

Item 9.3.8

**ROPA 6 – response to letters
from Hon. Paul Calandra**

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Introduction

... and why I, a Waterloo resident, am here tonight

November 9, 2021 – Delegation to Regional Council

For the sake of the climate, don't repeat
old mistakes. **Intensify! Densify!**

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2019: Regional municipalities pledged 50% GHG reduction by 2030

Kitchener council declares climate emergency

**Councillors declare climate
emergency in Woolwich**

Wilmot Township declares climate emergency

New Hamburg Independent
Thursday, September 26, 2019

Waterloo declares climate emergency

Wellesley council declares a climate emergency

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Corporation of the Township of North Dumfries does hereby declare a climate crisis with the directive to provide continued support toward Corporate and Community climate action at the Township and to work over time towards improved targets, where possible; **Oct 28 2019**

Cambridge joins municipal queue to declare climate
emergency



May 16, 2022 – Delegation to Regional Council

Why I support Option 4: one voter's story

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Accidental learning at Waterloo City Council



Dozens of citizens were worried about impact of west side development on Region's water supply

Wilmot Line bisects a very sensitive ecosystem - home to dozens of plants, animals, birds, recharge areas



Accidental Learning in rural Waterloo Region



The 100 Mile Diet



The 100-Mile Diet: a year of local eating
- 2005 OBOC selection

- **we have never looked back**
- no imported veg or fruit
- local seasonal produce only
- saves \$100s and \$100s
- very healthy



Saving our farmland
is
very important

June 29, 2022 – Delegation to Regional Council Planning & Works Committee

Regional Official Plan

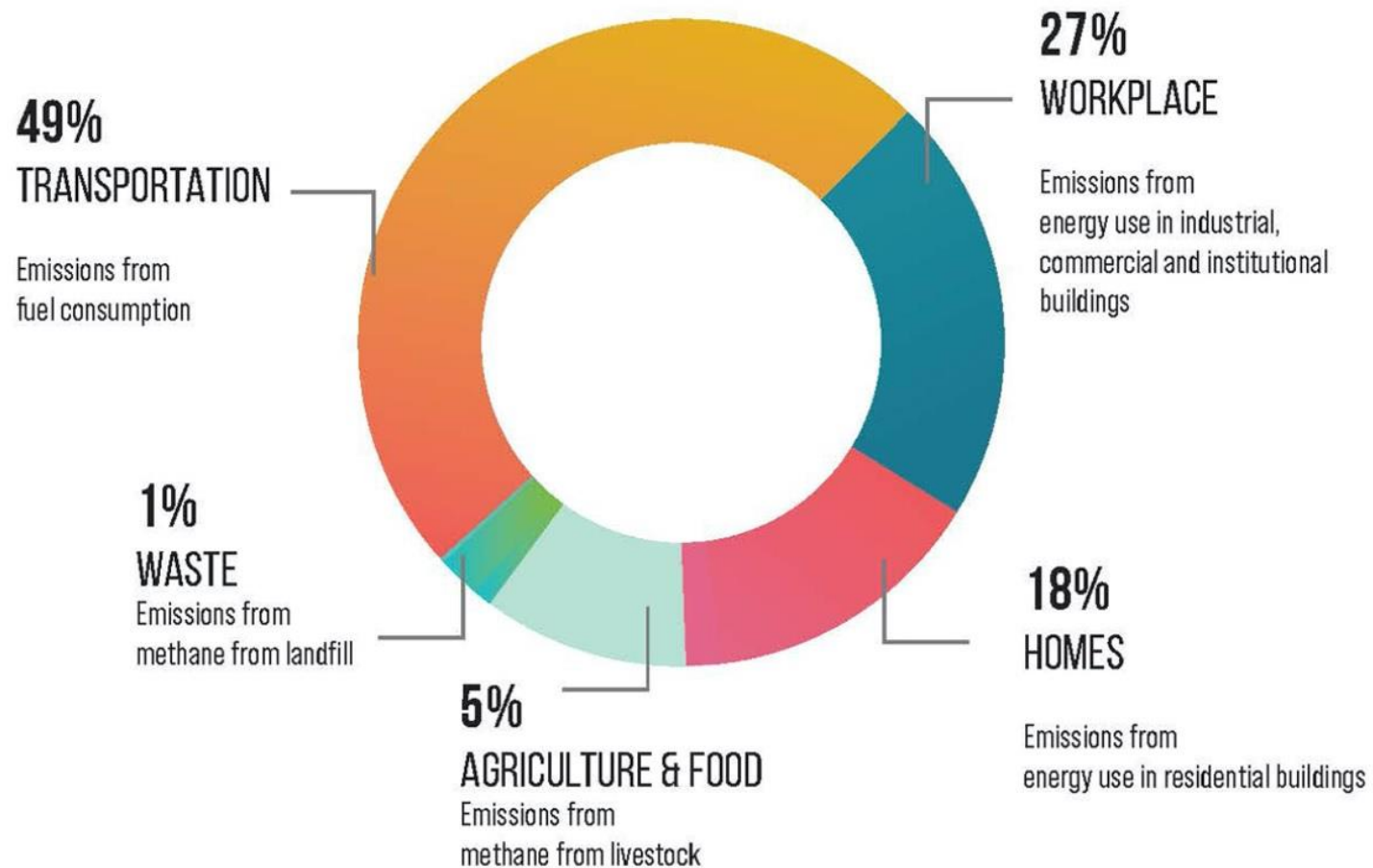
Planning and Works Public Input

29 June 2022

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Intensification is essential



