential subdivision to municipal administration and zoning with NEC review. Give consideration to limited reasonable expansion of existing employment use. | |





Main St. Grimsby

Owner/Applicant: Winona Concrete and Pipe Products Limited

Proposal: To amend the NEP to enable the expansion of an existing industrial use, which exceeds the allowable expansion for an existing use under current NEP policies.

Staff Recommendation (Jan. 2017): That the Commission recommend to the Minister that the proposed amendment to allow for the expansion of an existing industrial use be approved.

Legend

Subject Property

Plan Designations

- Escarpment Natural Area
- Escarpment Protection Area

- Escarpment Rural Area
- Mineral Resource Extraction Area
- Escarpment Recreation Area
- Urban Area

Minor Urban Centre

Niagara Escarpment Parks and Open Space System

NOTE: The Niagara Escarpment Plan Designation boundaries shown on this map are approximate and subject to confirmation through Site Inspection and the application of the 'Interpretation of Boundaries' section of the Niagara Escarpment Plan

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Niagara Escarpment
Plan Review 2015

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March 3, 2017

CL 3-2017, March 2, 2017
PDC 3-2017, February 22, 2017
Report PDS 18-2017

LOCAL AREA MUNICIPALITIES
NIAGARA PENINSULA CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

SENT ELECTRONICALLY

Coordinated Policy Review Growth Plan Prime Employment Areas and
Gateway Economic Zone

PDS 18-2017

Regional Council, at its meeting of March 2, 2017, approved the following
recommendation of its Planning and Development Committee:

That Report PDS 18-2017, dated February 22, 2017, respecting Coordinated
Policy Review Growth Plan Prime Employment Areas and Gateway Economic
Zone, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That this report **BE ENDORSED** as Niagara Region's submission to be sent
the Province as part of the Coordinated Policy Review process regarding The
Gateway Economic Zone, Niagara's role as a Foreign Trade Zone and the
designation of Prime Employment Areas; and
2. That a copy of report **BE CIRCULATED** to the local area municipalities and
the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority.

A copy of Report PDS 18-2017 is enclosed for your information.

Yours truly,



Ralph Walton
Regional Clerk
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cc: D. Giles, Director, Community and Long Range Planning
N. Oakes, Executive Assistant to the Commissioner, Planning & Development Services

Subject: Coordinated Policy Review Growth Plan Prime Employment Areas and Gateway Economic Zone

Report To: Planning and Development Committee

Meeting Date: February 22, 2017

Recommendations

1. That this report **BE ENDORSED** as Niagara Region's submission to be sent the Province as part of the Coordinated Policy Review process regarding The *Gateway Economic Zone*, Niagara's role as a *Foreign Trade Zone* and the designation of *Prime Employment Areas*; and
2. That a copy of report **BE CIRCULATED** to the local area municipalities and the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority.

Key Facts

- The purpose of this report is to seek endorsement from Council on comments to be sent to the Province as part of the Coordinated Policy Review process regarding The *Gateway Economic Zone*, Niagara's role as a *Foreign Trade Zone* and the designation of *Prime Employment Areas*.
- The *Gateway Economic Zone* is defined in Ontario's "*Places to Grow*" as a strategic economic district along the Queen Elizabeth Way corridor between Fort Erie and Niagara Falls. This status has provided the Region with an important designation which allows employment land to be strategically positioned within the context of providing access to the markets of the GGH and United States.
- As a result of this status, the Region in conjunction with local municipalities established policies and processes such as the expedited process for development and incentives that have been successful catalysts for growth under the *Gateway Economic Zone* designation.
- Additionally, the Federal Department of Finance has designated Niagara as *Foreign Trade Zone* which is the first FTZ in Ontario and provides increased status for attracting investment and supporting export related development.
- Preliminary analysis of both the requirements and benefits of these designations indicates the need for Niagara to pursue special policy opportunities that leverage

existing attributes of the Region to build an economy around the many facets of international trade. This direction will involve the preparation of a long term strategic plan for generating investment and employment that will build upon the existing Provincial and Federal designations and that will be underpinned by coordinating the services and infrastructure required to build a sustainable trade corridor.

