

Statutory Public Meeting Regional Official Plan Amendment RQ62A – Milton Education Village

Wednesday, February 9, 2022



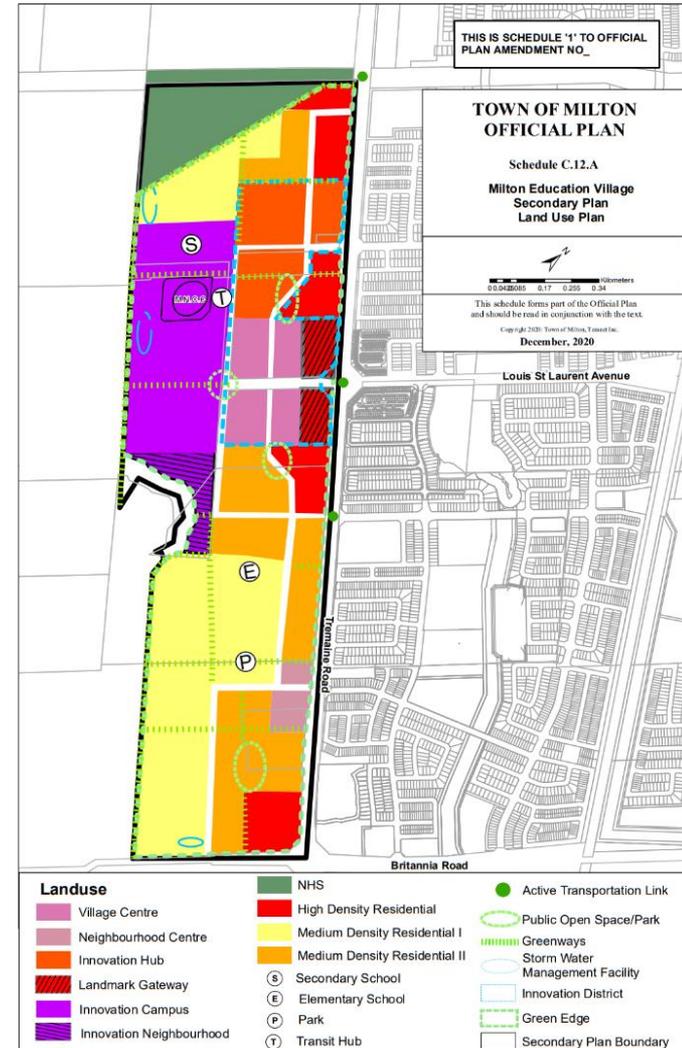
MEV Background & Related Process

Planning initiatives related to the MEV have been underway for some time:

- ***Sustainable Halton (ROPA 38)*** – Addition of the MEV Lands to the Urban Area
- ***MEV Secondary Plan (OPA 62)*** – MEV Secondary Plan adopted by the Town in January 2021, and continues to be refined
- ***MEV Minister’s Zoning Order (MZO)*** – MZO was issued in June 2021 to expedite the core development
- ***Halton’s Regional Urban Structure (ROPA 48)*** – Employment Area overlay removed from MEV lands – November 2021
- ***MEV Development Applications*** – Preconsultation for development concepts and draft plan of subdivision applications for the MEV Lands

