




INFORMATION UPDATE

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The purpose of this Information Update is to provide an update to Council on the anticipated timing for the release and consideration of several important reports related to GRIDS2 and Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR), including the Land Needs Assessment to 2041.

Prior to the COVID pandemic, the GRIDS 2 / MCR workplan had identified April 2020 as the anticipated date to bring a staff report to General Issues Committee (GIC) which would include the results of the City’s Land Needs Assessment to the year 2041. The staff report would also seek Council’s direction with respect to significant policy directions such as density and intensification targets for future growth.

Council has previously directed that staff should aim to release these GRIDS2 / MCR reports more than the usual one week prior to the Committee date, in order to allow the public sufficient time for review prior to providing comments to Committee and Council.

As a result of the COVID pandemic, some of the supporting work for GRIDS2 / MCR has been delayed. Additionally, given the significant public interest that is anticipated with respect to these issues, staff has held off on scheduling the reports to come forward to Committee until such time as Standing Committees could be re-established, and in the hopes that the reports could be considered once in-person meetings are once again occurring, in order to allow for in-person delegations.

However, there is time sensitivity to these reports, and a clear timeline is required. Staff are therefore proposing the following dates for the release and consideration of the

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GRIDS 2 / MCR staff report and supporting studies, including the Land Needs Assessment and Residential Intensification Market Demand Study:

- Release of the reports in early August on the City's website (www.hamilton.ca/GRIDS2-MCR). Once the materials have been posted, members of Council and all interested parties on the project mailing list will be notified; and,
- Scheduling of the reports for the GIC meeting of September 23, 2020.

Staff are also continuing to await information releases from the Province regarding updated population and employment forecasts and a revised methodology for Land Needs Assessment. Should any delays in the above noted timing result from the release of this information, staff will inform Council and all interested parties.

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