- “Prime Employment Areas” are a new designation in Places to Grow, intended to identify, protect and plan for employment area with certain unique characteristics related to international and cross-border trade. Together the *Gateway Economic Zone*, the *Foreign Trade Zone* and the *Prime Employment Areas* designation have the potential to establish Niagara as a center for international trade.
- In order to facilitate this, the Region and local municipalities will need to work with the Provincial and Federal governments to capitalize on these designations and ensure that regulations and policies (land use, infrastructure, trade) support the long term vision.

Considerations

Financial

These comments form part of the continuing process associated with the CPR. This review has been undertaken by staff in consultation with a number of stakeholders. All costs have come from the operating budget of the Planning Department.

When the final versions of the Growth Plan, Greenbelt Plan, and Niagara Escarpment Plan have been released and the cumulative changes are understood, staff will update Council with respect to financial impacts.

Corporate

These comments build on previous comments to the Province which were developed with input from staff across the organization.

Governmental Partners

These comments reflect the Region’s previous responses to the Province with respect to the CPR. The Region’s position has been shaped through working with local staff from the twelve municipalities, the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, and the Niagara Parks Commission.

Public and/or Service Users

Throughout the review process, staff have met and encouraged input from private land owners, the development community, agricultural stakeholders, and consultants representing clients with affected lands.

Analysis

Gateway Economic Zone

Under the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (2006) the Province designated a Gateway Economic Zone and Gateway Economic Centre in the Niagara Region. Following this, the Region adopted a Regional Policy Plan Amendment (RPPA 1-2012) which implemented the Gateway Economic Zone and Centre. The Gateway Economic Zone is comprised of the settlement areas (i.e. designated urban areas) in Niagara Falls and Fort Erie, specific to employment lands.

Through identifying the Gateway Economic Zone, the Province created an opportunity for Niagara to establish a unique employment area that leverages transportation linkages and proximity to a major international border. However, policy frameworks that limit settlement boundaries, combined with other factors such as parcel size and servicing requirements have restricted the development potential of the Gateway Economic Zone.

Foreign Trade Zone

The Federal Department of Finance has designated Niagara as Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ). The Niagara Foreign Trade Zone is the first one established in Ontario. It promotes the usage of federal and provincial programs that support export development.

Niagara's selection as a FTZ reflects the precise market elements required for investment including geographical location, infrastructure and logistics. Programs available to FTZs such as the Duty Deferral Program, the Export Distribution Centre Program and Exporters of Processing Services Program make it possible to create an FTZ environment exactly where the business needs it, while offering all the benefits of a traditional FTZ.

United States Trade – Continental One Route

Niagara, being within the Greater Golden Horseshoe (GGH) is a significant trade region and is one of a few regions in Canada with multiple road and rail border crossings providing direct access to the United States market.

US trade organizations, such as Continental One, identify the Niagara Gateway Economic Zone as a key contributor to US/Canada trade. The Continental 1 corridor is a 1,500-mile direct route between Toronto and Miami. It is estimated that \$40 Billion in trade passes through the Gateway Economic Zone and Western New York each year¹.

South of the border, the economic development potential of the Niagara Frontier is being used to justify transportation corridor expansions. Niagara already has the benefit of an established transportation network and a designated economic zone. Realizing the benefits of this unique and important location has provided the basis of inclusion in a US trade corridor with employment and international trade benefits. The expansion of business services and improvements in infrastructure will produce additional economic benefits.

Niagara Employment Lands

The Niagara Foreign Trade Zone applies to all of Niagara with the Gateway Economic Zone being one component of an international trade strategy.

Niagara Region is moving towards implementing a more contemporary and sophisticated land use planning service. Historical land use designations and mapping that may have been appropriate at the time are becoming limiting factors.

Traditional employment lands are spread across the region and have limitations such as poor access, lot size, access to infrastructure, wetlands and brownfields. For these reasons a considerable proportion of existing employment lands may not be developed within the 2041 timeframe and may need to be rationalized out of the Regional supply calculation.