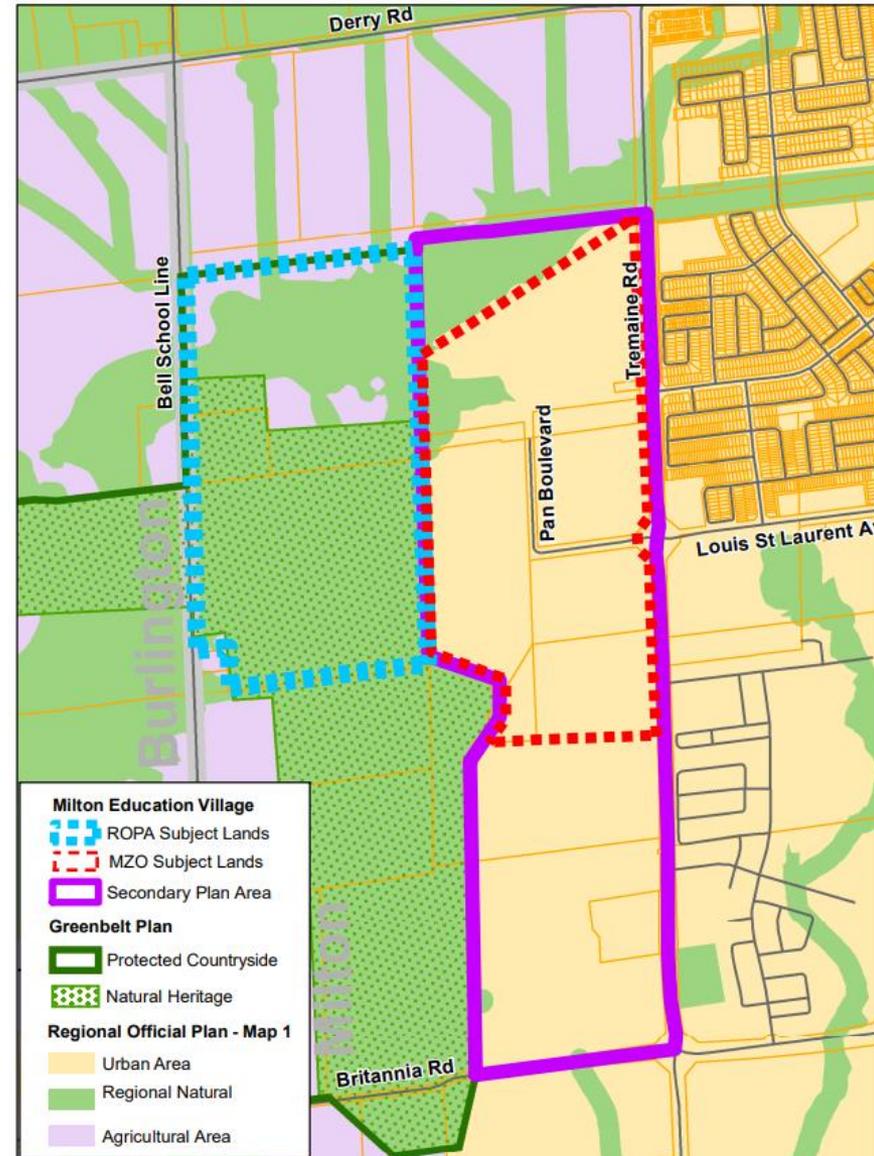
MEV Secondary Plan

- Milton Education Village (MEV) is a Secondary Plan area in the Town of Milton
- The MEV is envisioned as:
 - Complete community blending post secondary education with a mix of other complementary uses
 - Intended be a hub for innovation, anchored by post secondary uses
 - Identified in the Regional Urban Structure map as a node to accommodate growth
 - Intended to provide opportunities for leveraging local students and talent
 - It is the home to the Mattamy National Cycling Centre
 - Intended to deliver on a number of Regional and Town priorities including, long term care, housing choices including affordable housing options and state of the art research and design facilities
- Located west of Tremaine Road, South of Derry Road, and North of Britannia Road with the Greenbelt Plan Protected Countryside area to the west



