Region of Peel Official Plan (RPOP) Policy Analysis on Potential Employment Conversions

Policy 5.8.34

Permit the conversion of lands within *Employment Areas* designated on Schedule E-4 to non-employment uses, only through a *municipal comprehensive review* that demonstrates:

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a)	there is a need for the conversion;	Due to the ongoing housing crisis, there is a demand to convert underutilized employment lands within Peel Region to introduce residential uses.	Due to the ongoing housing crisis, there is a demand to convert underutilized employment lands within Peel Region to introduce residential uses.	Due to the ongoing housing crisis, there is a demand to convert underutilized employment lands within Peel Region to introduce residential uses.	Due to the ongoing housing crisis, there is a demand to convert underutilized employment lands within Peel Region to introduce residential uses.
		Mississauga's Housing Action Plan identified reviewing opportunities to introduce residential uses on the subject site as an action to support the goal of increasing of housing supply in the city.	Mississauga's Housing Action Plan identified reviewing opportunities to introduce residential uses on the subject site as an action to support the goal of increasing of housing supply in the city. Peel's ongoing forecasting exercise will determine if Site 2 is needed for	Mississauga's Housing Action Plan identified reviewing opportunities to introduce residential uses on the subject site as an action to support the goal of increasing of housing supply in the city.	Peel's ongoing forecasting exercise will determine if the Dry Industrial Lands are needed for residential uses.
		Peel's ongoing forecasting exercise will determine if Site 1 is needed for residential uses.	residential uses.	Peel's ongoing forecasting exercise will determine if Site 3 is needed for residential uses.	
b)	the lands are not required over the horizon of the Plan for the employment use they were designated;	The subject site is currently occupied by retail/commercial uses, providing mainly population-related employment. If conversion of this site was to proceed to permit a mixed-use development, the existing number of jobs would likely be replaced or even increased.	The subject site is currently occupied by retail/commercial uses, providing mainly population-related employment. If conversion of this site was to proceed to permit a mixed-use development, the existing number of jobs would likely be replaced or even increased.	The subject site is currently occupied by retail/commercial uses, providing mainly population-related employment. If conversion of this site was to proceed to permit a mixed-use development, the existing number of jobs would likely be replaced or even increased.	The existing uses of the subject site currently provide around 300 employment-related employment (ELE) jobs. It would require about 11 ha of new employment lands elsewhere within the Employment Area in Caledon to offset the potential conversion of the Dry Industrial lands.
					If the employment lands are

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					converted to non-employment uses, the existing jobs will be required to be replaced or increased, accommodating primarily population-related jobs, such as retail and service jobs, as well as some office jobs. Peel staff conclude that the balance of employment lands in Peel should be sufficient to accommodate the projected growth of ELE jobs typical to employment areas.
c)	the Region and local municipalities will maintain sufficient employment land to meet the employment forecasts of this Plan;	Peel staff concluded that should this employment conversion proceed, the balance of employment lands in Peel should be sufficient to accommodate the projected growth of ELE jobs typical to employment areas, such as manufacturing and warehousing.	Peel staff concluded that should this employment conversion proceed, the balance of employment lands in Peel should be sufficient to accommodate the projected growth of ELE jobs typical to employment areas, such as manufacturing and warehousing.	Peel staff concluded that should this employment conversion proceed, the balance of employment lands in Peel should be sufficient to accommodate the projected growth of ELE jobs typical to employment areas, such as manufacturing and warehousing.	Peel staff concluded that should this employment conversion proceed, the balance of employment lands in Peel should be sufficient to accommodate the projected growth of ELE jobs typical to employment areas, such as manufacturing and warehousing.
d)	the proposed uses do not affect the overall viability of the Employment Area and the achievement of intensification and density targets, as well as other policies of this Plan;	The potential conversion is intended to facilitate the redevelopment of Site 1. Based on the preliminary concept provided by SmartCentres REIT (SmartCentres), this development would include 13 mixed-use high-rise residential towers, nine (9) mid-rise residential buildings, 80 low-rise residential buildings, two (2) high-rise office buildings, one (1) mid-rise office building, and eight (8) single-storey	The potential conversion is intended to facilitate the redevelopment of Site 2. Based on the preliminary concept provided by SmartCentres, this development would include eight (8) mixed-use residential towers, one (1) mid-rise residential building, one (1) employment building, and one (1) office tower. As such, the proposed development would support Peel in achieving the intensification and density targets set out by the RPOP.	The potential conversion is intended to facilitate the redevelopment of Site 3. Based on the preliminary concept provided by SmartCentres, this development would include three (3) mixed-use high-rise buildings and (4) four midrise buildings (two (2) mixed-use residential and two (2) employment). As such, the proposed development would support Peel in achieving the	The Dry Industrial lands are partially located within the Bolton GO Major Transit Station Area (MTSA), which is required to be planned to achieve a minimum density of 150 residents and jobs combined per hectare. In Meridian Planning (Meridian)'s conversion and land use compatibility analysis, it was found that the potential conversion of the subject lands into a residential area could assist in meeting this density