Niagara has areas with strong potential as *Prime Employment Areas* as identified in Places to Grow. Some of these lands are outside of the urban boundary but are better positioned from a transport and infrastructure perspective compared to existing employment lands. Some prime employment areas are also likely to come on stream before a 20 year time horizon.

To allow Niagara to develop as a center for international trade, create certainty within the market and attract the level of investment required, regulatory and policy conflicts need to be resolved and Niagara should become a special policy area that brings together complimentary provincial and federal tools to facilitate growth.

¹ <http://www.peacebridge.com/index.php/about-us-sp-1874923374/peace-bridge-facts2>

Alternatives Reviewed

Failure to submit comments will result in a missed opportunity to influence Provincial Plans. The Coordinated Policy Review represents a critical time for Niagara Region to provide feedback on how the draft Provincial Plan policies will affect Niagara and offer potential remedies.

Origin of Report

Influencing Provincial Plans is a Strategic Priority identified by Regional Council. This report helps Council in achieving this Priority by identifying specific changes that are required in the draft Plans to help Niagara achieve economic prosperity.

Other Pertinent Reports

PDS 11-2017, Coordinated Policy Review Response to Greenbelt Plan EBR Posting, February 22, 2017

PDS 41-2016, Coordinated Policy Review Proposed Revisions, October 27, 2016

PDS 29-2016, Province of Ontario Coordinated Plan Review Submission on the Draft Plans, October 19, 2016

Submitted by:

Rino Mostacci, MCIP, RPP
Commissioner
Planning & Development Services

Approved by:

Carmelo D'Angelo, BSc, MPA
Chief Administrative Officer

This report was prepared by Doug Giles, Director of Community and Long Range Planning, with input from David Oakes, Director of Economic Development.

Appendices

None.

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March 8, 2017

**CL 03-2017, March 2, 2017
PHSSC 2-2017, February 22, 2017
Report PHD 04-2017**

Area Municipalities

SENT ELECTRONICALLY

Regional Council, at its meeting of March 2, 2017, approved the following recommendations of its Public Health and Social Services Committee:

That Report PHD 04-2017, dated February 21, 2017, respecting Ontario Student Drug Use and Health Survey 2015 Results **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That staff **BE DIRECTED** to bring back a report by 2018 Q2 to provide an update on how the data influenced youth programming; and
2. That a copy of this report **BE FORWARDED** to local area municipalities and Niagara District School Boards (Public, Catholic, English and French).

A copy of Report PHD 04-2017 is enclosed for your information.

Yours truly,

Ralph Walton
Regional Clerk

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cc: Dr. V. Jaeger, Medical Officer of Health/ Commissioner, Public Health
J. Bonaldo, Executive Assistant to the Medical Officer of Health/ Commissioner of Public Health

Subject: Ontario Student Drug Use and Health Survey 2015 Results

Report To: Public Health and Social Services Committee

Meeting Date: February 21, 2017

Recommendations

1. That staff **BE DIRECTED** to bring back a report by 2018 Q2 to provide an update on how the data influenced youth programming; and
2. That a copy of this report **BE FORWARDED** to local area municipalities.

Key Facts

- Niagara Region Public Health (NRPH) contracted with the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) in 2011 and 2015 to receive data from a provincial self-report student survey regarding drug use and health
- NRPH joins this survey every other two-year cycle. With additional funding, in 2011 and 2015, CAMH was able to survey more Niagara students to provide local data
- Students in grades 7 to 12 participated in the survey. Compared to 2011, there is no change in self-reported mental health, pain relief medicine, alcohol, cannabis and tobacco use behaviours among secondary students in Niagara in 2015. Results demonstrate differences in mental health indicators for males and females in 2015.
- This data is needed in planning programs/services for Niagara youth and to share with appropriate community partners in order to impact health outcomes

Considerations

Financial

The cost of the 2015 oversample OSDUHS was \$25,000 (cost-shared). Staff from several divisions across NRPH supported this initiative from existing budgets.

