



The Regional Municipality of Durham  
To: The Planning Committee  
From: Commissioner of Planning  
Report No.: 2008-P-9  
Date: January 29, 2008

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**SUBJECT:**

Growth Plan Implementation Study, File: D12-05

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Commissioner's Report No. 2008-P-9 be received for information.

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**REPORT:**

**1. PURPOSE**

- 1.1 On May 9, 2007, Regional Council directed that the Provincial Growth Plan implementation process be completed by December 2008.
- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to advise Planning Committee and Council of the reporting and consultation schedule for the Growth Plan Implementation Study (the Study). As well the report highlights the subsequent statutory Regional Official Plan Amendment (ROPA) process necessary to ensure the conclusion of the initiative, as directed by Council.

**2. CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS / KEY MILESTONES**

- 2.1 Attachment 1 to this report summarizes the key events/milestones that must be completed to meet the mandated timeline. The Study schedule is focused around four Planning Committee meetings where, Urban Strategies, the project consultant, will address key aspects.
- 2.2 At its **March 11** meeting, Planning Committee will be asked to receive the findings of the consultation process initiated as a result of the January 8 release of the draft Phase 1 and 2 Report; and, will be asked to concur with three conceptual growth scenarios that the consultant will then examine in

- detail. The schedule provides for pre-discussion with area municipal staff prior to this meeting. No formal public engagement is contemplated.
- 2.3 At the **May 13** Planning Committee meeting, the consultant will present a Scenario Evaluation and Recommended Preferred Growth Option Working Paper, including options to distribute the growth forecasts. The Committee will be asked for its comments on the Working Paper.
- Since this is a key reporting milestone in the Study, this Committee meeting will be advertised to allow stakeholders the opportunity to address Committee. All submissions will be considered in the formulation of the Recommended Growth Management and Policy Directions. To facilitate this, the schedule provides for the **early release** of the Working Paper, to allow for stakeholder review prior to the meeting. A 30 day review period has also been provided (commencing on the early release date).
- 2.4 At the **September 2** Planning Committee meeting, the consultant will present the Recommended Growth Management and Policy Directions Report (Final Report). The Committee will be asked to comment on the Final Report.
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- 2.5 At the **September 23** Planning Committee meeting, the consultant will present a synthesis of the submissions received on the Final Report, including any recommended revisions thereto. The Committee will be asked to approve the recommendations that will form the basis for amendments to the Regional Official Plan.
- 2.6 At the conclusion of the Growth Plan Implementation Study, the Planning Department will prepare a draft Amendment to incorporate key recommendations into the ROP. A **statutory public open house** will be held



**Growth Plan Implementation Study and ROP Amendment**  
**Chronology of Events / Key Milestones**

Date	Details
<b>Growth Plan Implementation Study</b>	
January 8/08 (Planning Committee)	Urban Strategies Inc. (USI) attended Planning Committee and presented Ph 1&2 Report
<i>January 25/08</i>	<i>Meet with area municipalities to discuss Ph 1&amp;2 Report</i>
<b>January 29/08 (Planning Committee)</b>	<b>Report to Planning Committee on key events / milestones</b>
<i>January 29/08</i>	<i>Public Information Session – RoD HQ – 6 to 9 p.m.</i>
<i>February 5/08</i>	<i>Meet with area municipalities to discuss Scenario Definitions as input to the development of Growth Scenarios</i> - <i>tentative, to be scheduled</i>
February 11/08	Deadline for all comments on Ph 1&2 Report - 30 day review period from release on January 8
<b>March 11/08 (Planning Committee)</b>	<b>USI to attend Planning Committee and present Ph 1&amp;2 Refinements and Scenario Definitions Working Paper</b> - No formal public engagement
April 29/08	Early Release of Scenario Evaluation and Recommended Preferred Option Working Paper - 30 day review period (May 29)
<b>May 13/08 (Planning Committee)</b>	<b>USI to attend Planning Committee and present Scenario Evaluation and Recommended Preferred Growth Option Working Paper</b> - Meeting will be advertised to all stakeholders
<i>May 15 – 16/08</i>	<i>Meet with area municipalities to discuss Scenario Evaluation and Recommended Preferred Option Working Paper</i>
May 29/08	Deadline for comments on Scenario Evaluation and Recommended Preferred Option Working Paper - 30 day review period from early release April 29
<i>July 21 – 30/08 (following mtg. with area municipalities)</i>	<i>Meet with MPIR/MMAH to discuss proposed refinements to preferred growth option and initial directions for policy recommendations</i> - <i>to be scheduled</i>

Date	Details
August 7/08	Early Release of Recommended Growth Management and Policy Directions Report - 30 day review period (Sept. 5)
<b>September 2/08 (Planning Committee)</b>	<b>USI to attend Planning Committee and present Recommended Growth Management and Policy Directions Report</b> - Meeting will be advertised to all stakeholders
September 5/08	Deadline for comments on Recommended Growth Management and Policy Directions Report - 30 day review period from early release August 7
<b>September 23/08 (Planning Committee)</b>	<b>USI to attend Planning Committee and present synthesis of submissions received on Recommended Growth Management and Policy Directions Report, including recommended revisions thereto</b> - Meeting will be advertised to all stakeholders
<b>Regional Official Plan Amendment (ROPA)</b>	
October 14/08	<b>Statutory Notice</b> for Open House and Public Meeting (Planning Act) - 20 days  Early Release of Commissioner's Report (Public Meeting), including draft ROPA
<i>November 3/08</i>	<i>Statutory Public Open House for ROPA</i>
<b>November 4/08 (Planning Committee)</b>	<b>Statutory Public Meeting for ROPA</b>
November 17/08	Early Release of Commissioner's Report (Decision), including Recommended ROPA
<b>November 25/08 (Planning Committee)</b>	<b>Planning Committee Consideration of Recommended ROPA</b> - Meeting will be advertised to all stakeholders
<b>December 10/08 (Council)</b>	<b>Council Consideration of Recommended ROPA</b>

*Note: Additional meetings with stakeholders will be accommodated on an as requested basis.*