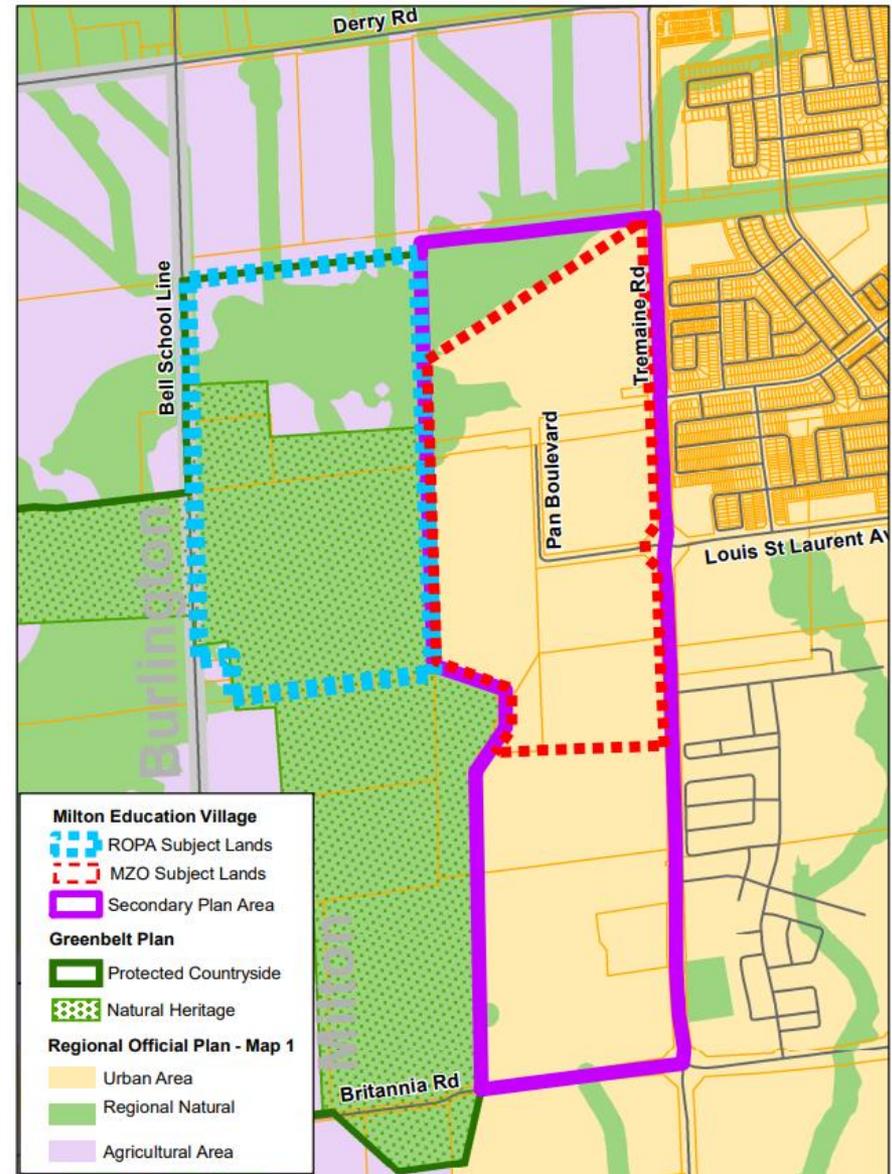
ROPA Location & Site Characteristics

- Approximately 87 hectares (215 acres) in size
- The subject lands are bounded by:
 - Bell School Line and the City of Burlington boundary to the west;
 - Agricultural and natural heritage lands to the north and south; and,
 - MEV, including the existing velodrome and the future Wilfred Laurier University Campus to the east.
- The application proposes to permit a range of uses on lands adjacent to the Milton Education Village.
- Uses include stormwater management infrastructure, uses related to the use of renewable resources, and related educational uses.