Governmental Partners

The Ontario Public Health Standards (OPHS) mandate local planning and delivery of public health programs/services by the Board of Health.

Public and/or Service Users

Findings from the OSDUHS survey help inform the programs, services, and initiatives NRPH offers. Findings will be shared with community partners such as school boards and community agencies. Results will also be available on NRPH website.

Analysis

The life course model (PHD 01-2017) is a way for NRPH to strategically use available data to better understand the health behaviours, attitudes and beliefs of Niagara's youth. Life-course data highlighted mental health as a significant concern for youth.

Since 1977, CAMH has conducted a survey of Ontario students, grades 7 to 12, every two years from publicly funded schools. The self-administered, anonymous survey collects information about tobacco, alcohol, cannabis, other drug use, mental health and addictions, physical activity, healthy eating, injuries, family and school environment and demographics. The study gathers data from all regions of Ontario, and CAMH reports on findings and trends for Ontario students. CAMH offers the opportunity for agencies to purchase "oversampling" in their respective regions. This entails collecting raw data from more students in that geographic region to be analyzed and reported on locally. In 2011 and 2015, NRPH purchased an oversampling, providing NRPH with some ability to follow trends. In 2011, only secondary schools were oversampled. In 2015, 889 students were surveyed in Niagara, 443 females and 446 males. There were 458 grade 7/8 students surveyed (eight schools), and 431 secondary students surveyed (14 schools) and is considered to be representative of the publicly funded sector.

Each year, CAMH assess the quality of their survey and make adjustments. As a result, there are some questions where direct comparisons to 2011 data were not possible. Unless indicated, there is no difference in results from 2011 to 2015, between grade 7/8 and secondary students, between genders, or between Niagara and Ontario.

Mental Health

- 13% of grade 7/8 students and 22% of secondary students rate their mental health as fair or poor; females were more likely to rate their mental health as fair or poor
- 20% of grade 7/8 students and 22% of secondary students have seen a medical professional related to their mental health in the past year
- 20% of grade 7/8 students and 33% of secondary students have wanted to talk to someone about mental health but didn't know who to turn to; more likely in females.
- 18% of grade 7/8 students and 37% of secondary students indicate probable moderate to serious levels of psychological distress; a significant difference between the grades and more likely in females.
- 17% of secondary students have seriously considered suicide in the past year

Pain Relief Medicine

Behaviours

- 9% of grade 7/8 students and 12% of secondary students have used pain relief medicine without a prescription in the past year

- 12% of grade 7/8 students and 25% of secondary students have used pain relief medicine with a prescription in the past year; a significant difference between ages.

Perceptions

- 12% of grade 7/8 students think pain relief pills are easy to get without a prescription, while 25% of secondary students think so – significant between grades
- 62% of grade 7/8 students and 70% of secondary students think there is medium to great risk associated with taking pain relief pills that weren't prescribed for them

Cannabis

Behaviours

- 35% of secondary students have used cannabis in the past year
- Of these students, 30% tried it for the first time in elementary school
- 10% of licensed students drove within an hour of using cannabis in the past year

Perceptions

- 65% of secondary students think that cannabis is easy to get
- 74% of grade 7/8 students and 57% of secondary students recognize that there is medium to great risk associated with using cannabis regularly but compared to 2011, secondary students are less likely to think that regular cannabis use is harmful

Alcohol

Behaviours

- 18% of grade 7/8 students and 60% of secondary students have consumed more than a sip of alcohol in the past year – a significant difference between the grades
- 33% of secondary students who have drunk alcohol tried it for the first time in elementary school: more so for males than females
- 26% of secondary students consumed alcohol with energy drinks in the past year
- 30% of secondary students have played drinking games in the past 4 weeks
- 4% of students with a license drove within an hour of consuming 2 or more drinks
- 10% of grade 7/8 students and 16% of secondary students have been a passenger in a vehicle when the driver has consumed alcohol; significantly lower than 2011

Perceptions

- 32% of grade 7/8 students and 74% of secondary students think that alcohol is easy to get – a significant difference between grades
- 54% of grade 7/8 students and 59% of secondary students recognize that there is medium to great risk associated with binge drinking. Females are more likely to recognize that there is medium to great risk associated with binge drinking. Grade

7/8 students in Niagara are more likely to think there are no or slight risks associated with binge drinking compared to Ontario counterparts.

