

Neighbourhood Plans

A new approach to Secondary Plans

What is **proposed**?

- City of London is considering changes to the approach to the Secondary Plan process for areas added to the Urban Growth Boundary
- Neighbourhood Plans are proposed to be a streamlined, applicant-initiated Secondary Plan process

What is a **Secondary Plan**?

- A Secondary Plan provides a more detailed policy framework, which supports and implements the broader objectives of the Official Plan (The London Plan)
- City initiated planning exercise to coordinate development across multiple properties before planning and development applications

What is an **Urban Growth Boundary**?

- The boundary line that separates land for urban development from land for rural use within the overall city limits
- It is a tool used to plan and manage where new growth, like housing and business, will be permitted in the future



What is **changing**?

- **No immediate changes** are being proposed
- The Province of Ontario requires a submission to request “approval to proceed” before any amendments are presented for council approval
- The introduction of Neighbourhood Plans **does not** require property owners to make changes to their property or buildings, and existing uses such as agriculture can continue

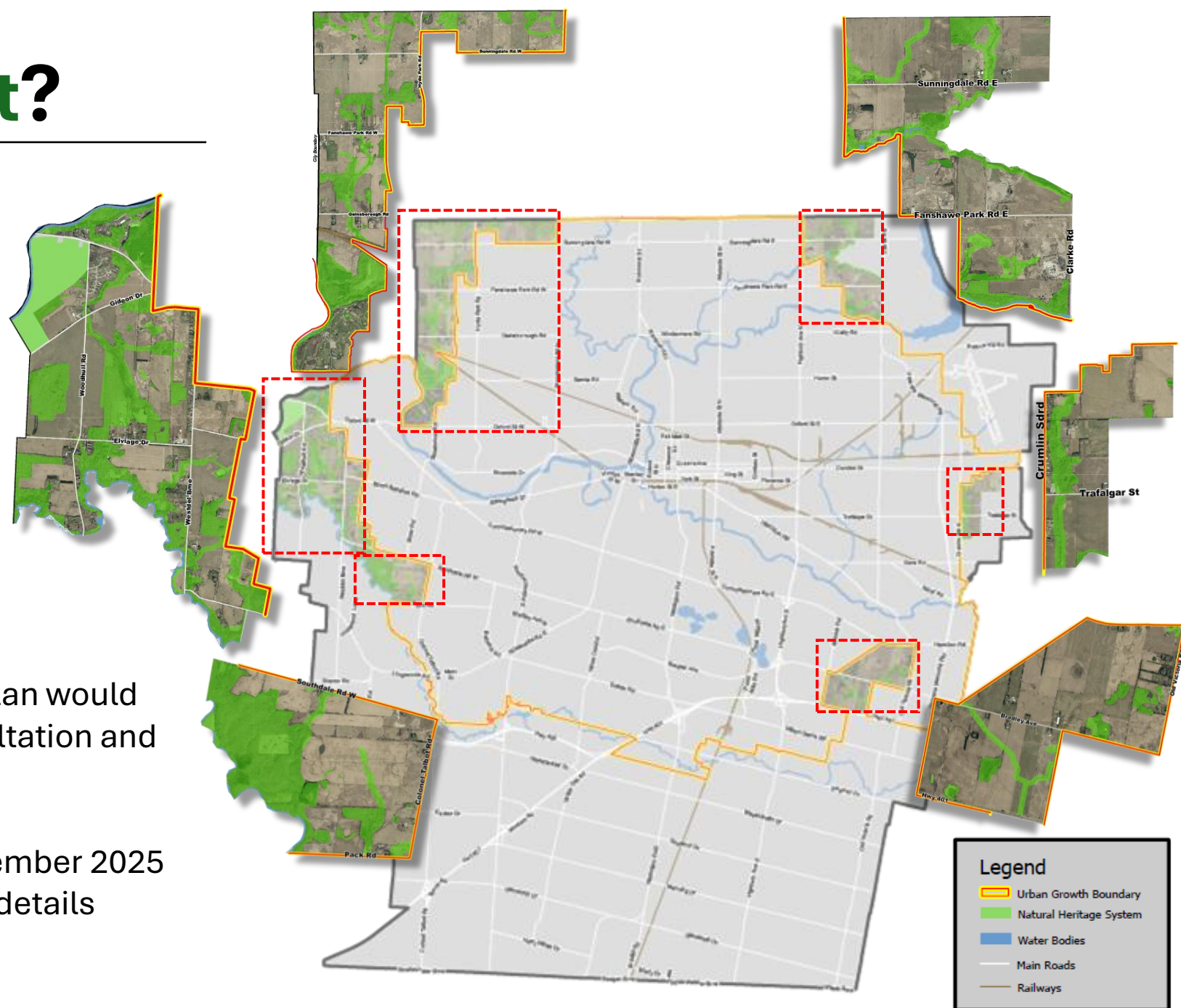
What happens if the **Province approves**?

- City staff will continue engaging with affected parties including residents, property owners, Indigenous communities, developers, community organizations, and institutions
- Official Plan Amendments to introduce Neighbourhood Plans as a secondary planning process will be presented to Municipal Council for approval



What is the **impact?**

- Areas subject to an Urban Growth Boundary expansion would be required to complete a Neighbourhood Plan prior to any development occurring
- Applicants can create Neighbourhood Plans in any of the expansion areas to establish the framework for future communities
- The preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan would include opportunities for public consultation and completion of background studies
- Council adopted an expansion in December 2025 – visit the [Get Involved Page](#) for more details



Note: The expansion areas shown are pending Provincial Approval

What happens **next?**

