

**re: Proposed Amendment to Regional Official Plan**  
Planning and Works Committee  
11 August 2022

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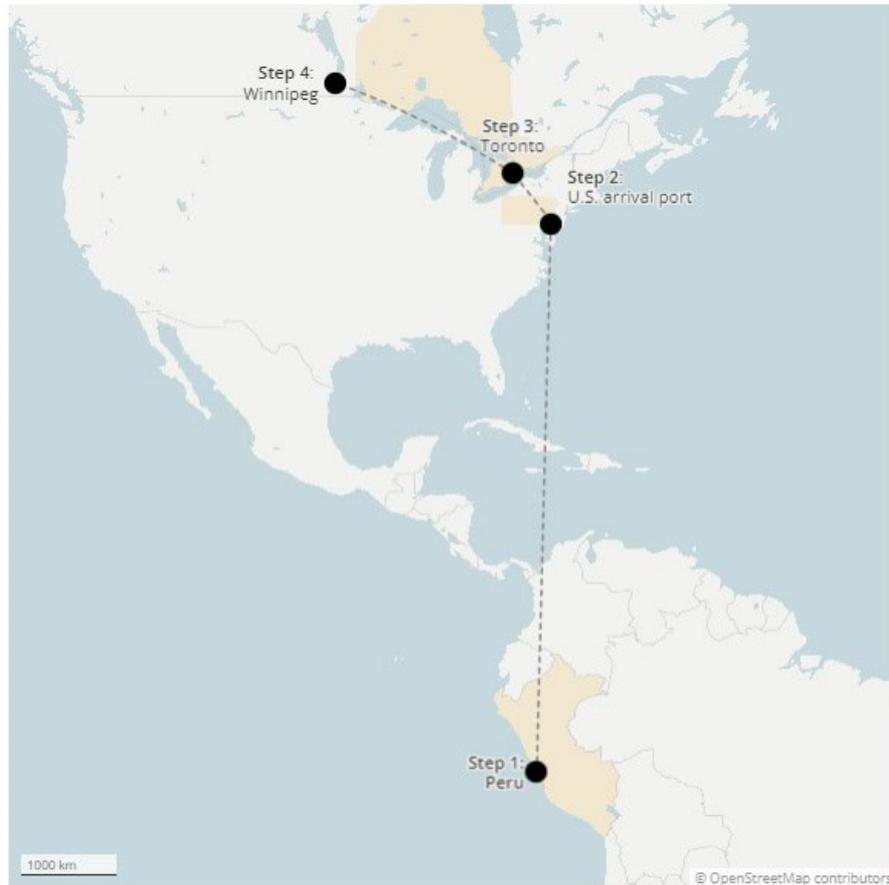
NEEDS

WANTS

**For decades it was believed people wanted this...**



# Can we afford to sacrifice farm land for rural suburbs?



**"[Most of] the [inflation] costs that we're seeing right now relate to transportation issues"**

- Larry Davidson, President North American Produce Buyers

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/business/food-grocery-inflation-1.6355172>