Tobacco

Behaviours

- 25% of secondary students have used e-cigarettes in the past year
- 21% of secondary students have smoked cigarettes in the past year
- 21% of secondary students have use a water pipe in the past year
- 8% of secondary students smoke cigarettes daily
- 19% of secondary students who have smoked cigarettes tried it for the first time in elementary school

Exposures

- 31% of grade 7/8 students and 56% of secondary students have been exposed to second-hand smoke at least once in the past week; a significant difference

Perceptions

- 21% of grade 7/8 students and 66% of secondary students think that cigarettes are easy to get, while think that cigarettes are easy to get; a significant difference
- 55% of grade 7/8 students and 62% of secondary students and recognize that there is medium to great risk associated with smoking cigarettes daily
- 32% of grade 7/8 students and 27% of secondary students recognize that there is medium to great risk associated with using e-cigarettes regularly

Other Health Issues

- 43% of students with a license have texted while driving in the past year. Males are more likely to text and drive
- 80% of grade 7/8 students and 71% of secondary students always wear a seatbelt
- 7% of grade 7/8 students and 5% of secondary students have had a head injury that made them unconscious for at least five minutes or resulted in an overnight hospital stay in the past year. Males were more likely to have this type of head injury
- 16% of grade 7/8 students and 5% of secondary students eat the recommended 6 or more servings of fruits or vegetables each day; a significant difference
- 62% of grade 7/8 students and 44% of secondary students ate breakfast on all 5 school days in the past week. Compared to 2011, a significantly lower percent of secondary students ate breakfast all 5 school days in the past week
- 38% of grade 7/8 students and 9% of secondary students get the recommended 9 or more hours of sleep each night; a significant difference between the grades

- 59% of grade 7/8 students and 46% of secondary students are physically active for at least 60 minutes most days of the week; a significant difference. Males were more likely to be physically active for at least 60 minutes than females.

NRPH collaborates with, and is grateful for, numerous community and provincial partners to address youth risk taking behaviour. Recent reports (see below) address teen mental health, opioid misuse, cannabis regulation and control and youth engagement. Educating youth and parents, building resiliency among youth, municipal youth councils and participating in policy activities to protect youth are examples of community engagement strategies. NRPH is developing a communication plan to discuss the above results and potential impact on programming with key partners.

Alternatives Reviewed

The OSDUHS is a specific survey instrument; there are no equivalent surveys

Origin of Report

The *Health Protection & Promotion Act* Section 67 and the *Ontario Public Health Organizational Standards* Sections 3.1 and 6.1 require keeping the Board of Health updated on significant developments and the status of operations.

Other Pertinent Reports

PHD 01-2017 – Key Health Issues
CL-C 83-2016 – A memorandum respecting teen mental health.
PHD 16-2016 – Opioid Misuse: A Community Issue
PHD 09-2016 – Cannabis Regulation and Control

Submitted by:

Valerie Jaeger, MD, PhD, MPH
Medical Officer of Health

Approved by:

Carmelo D'Angelo, BSc, MPA
Chief Administrative Officer

This report was prepared by Lindsay Garofalo, Manager and Rachel Skellet, Epidemiologist, in consultation with Ellen Wodchis, Director, Anne Biscaro, Director, Pam Dilts, Manager and Dr. Andrea Feller, Associate Medical Officer of Health.



Thorold

March 9, 2017

The Regional Municipality of Niagara
Office of the Regional Clerk
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ralph.walton@niagararegion.ca

Attention: Ralph Walton, Regional Clerk

Dear Mr. Walton:

Re: Resolution – Change to Composition of Regional Council “Double Direct”

Please be advised Thorold City Council, at its March 7, 2017 meeting, adopted the following resolution:

That the Council of the City of Thorold opposes the passage of the by-law of the Regional Municipality of Niagara, being a by-law to change the composition of the Regional Council, be received and supported.

