Council for the Regional Municipality of Waterloo approved Official Plan Amendment No. 103, which had the effect of amending the Official Plan of the city by replacing it with a new Official Plan for the City of Kitchener, in part, with modifications, on November 19, 2014. The Region’s decision was released in a Notice of Decision dated November 24, 2014. The Region’s decision was subject to a 20-day appeal period under the Planning Act and a number of policies and parts of maps were appealed by a total of 10 appellants and filed to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB).

The Region’s November 19, 2014 decision included 10 areas of deferrals where no decision was made with respect to part of the Plan in order to allow for further consideration. On January 18, 2017 the Region issued a further Notice of Decision with respect to Deferrals No. 1 to 6 inclusive, part of Deferral No. 7 and Deferral No. 10. The Region’s further decision on Official Plan Amendment No. 103 was subject to a 20-day appeal period under the Planning Act and a total of 2 appeals were filed to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB).

The appeals of the Official Plan were dealt with at a total of 7 Pre-Hearings by the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB), 2 Pre-Hearings by the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT) and 1 Settlement Hearing by the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT). The LPAT decisions issued in writing on March 21, 2019 and orally on June 24, 2019 had the effect of deferring certain policies, modifying certain policies and maps in the Plan and the withdrawal of all the appeals.

**Items Deferred for Further Consideration** – Where a decision has been deferred in relation to a part of this Plan, that part of the Plan is not in effect. Any text that has been deferred is shown through use of a bracket in the margin of the document. The numbers shown in the box beside each deferral correspond to the numbers used in the Region’s and the LPAT’s Notice of Decision. Any part of a Schedule that has been deferred is shown with a broken line and/or hatched tone and the word ‘Deferred’.

This Explanatory Note, in conjunction with the attached City of Kitchener Official Plan, is intended to provide the reader with a “consolidated” version of the Plan which includes modifications to certain text & maps and the portions of the Plan that are not in effect as a result of deferrals. For details regarding the modifications and/or deferrals, the reader is advised to refer to the Regional Notices of Decisions dated November 19, 2014 and January 18, 2017 and the LPAT Decisions dated March 21, 2019 and July 16, 2019.