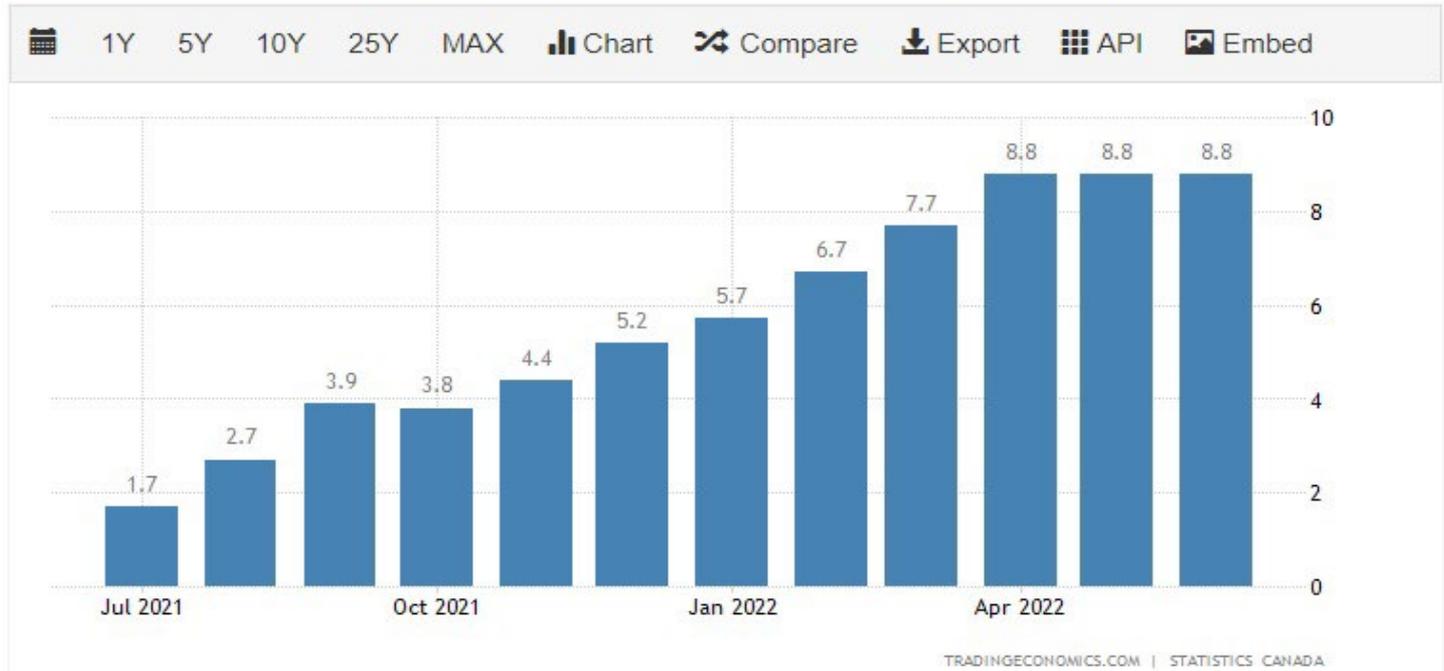
“Davidson says it costs him about \$4,000 US more for the same shipping container full of grapes this year compared to last.”

# Food price inflation makes local farm land more important

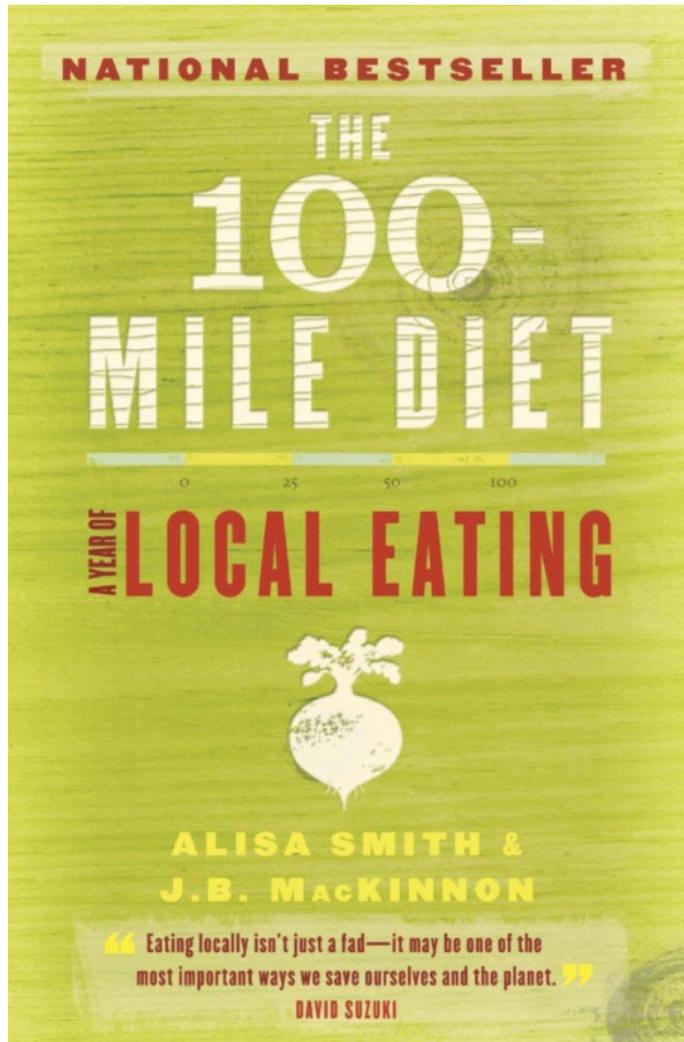
**Sizzling food prices are leading to global heartburn**

For many around the world, even regular meals may soon become too expensive.