CARRIED

Yours truly,

Donna Delvecchio
City Clerk

DD:cd

ec: M. Mauro, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
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March 10, 2017

File No. 02-160

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Attention: Ralph Walton, Regional Clerk

Dear Mr. Walton:

Re: March 7, 2017 – WELLAND CITY COUNCIL

At its meeting of March 7, 2017, Welland City Council passed the following motion:

“THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the correspondence from the Region of Niagara dated January 20, 2017; and further

THAT Welland City Council does not support the request for a consent to the passage of the By-law of the Regional Municipality of Niagara, being a By-law to change the composition of the Regional Council.”

Yours truly,

Tara Stephens
City Clerk

TS:kl

c.c.: Area Municipalities



Township of Wainfleet

"Wainfleet - find your country side!"

SENT VIA EMAIL

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March 13, 2017

Ralph Walton, Regional Clerk
Niagara Region
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way
P.O. Box 1042
Thorold, ON L2V 4T7

Dear Ralph Walton,

RE: Financial Support for Families of Missing Persons

Thank you for your recent correspondence received by our office on February 14, 2017. Please be advised that Council for the Township of Wainfleet, at its regular meeting held on March 7, 2017, passed the following resolution:

THAT Correspondence Item No. 035-2017 from the Office of the Regional Clerk, Re: Financial Support for Families of Missing Persons be received;

AND THAT Council for the Township of Wainfleet does hereby support said request.

Regards,

Meredith Kirkham
Deputy Clerk

cc: Area Municipalities

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February 10, 2017

Area Municipalities

VIA Email

RE: Financial Support for Families of Missing Persons
Minute Item 8.2, CL 02-2017, Thursday, February 9, 2017

Regional Council at its meeting held on Thursday, February 9, 2017, passed the following resolution:

Whereas, Niagara region resident Ashley Simpson has been missing since April 2016;

Whereas, searching for a missing family member is costly and concern for their safety is all-consuming;

Whereas, there is minimal support through the provincial Employment Standards Act, and through federal Employment Insurance benefits, to those whose work schedule is impacted due to efforts to find a missing family member;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That Niagara Regional Council **DIRECT** the Regional Chair to draft a letter to the federal Minister of Employment, Workforce Development, and Labor requesting that a new category of Employment Insurance Benefits be created for the families that are victims of missing loved ones;
2. That Niagara Regional Council **DIRECT** the Regional Chair to draft an additional letter requesting that the provincial Ministry of Labour amend the Employment Standards Act to provide the families of missing loved ones the same supports as they would even if the disappearance is not yet proven to be crime-related under reasonable circumstances (i.e. The ESA provides for 52 weeks of leave for crime-related disappearance and 106 weeks for crime-related death);
3. That Niagara Regional Council **DIRECT** the Regional Chair to make an official inquiry to other appropriate provincial and federal ministries (some examples include Ministry of Corrections- under victims of crimes

legislation, Ministry of Community Services, Ministry of Justice, Provincial Ministry of Labour (under ESA-only provides support if disappearance is crime related- we don't know if it is crime related yet), Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation), to assist with where additional income supports could be legislated for the families that are victims of missing loved ones; and,

4. That Niagara Members of Parliament and Members of Provincial Parliament **BE COPIED** on the respective federal and provincial letters and that a subsequent letter be sent to each Niagara MP and MPP and local Councils requesting their support for this motion.

Your Council's favourable support is respectfully requested.