Thanks to staff for a thoughtful report

- Thanks for rejecting added area 1, land between Riverbank Drive and Grand River
- Environmental concerns and constraints are huge!
- Protects farm land, cultural heritage landscape



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- Thanks for rejecting site-specific development proposal for 241 Queen St W
- environmental concerns
- flood plain, rail line, no public road

**What were they
thinking?**

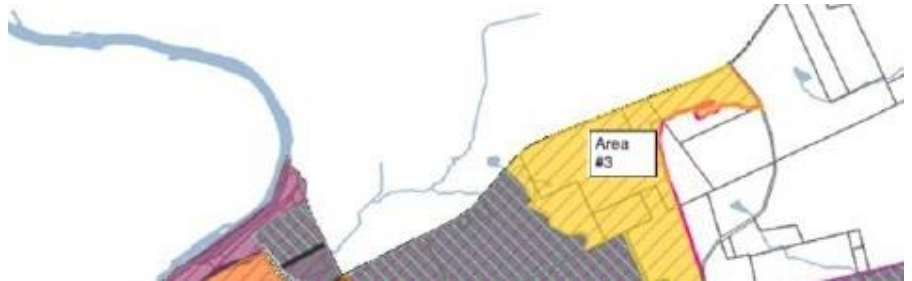


Please think harder

- None of the Minister's proposals have been studied or documented as much as ROPA 6 recommendations
- There are no supporting engineering studies demonstrating the lands can be fully serviced at the required densities
- No consultation with First Nations
- Threatens the positive relations developed with Mississaugas of the Credit and Six Nations in ROPA 6

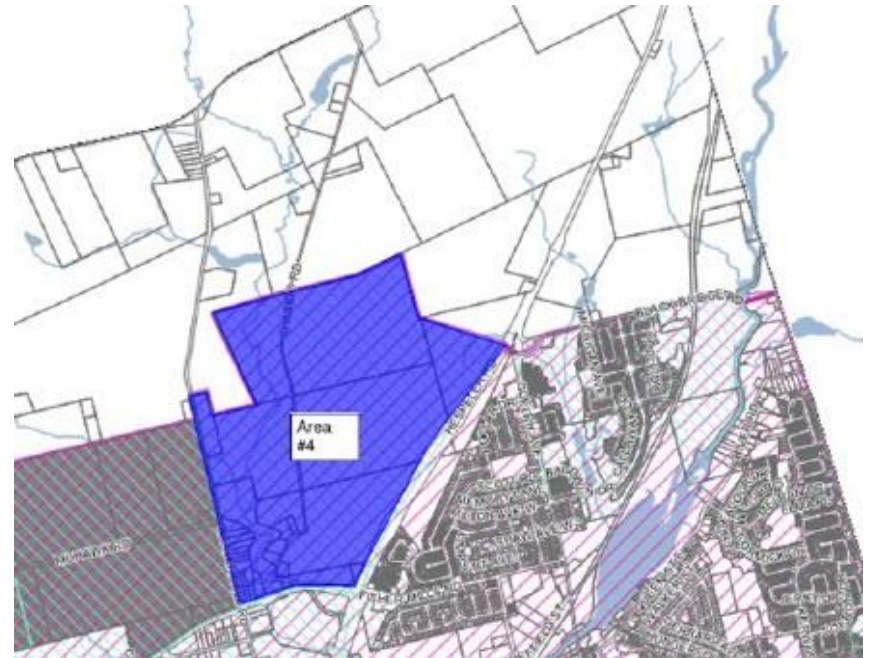
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- Area 3: land north of Middle Block Road, south of Kossuth Road, west of Speedsville Road
- Environmental, ecosystem concerns: Kossuth Bog species don't recognize map lines drawn by Minister Calandra
- “Prime agricultural land”
- Could housing ever be dense enough to support transit?



Please think harder

- Area 4: land north of Maple Grove Road, west of Hespeler Road
- Staff concerns about need for Master Environmental Servicing Plan and Secondary Plan, and sanitary capacity of Hespeler Waste Water Treatment plant are well founded
- Is proceeding without these worth the risk?
- Who will pay for wrong guesses?



Please think harder

- Please think long and hard before you ditch the careful work by Regional and Municipal planners and widespread community consultations that went into ROPA 6
- Is it worth the risk?