Cost of food in Canada increased 8.80 percent in June of 2022 over the same month in the previous year. source: Statistics Canada



Eating locally will save ourselves and our planet



★ We need local farm land to produce local food

# Increasingly, people want sustainable complete neighbourhoods

Holy Grail of urban living — 15-minute cities — getting closer



By **Terry Pender** Record Reporter  
Tue., Aug. 9, 2022 | 4 min. read



“As [Paul Kalbfleisch and Ashleigh Crofts] prepared their prize winning submission for the international design competition, the Region of Waterloo was including the same design principles in its new Official Plan.”

- Kudos to them, and
- **Kudos to you!**

# We know we have to change



File photo by Advocate staff

## Inflation driving up municipal infrastructure costs

Municipalities have to consider scaling down projects as costs rise

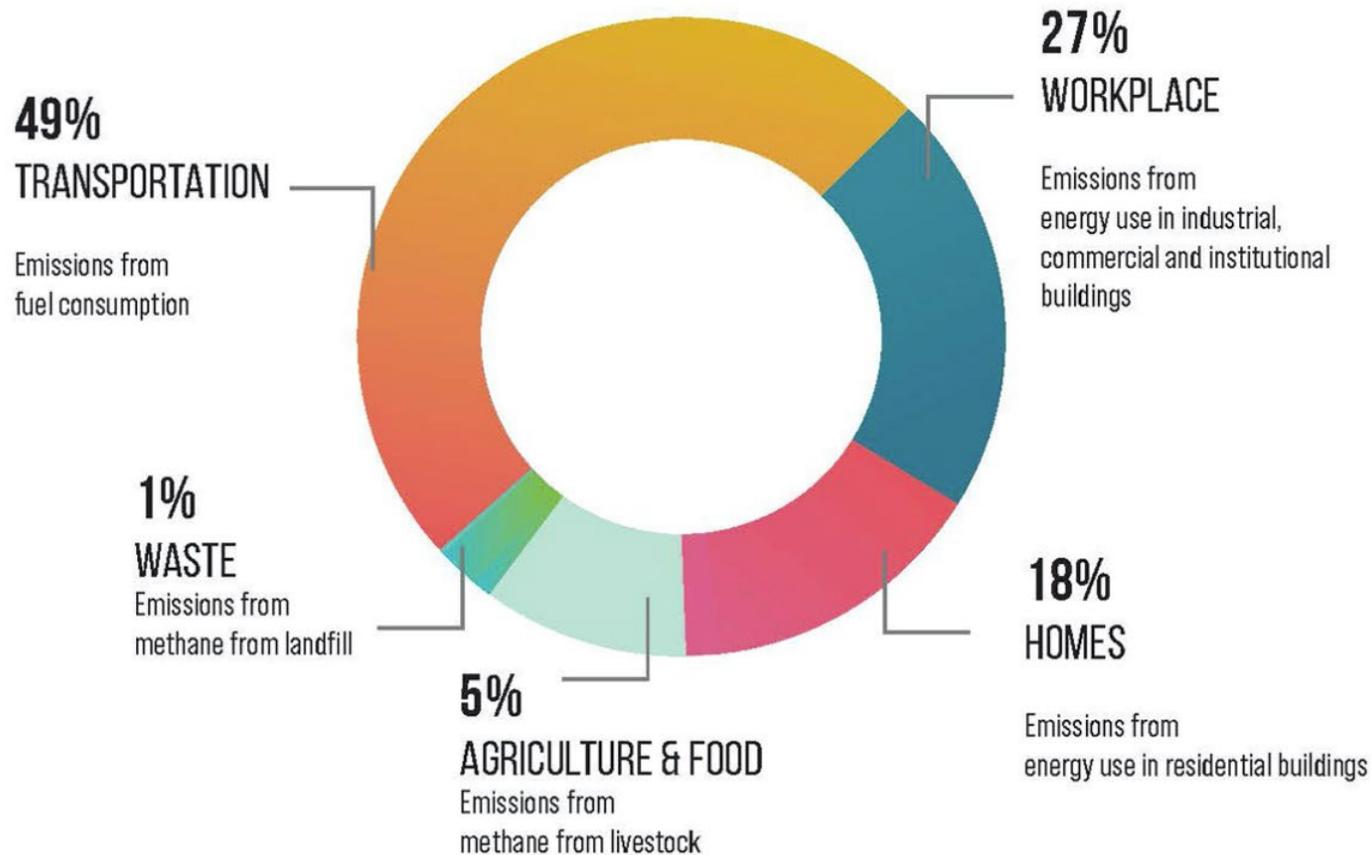
PAUL COWLEY / Jul. 21, 2022 4:00 p.m. / [LOCAL NEWS](#) / [NEWS](#)



