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Intensification		
1. More detailed principles of managing growth, consistent with Smart Growth, should be embodied in the policies of the PPS. 2. Maintain a firm urban boundary to accommodate long-term growth. 3. Change urban boundaries only if the target densities are being achieved and it is considered as part of a comprehensive official plan review. 4. Establish and monitor targets for minimum residential and employment densities. 5. Give priority to infill development and redevelopment within urban areas over greenfield forms of development.	1. yes 2. yes 3. yes 4. yes 5. partially	Generally, the PPS addresses recommendations related to intensification Items not addressed: i) No identification of how Provincial policies and programs will assist in the coordination of lower- and upper-tier Official Plans to direct growth and identify key development areas. ii) No word on a streamlined process for designated growth areas.
Employment Lands		
1. The PPS should provide more specific direction with respect to targets and provide municipalities the practical tools to work towards creating: • More balanced live-work communities. • Implement the principles of the Centres and Corridors initiative. • Prepare Provincially endorsed Regional and	1. no	No word on Provincial support for upper-tier municipalities in the preparation and implementation of the area-specific job/housing mix targets.

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area-specific population and employment targets. 2. The Province should support upper-tier municipalities in the preparation and implementation of the area-specific balance/mix targets.	2. no	
Housing		
1. There should be separate statements for the need and definitions for both "low income households" and "moderate income households" 2. The provision of second-suites in existing dwellings should be included as options for the achievement of affordable housing.	1. no 2. no	"Low" and "Medium" income categories should be differentiated. They are different categories with different challenges associated with each. Grouping them together will make it more difficult to address specific issues. The suggestion of the use of second suites as a means of intensification has been included in the draft Places to Grow Plan, but not the PPS.
Agriculture		
The PPS should articulate that agriculture is important from an economic, lifestyle and production basis. The focus should be on making the agricultural industry viable as a first principle and promote flexibility in farm-related uses to support the industry.	partially	No identification of how Provincial policies and programs will assist in the implementation of the GTA Agricultural Action Plan.
Infrastructure		
The PPS needs to speak to the Province's support of the planning and implementation of critical infrastructure projects to accommodate and support growth.	partially	The Region does this already – we need a commitment from the Province to approve these projects in a timely manner. Master Plans for critical infrastructure needs Provincial policy status. This would be consistent with facilitating the

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		accommodation of the 30-year growth forecasts being advanced through the Places to Grow Plan. New policy, implementation tools and financial mechanisms are still needed to implement and advance the Province's vision for growth in Ontario. No word on support or changes to the approvals process to assist in the introduction of critical infrastructure projects that support healthy and safe communities and implement the Province's growth plans.
Natural Heritage		
1. More specificity and strength required to assist municipalities in protecting remaining natural heritage features and functions. 2. Source Water Protection must be integrated into the Water section of the PPS. 3. Inclusion of the mandatory "shall" where words such as "should" are currently used, such as in the preamble to the Natural Heritage Policies. 4. Assistance in protecting "evaluated" not just "provincially significant wetlands" from development and site alteration.	1. no 2. no 3. no 4. no	The policies of the Greenbelt Draft Plan support the PPS and speak to the importance of an integrated, long-term, watershed-based approach to land use. The Greenbelt Draft Plan identifies that "key natural heritage features" includes wetlands. The Plan also specifies that new buildings or structures for agriculture, agricultural-related and secondary uses are not subject to the Natural Heritage System policies, but are subject to the key natural heritage policies. No word on financial and policy preparation assistance in either the PPS or Greenbelt Plan.

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5. Applications of a strong consistent policy framework for key natural heritage and hydrologic features, including wetlands, woodlands, streams with fish habitat and Life Science Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest (ANSIs). 6. Expansion of policies to identify that while existing agricultural operations may continue in natural heritage features, new agricultural operations and expansions of existing uses may not. 7. References should be made to the preparation and implementation of Source Water Protection Plans and Water Balance and Budgets in an manner similar to those in place on the Oak Ridges Moraine. 8. Definitions common to the Provincial Source Water Protection Plan and the ORMCP should be used throughout the PPS. 9. Financial and policy assistance in protecting significant woodlots. 10. Financial and policy assistance in protecting the middle reaches of river watersheds, between the protected areas of the Oak Ridges Moraine and the identification of the major river corridors.	5. no 6. no 7. no 8. no 9. no 10. no	

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Mineral Aggregates		
The demonstration of need for marginal resource quality should be required.	no	Without a supply/demand analysis, applications for aggregate extraction of low quality aggregate cannot reasonably be assessed against other competing uses in near urban situations.
Implementation		
None.		No new tools or policy added; municipalities are limited to using existing tools to implement - no new financing tools made available.