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		retail buildings. As such, the proposed development would support Peel in achieving the intensification and density targets set out by the RPOP. The potential conversion of the site should be subject to conditions that require the same amount of nonresidential gross floor area (GFA) to be provided, at minimum. Please see criterion f) for further analysis of how the potential conversion and proposed uses may impact the viability of the Employment Area.	The potential conversion of the site should be subject to conditions that require the same amount of non-residential GFA to be provided, at minimum. Please see criterion f) for analysis of how the potential conversion and proposed uses may impact the viability of the Employment Area.	intensification and density targets set out by the RPOP. Please see criterion f) for analysis of how the potential conversion and proposed uses may impact the viability of the Employment Area.	target to support the development of the Bolton GO MTSA as a transit-supportive and complete community. The majority of the uses existing within the Dry Industrial lands would be considered Class II uses, with one use being a Class III use. Most, if not all, of the uses involve the outdoor storage of materials and/or trucks and the frequent movement of trucks on individual sites. The area of influence of the Class 2 and 3 uses impacts the neighbouring existing and planned community areas. The Dry Industrial lands will eventually be surrounded by residential communities, which will increase the potential for land use conflicts. As such, Meridian recommended that the entire Dry Industrial lands be converted to community uses. It was determined that other Employment Areas within Caledon would not be impacted by the potential conversion of the Dry Industrial lands.
e)	there is existing or planned infrastructure and public	Peel Transportation and Water/Wastewater staff used	Peel Transportation and Water/Wastewater staff used potential	Peel Transportation and Water/Wastewater staff used	Peel Transportation and Water/Wastewater staff used
	service facilities to	potential capacity figures to analyze	capacity figures to analyze whether the	potential capacity figures to	potential capacity figures to analyze

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accommodate the	whether the potential conversion	potential conversion could be	analyze whether the potential	whether the potential conversion
proposed uses;	could be accommodated by Peel's	accommodated by Peel's transportation	conversion could be	could be accommodated by Peel's
	transportation and servicing	and servicing infrastructure.	accommodated by Peel's	transportation and servicing
	infrastructure.		transportation and servicing	infrastructure.
		Transportation staff found that the	infrastructure.	
	Transportation staff found that the	proposed growth scenarios should not		Transportation staff found that the
	proposed growth scenarios should	pose a significant impact on Peel's	Transportation staff found that the	proposed growth scenarios should
	not pose a significant impact on	surrounding road network across any of	proposed growth scenarios should	not pose a significant impact on
	Peel's surrounding road network	the horizon years based on high-level	not pose a significant impact on	Peel's surrounding road network
	across any of the horizon years	modelling. It was further determined	Peel's surrounding road network	across any of the horizon years
	based on high-level modelling. It	that existing infrastructure should be	across any of the horizon years	based on high-level modelling. It
	was further determined that existing	able to accommodate the potential	based on high-level modelling. It	was further determined that
	infrastructure should be able to	conversions subject to more detailed	was further determined that	existing infrastructure should be
	accommodate the potential	analysis. Careful planning should be	existing infrastructure should be	able to accommodate the potential
	conversions subject to more	undertaken as Site 2 is located near	able to accommodate the potential	conversions subject to more
	detailed future analysis.	primary truck routes as identified in	conversions subject to more	detailed analysis. Careful planning
		Peel's Goods Movement Strategic Plan.	detailed analysis. Careful planning	should be undertaken as the Dry
	Servicing staff found that upgrades		should be undertaken as Site 3 is	Industrial lands are located near
	to water and wastewater	Servicing staff found that upgrades to	located near primary truck routes	primary truck routes as identified in
	infrastructure would be required to	water and wastewater infrastructure	as identified in Peel's Goods	Peel's Goods Movement Strategic
	accommodate the potential	would be required to accommodate the	Movement Strategic Plan.	Plan.
	conversions.	potential conversions.		
			Servicing staff found that upgrades	Servicing staff found that with
	Based on the City's analysis,	Based on the City's analysis,	to water and wastewater	proper sizing, water and
	infrastructure exists in the vicinity of	infrastructure exists in the vicinity of Site	infrastructure would be required to	wastewater infrastructure will be
	Site 1 but would need to be	2 but would need to be improved should	accommodate the potential	sufficient to accommodate the
	improved should the potential	the potential conversion proceed. A new	conversions.	potential employment conversions.
	conversion proceed.	school would also be needed to		
		accommodate new residential	Based on the City's analysis,	Peel staff are not in receipt of any
	The proposed uses may require	development in the Downtown Core.	infrastructure exists in the vicinity	servicing capacity analysis prepared
	increased GO service, as Lisgar GO		of Site 3 but would need to be	by Caledon staff in support of this
	Station is the only station in		improved should the potential	review.