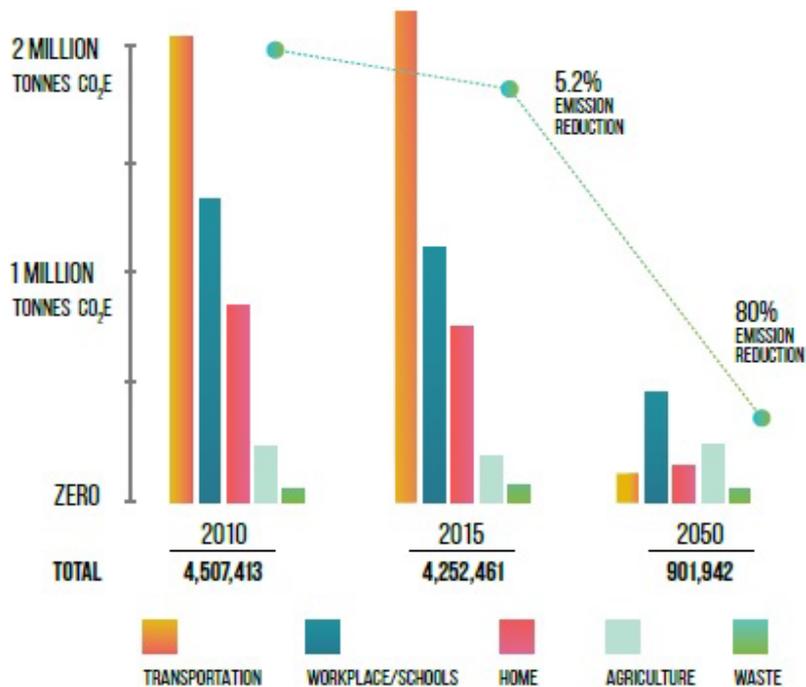
Urban sprawl triples public service costs, says OECD

# We know we have to do better

*Waterloo Region Greenhouse Gas Emissions by sector, 2015 data*



# Transportation is major source of GHG in Waterloo Region



- Waterloo Region reduced overall emissions by 5.2% from 2010 to 2015
- But **transportation emissions** increased

Figure 1: Results of Waterloo Region's 2010 and 2015 GHG inventories show a local GHG reduction of 5.2%. To achieve our long-term 80% reduction target, significant collaborative efforts will need to be made over the next 39 years.

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## UN climate report: It's 'now or never' to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees

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### How climate change is making record-breaking floods the new normal



*The New York Times*

*More Than a Third of Heat Deaths Are Tied to Climate Change, Study Says*

**Climate change is causing more wildfires and governments are unprepared, says U.N.**

### Persistent drought is gripping over half of the US

May 19, 2022



With the collaboration of Statista.

# 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



# Thanks for a ROP which addresses our needs



- People need a healthy environment,
- thriving farms and countryside,
- a greener, more resilient and sustainable community

# Thanks for being bold and visionary



- This is the plan we need to survive and thrive in the years ahead
- This is the plan we need to continue our successful Smart Growth approach
- This plan has strong support from many, **many** individuals, community groups, organizations and municipalities

VOTE  
Yes

- Please approve *unanimously* the ROP update Regional Staff is recommending
- Don't delay
- Don't defer
- We need these solutions **now!**