

Can you afford NOT to participate?

Your lifestyle: your choice

"Complacency on the part of Halton citizens may be undermining the very lifestyle they cherish!"

This is a prime problem facing regional planners, according to Ed Cumming, Director of Planning for the Region.

"It's too easy to say we have a quiet, pleasant way of life," said Mr. Cumming, "but how long can this last if urbanization is permitted to encroach on our prime agricultural and recreational lands? Can we afford the escalating costs and decreasing efficiency of transportation to and from the major centres?"

Certain basic issues must be faced immediately, he said. For example:

- How much growth do we want in Halton, and at what rate?

- What type of housing is needed? What types of job opportunities?
- Should we reduce the need for travel?
- Do we have sufficient protection of the environment?

These, and other issues, are outlined in the following three pages of this tabloid. Your reaction, simply by answering the page 4 questionnaire and sending it back to the Planning Department, will provide some mandate for direction. You are being asked to help determine the lifestyle you feel Halton should offer now and in the years beyond.

"We want an expression of public preference," said Mr. Cumming. "An Official Plan is only as good as its acceptance by its citizens."

We hope, through public discussion of the goals and objectives, to discover the quality of life sought by most residents and, more important, to keep our options open for the future."

"A major question," said Mr. Cumming, is whether or not to move toward self-containment, to reverse the commuting trend by offering a wider variety of jobs for Halton residents and by allowing enough growth to support more complete high-order centres.

"Reversing trends is always difficult and only partially attainable," he said, "but it would help build an identity and promote the type of growth we choose, rather than having growth chosen for us."

That choice is yours!



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TOWARDS REGIONAL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Planning Process depends on you!

Will Halton be your kind of Region?

We hope so. If not, it won't be through lack of effort on our part!

For some considerable time, our Regional Planning Committee and staff has been searching out major issues, problems and concerns before moving into an "Official Plan" stage. Certain goals and objectives have been identified; now it's up to you, Mr. and Mrs. Citizen, to attend the various public forums we've arranged to see if you're satisfied that these goals will lead to your kind of community.

In this tabloid we've suggested statements of goals and related statements of objectives. These are a necessary aspect of the planning process. Goals set the direction for the Official Plan and, when combined with supporting objectives, provide a basis for comparison of choices and selection of a preferred strategy.

Our process has been to seek out, rather than to set, goals and objectives. We have tried to invite, and will continue to invite, public participation in the drafting of these goals and objectives. It is a three-phase program:

- Definition of issues, problems and opportunities.
- Preparation of draft goals and objectives.
- Public consultation on draft goals and objectives with subsequent ratification by Planning Committee and then by Regional Council.

The first phase, completed in July, was to research major issues by reviewing existing Planning Department reports; interviewing all other Regional departments, and many other public and quasi-public agencies; as well as discussion with key opinion-leaders and special-interest groups in the Region.