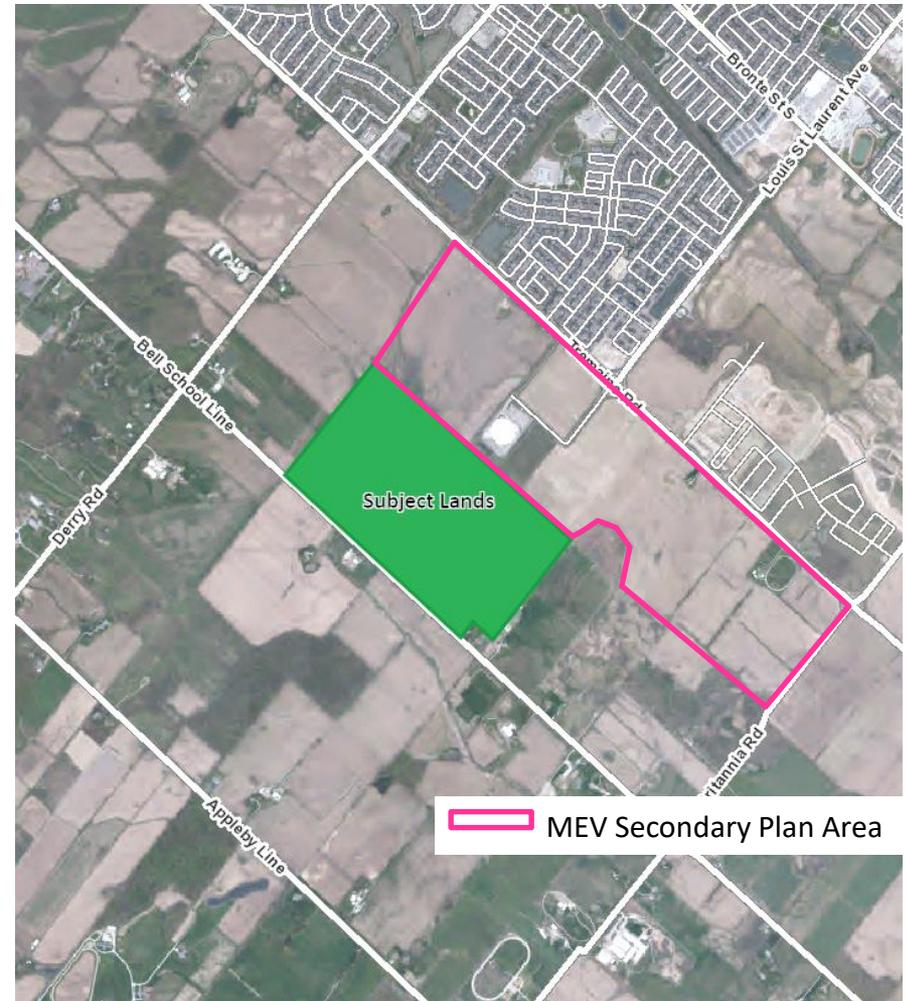
Land Use Designations

- Located outside of the Urban Area
- Within the Protected Countryside area of the Greenbelt Plan
- Also contain lands within the Greenbelt Natural Heritage System
- Designated Regional Natural Heritage System and Agricultural Area in ROP
- Contain key features and enhancements, linkages, and buffers
- Contain lands identified as Prime Agricultural Areas within the Region's Agricultural System.



Surrounding Land Uses

- Mix of agriculture and natural heritage lands to the north, west and south; and,
- The MEV, existing velodrome, and future Wilfred Laurier University Campus to the east



ROPA Proposal Progression

The proposed ROPA application has progressed and evolved since its filing on November 11, 2020:

- The original proposal sought to:
 - Remove the ROP Employment Area overlay
 - Add site-specific policies for green infrastructure