Yours truly,



Natasha Devos
Deputy Regional Clerk
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cc: Niagara Members of Federal and Provincial Parliament

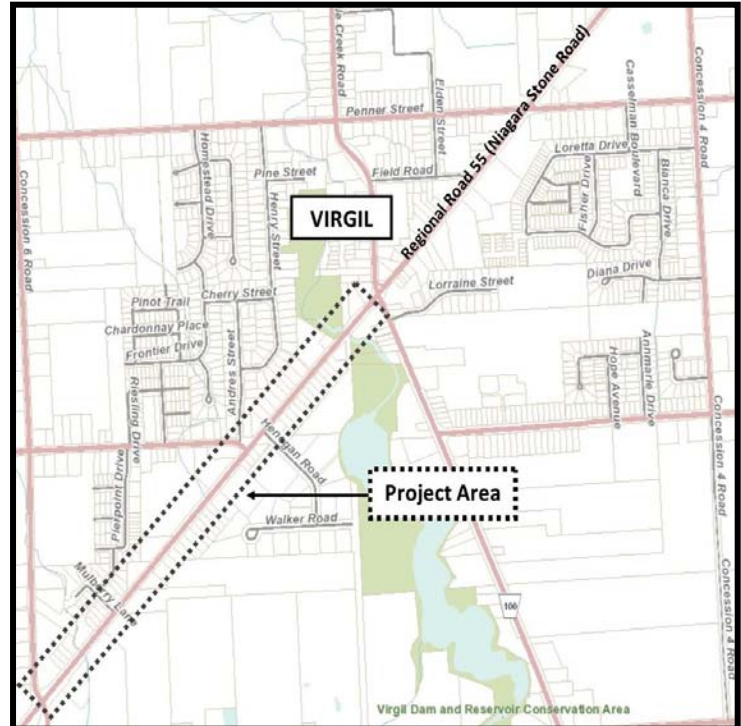
PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #3 Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Regional Road 55 (Niagara Stone Road) From Regional Road 100 (Four Mile Creek Road) to East West Line and From Concession 6 Road to Crossroads Public School In the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake

The Study

Niagara Region and the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake will be undertaking improvements along Regional Road 55 (Niagara Stone Road), from Concession 6 to Regional Road 100 (Four Mile Creek Road). The works are scheduled to commence in the spring of 2017 with the majority of construction anticipated to be complete by July 2017. Surface asphalt paving and additional street lighting will be completed in the fall of 2017 for the section between Line 2 and Regional Road 100 (Four Mile Creek Road). The works follow the Preferred Alternative detailed in the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment and Preliminary Design Study for Niagara Stone Road that was filed in 2015. The proposed improvements include road reconstruction to an urban cross section from Cross Roads School to Concession 6. This section also includes a new storm sewer, concrete sidewalk and multi-use pathway. New asphalt and roadway illumination upgrades will be completed on the entire section. In order to reduce disturbances to traffic and potential impacts on businesses in the area, one lane of traffic will be maintained at all times, and access to driveways will be maintained where ever possible.

The map below shows the approximate location of the study limits.



Public Information Centre

The Public Information Centres (PIC) is planned for this study. The PIC will be held on:

Date: Wednesday, March 22, 2017
Time: 5 – 7 pm
Location: Niagara-on-the-Lake Community Centre
Mori Room
14 Anderson Lane
Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario

The purpose of the PIC is to provide local area residents and businesses with the opportunity to view the construction drawings and is intended for information purposes only. The PIC will be held as a “drop-in style” forum during which staff from Niagara Region and Urban & Environmental Management Inc. (the Region’s engineering consultant) will be available to answer questions and discuss the project. A formal presentation will not be made.

Mr. Steve Brant, P. Eng.
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Notice first issued March 16, 2017.



Garbage and recycling collection delayed due to weather

Due to extreme winter weather, garbage and recycling collection is delayed across Niagara.

Residents should continue to place their material curbside on their regular collection day by 7 a.m., and ensure all waste and recycling containers are visible and accessible to collection staff.

Residents whose area was not collected by 7 p.m. on their regular collection day will have their material collected the following day.

Residents whose collection day was Tuesday, March 14, will have their material collected on Saturday, March 18. Material must be placed curbside by 7 a.m.

Garbage and recycling containers should not be placed in or on top of snow banks. In some cases, it may be necessary to clear an area of snow in order to safely place material at the curbside for collection.

There will be no change to the one-bag garbage limit for any collection day. Recycling and organics collection is unlimited.

Up-to-the-minute status of changes to Regional programs, services and locations can be found at niagararegion.ca.

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