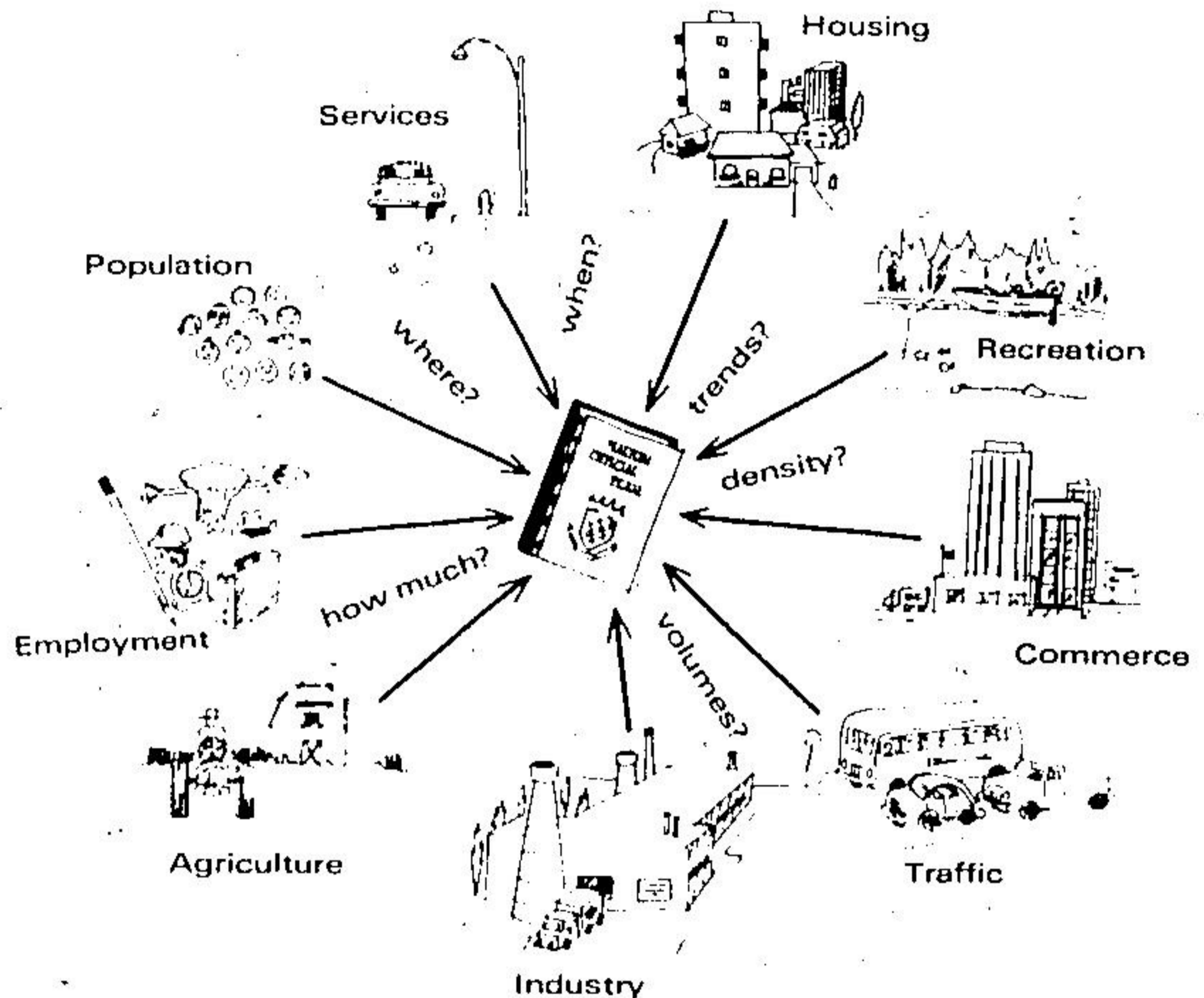
The second phase involved in the preparation of draft goals and objectives, which are presented in the following pages. We have tried to match regional goals to regional responsibilities, and to provide some format for coordination with various other levels of government. However, until we have finished our public participation program, they serve only as guidelines for discussion.

The third phase involves you. In addition to this tabloid, we are using three basic ways of communicating these goals and objectives.

Displays: There are four portable display units, which will be shown throughout the Region - starting August 27 at Hopedale Mall in Oakville and finishing at White Oaks Library on October 4. Dates and location for elsewhere in the Region can be found on this page.

Content will include panels on regional government information, including the Official

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Public forums planned to develop region goals

Once the Official Plan is passed and put into motion, the average citizen has few opportunities to challenge the process. In effect, it determines the type of community in which you live and from which you demand certain services.

Rarely have citizens been permitted to participate in the development of an Official Plan. You, in Halton, have this opportunity. We want your views on what type of community you want.

Following is a breakdown of the display sites and public meeting locations:

Displays

- Oakville** Hopedale Mall (August 27 - September 2); Woodside Library (September 2 - 6); Centennial Library (September 7 - 13); Municipal Offices (September 14 - 19); and White Oaks Library (September 29 - October 4).
- Burlington** Aldershot Library (August 30 - September 3); Burlington City Hall (September 4 - 15); Central Library (September 16 - 22); Appleby Mall & Library

- (September 20 - 26); Burlington Mall (September 22 - 28); Mountain Gardens Library (September 28 - October 1).

- Milton** Campbellville Bank (September 1 - 7); Milton Mall (September 7 - 15); Milton Town Hall (September 15 - 21); Milton Library (September 21 - 27).

- Halton Hills** Acton Town Hall (September 3 - 9); Acton Library (September 9 - 16); Georgetown Library (Sep-

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