

Schedule 3

Town of Milton Action Plan Initiatives for the HAF Program

With consideration of Housing Accelerator Fund's evaluation framework, the Town has focused on highlighting projects that can be initiated and completed on a timely basis, and that will have a high degree of impact and effectiveness with respect to housing. The seven primary initiatives are:

1. Implementation of the Milton Mobility Hub Strategy

Milton Council approved policy and as-of-right zoning regulations to facilitate high density, transit supportive, mixed-use residential surrounding the Milton GO Station. This initiative will see the Town implement the resulting action plan over the period of the HAF program.

2. Additional Residential Unit (ARU) Study

The Town is in the process of reviewing and updating its policies and regulations regarding additional residential units to align with the updated Ontario Planning Act. This initiative will result in an increase of available housing units by permitting up to 3 units on a serviced residential lot.

3. Residential and Non-Residential Land Needs Study

This study will inform how the Town will grow to meet the needs of population and employment to the year 2051 – the forecasted growth will be developed in 5 year increments to inform infrastructure and financial planning. The study will also complete the Ontario Planning Act requirements for the assessment report for inclusionary zoning and analyzes the needs for affordable housing in the Town.

4. Development Services Public Portal

The Town is streamlining, digitizing and modernizing our approach to managing and issuing building permits. This will provide residents, contractors and the development industry a single point of contact to complete and track building permits and easily check the status of their permits and schedule inspections from one place. Subsequent phases will be launched for planning applications and engineering permits. This e-permitting system is part of our customer-centric approach to bring customer service to a digital platform. It will make processes more efficient and will create housing units at an accelerated pace by enhancing certainty in the approvals and building process.

5. Delegation of Authority Enhancements

The Town has enhanced delegating authority for the Commissioner of Development Services to approve draft Plans of Subdivisions, Site Plans, Temporary Uses and Removal of Holding Zones. Delegating development approval authority to municipal staff based on established thresholds will create efficiencies that will contribute to an increase in housing supply.

6. Official Plan Update

The Town is currently updating its Official Plan. The Official Plan is a policy document that guides the short-term and long-term development in Milton. The Official Plan will establish a comprehensive planning framework to promote and encourage a range of housing options to meet identified market demand and needs.

7. Transportation Master Plan Update

The Transportation Master Plan will guide the implementation of the transportation infrastructure and initiatives required to support Milton's growth and housing targets. Milton completed its first Transportation Master Plan in 2018. Milton's planning for growth and development has focused on greater intensification and redevelopment within the established built boundary and denser, complete communities through Secondary Plans for Urban Expansion Areas. As a result, there is a need to update the Transportation Master Plan to support these land use policies and development patterns and create a coordinated, integrated multi-modal transportation system that reflects the changing dynamics of the development and transportation industry by meeting the future needs of transit users, pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers in the community.