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f) the lands do not affect the operations or viability of	proximity to the site, which operates at a limited capacity. GHD prepared a land use compatibility study to determine	GHD prepared a land use compatibility study to determine whether the	conversion proceed. A new school would also be needed to accommodate new residential development in the Downtown Core. GHD prepared a land use compatibility study to determine	Meridian recommended that the entire Dry Industrial lands be
existing or permitted employment uses on nearby lands; and	whether the potential conversion of the subject site would impact the operation or viability of employment uses on nearby lands. It was found that the potential conversion of Site 1 would not result in significant impacts on the viability or	potential conversion of the subject site would impact the operation or viability of employment uses on nearby lands. It was found potential conversion of the western portion of Site 2 would not have significant impacts on the viability or operations of the surrounding	whether the potential conversion of the subject site would impact the operation or viability of employment uses on nearby lands. They found that introducing residential and other sensitive uses on the subject site may impact the	converted to community uses. They found that other Employment Areas within Caledon would not be impacted by the potential conversion of the Dry Industrial lands.
	operations of the surrounding employment area.	employment area. It was determined that introducing residential uses on the eastern portion of Site 2 would have a more significant adverse impact on the operation and viability of nearby employment uses.	long-term operation or viability of the permitted nearby employment uses, as heavy industry exists near the subject site, which would not meet Provincial guidelines for separation distances from residential and other sensitive residential land uses.	The majority of the uses existing within the Dry Industrial lands would be considered Class II uses, with one use being a Class III use. Most, if not all, of the uses involve the outdoor storage of materials and/or trucks and the frequent movement of trucks on individual sites. The area of influence of the
				Class 2 and 3 uses impacts the neighbouring existing and planned community areas. The Dry Industrial lands will eventually be surrounded by residential communities, which will increase the potential for land use conflicts. As such, Meridian recommended that the entire Dry Industrial lands be converted to

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				community uses. It was determined
				that other Employment Areas
				within Caledon would not be
				impacted by the potential
				conversion of the Dry Industrial
				lands
g) cross-jurisdictional issues	Mississauga and Peel staff have	Mississauga and Peel staff have analyzed	Mississauga and Peel staff have	Caledon and Peel staff have
have been considered.	analyzed the impacts of the	the impacts of the potential	analyzed the impacts of the	analyzed the impacts of the
	potential employment conversion	employment conversion from their	potential employment conversion	potential employment conversion
	from their respective perspectives.	respective perspectives. There were no	from their respective perspectives.	from their respective perspectives.
	There were no cross-jurisdictional	cross-jurisdictional issues identified.	There were no cross-jurisdictional	There were no cross-jurisdictional
	issues identified. Additional agencies	Additional agencies will be consulted	issues identified. Additional	issues identified. Additional
	will be consulted through the	through the approvals process.	agencies will be consulted through	agencies will be consulted through
	approvals process.		the approvals process.	the approvals process.