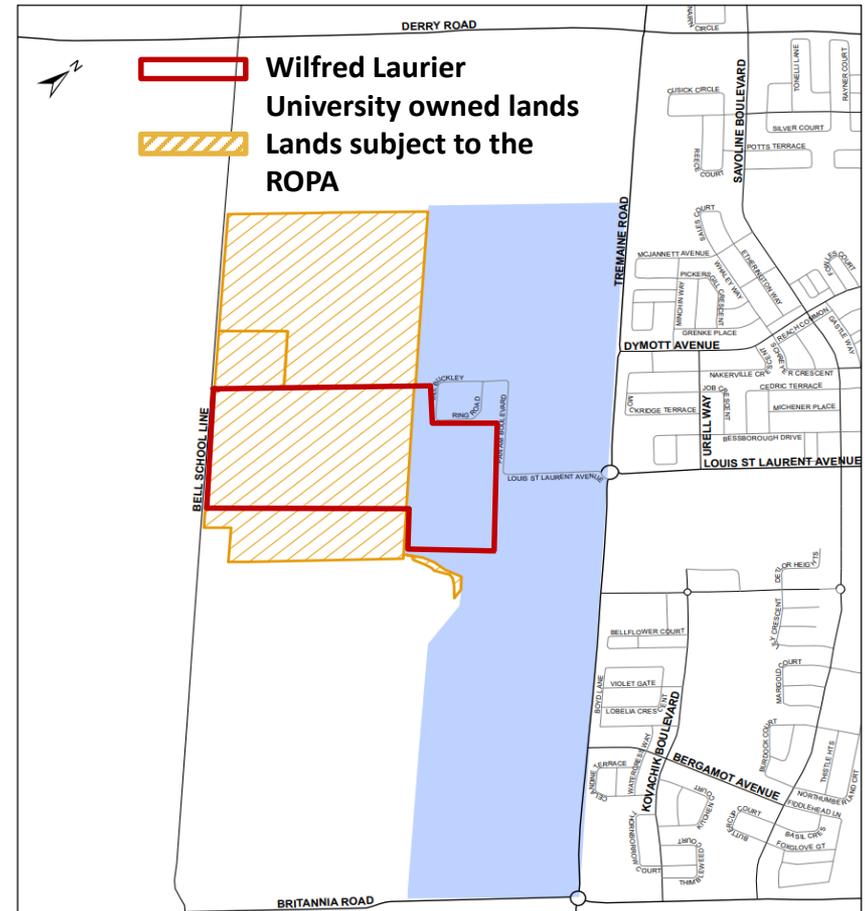
Removal of the Employment Area overlay has since been adopted through ROPA 48 and approved by the Province

- Employment conversion aspect of the ROPA is no longer necessary
- A revision to the proposed ROPA was received in January 2022

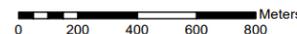
Proposed ROPA

Amend the Halton Region Official Plan to add site-specific uses include:

- Infrastructure and activities related to the use of renewable resources;
- Utility facilities and green infrastructure;
- Greenhouse associated with agricultural operations or scientific study; and,
- Temporary lodging and board structures for Indigenous placemaking and culture camps



Schedule A: The Amendment Area



Subject Greenbelt Lands
MEV Lands

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Key Aspects of the Proposed ROPA

- The Town is proposing this amendment because these uses are not currently permitted in the Regional Official Plan.
- The changes will facilitate a policy framework that supports Wilfred Laurier Universities' vision for an integrated SWM research facility associated with their main campus.
- These proposed uses would be permitted on a site-specific basis and only subject to meeting a number of policy tests and criteria as set out in the proposed amendment.
- Full details with respect to the proposed amendment can be found on the Region's website under the Regional Official Plan Amendments section.
[https://www.halton.ca/The-Region/Regional-Planning/Regional-Official-Plan-\(ROP\)-\(1\)/Official-Plan-Amendment-Process](https://www.halton.ca/The-Region/Regional-Planning/Regional-Official-Plan-(ROP)-(1)/Official-Plan-Amendment-Process)

Key Considerations

- Infrastructure in the Protected Countryside of the Greenbelt is only permitted under limited circumstances, within the ROP it must be 'essential'.
- Staff must evaluate the proposal against key objectives and policy tests that address impacts to the various systems (Natural Heritage, Water Resource, Agricultural) identified within Provincial and Regional planning documents.

Key Considerations

- Carefully evaluate the proposal against policies which include prohibitions for uses or development in certain areas, examples include:
 - areas within the Greenbelt Plan which prohibit Stormwater Management
 - Prohibiting and restricting development within the Regional Natural Heritage System
- Consider the Provincial and Regional policies which discourage non-agricultural uses within prime agricultural areas and only permit certain uses after the completion of an agricultural impact assessment which includes impact assessments and evaluation of alternatives for non-farm uses.

Next Steps

- Receive and assess public and agency input and comments;
- Work with Town of Milton to finalize supporting studies and address technical and policy matters and any required revisions;
- Public Information Centre/Public Open House in the future;
- Concurrent processing where possible of any MEV development applications impacted by the ROPA application;
- Continued collaboration with Town to advance developments not impacted by the ROPA application;
- Regional Council decision on ROPA is required prior to a decision on development proposed outside of the MZO lands.