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On June 16, 2020, our government consulted on Proposed Amendment 1 to **A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (A Place to Grow)**. As part of the COVID-19 economic recovery efforts, the proposed changes included updates to the population and employment forecasts and related policy changes; a change to the Plan horizon year; a change to address Major Transit Station Areas within Provincially Significant Employment Zones (PSEZ); and other policy revisions that support our government's objectives to increase housing supply, create more jobs, attract business investments and better align infrastructure. Our government also consulted on a new Land Needs Assessment methodology concurrently. Both consultation periods closed on July 31, 2020.

As a result of our recent consultation, our government has amended **A Place to Grow** and released a new market-based Land Needs Assessment methodology. The Environmental Registry of Ontario decision notices can be found at:

- Amendment 1 to **A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe**: [019-1680](#)
- Land Needs Assessment Methodology for **A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe**: [019-1679](#)

An office consolidation version of Amendment 1 to **A Place to Grow** can be found [here](#) and the new market-based approach to Land Needs Assessment Methodology can be found [here](#).

These changes will help municipalities anticipate and plan for growth, as well as support economic recovery from the COVID-19 outbreak. The amendments work together to provide more flexibility to your municipality as you do your long-term planning to address demographic, employment, market demand, and housing affordability trends in

the Greater Golden Horseshoe. As well, following feedback received from Indigenous partners, environmental and agricultural stakeholders, we are no longer moving forward on new mineral aggregate operation policies.

These changes will come into effect today, August 28, 2020. The date by which upper and single-tier municipalities must update their official plans to conform with the policies in **A Place to Grow** will remain July 1, 2022. For lower-tier municipalities, the deadline for conformity with this Plan will continue to be one year after the relevant upper-tier conformity amendment takes effect.

Should you or your staff have any questions about **A Place to Grow** or any of these changes, please feel free to contact the Ontario Growth Secretariat at [growthplanning@ontario.ca](mailto:growthplanning@ontario.ca).

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to strengthening the quality of life and the economic growth of your community and the province of Ontario.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Clark". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Steve Clark  
Minister