

2.7 Peterborough and the Surrounding Community

The Peterborough Census Metropolitan Area is one of the fastest growing metropolitan areas in Canada, and includes the City and adjacent townships of Selwyn, Cavan Monaghan, Otonabee-South Monaghan, and Douro-Dummer. Peterborough boasts the largest proportion of its residents who work in the City, with approximately 80 per cent of residents working in Peterborough in 2012 (City of Peterborough Comprehensive Transportation Plan). **Figure 4** shows the geographical context of Peterborough and its surrounding areas.

While Trent University's Symons Campus is located within the City of Peterborough's urban boundary, it shares its eastern and southern boundary with Douro-Dummer, and its northern and a portion of its western edge with Selwyn.

Growth in the Peterborough Census Metropolitan Area is being met by updates to City policy and investments in public infrastructure, including but not limited to:

- Local government upgrades to Pioneer Road in 2019, including a multi-use trail, a sidewalk, street lights, as well as the planting of trees and grass along the route that is east of Nassau Mills Road;
- Planned improvements to University Road by 2026;
- The completion of the Highway 407 extension to Highway 35/115 in Clarington in 2019;
- An update of the City's Official Plan (including a Natural Heritage System for the City), projected to be adopted by Council in 2021;
- A 2018 update to the 10-year Housing and Homelessness Plan (2014-2024);

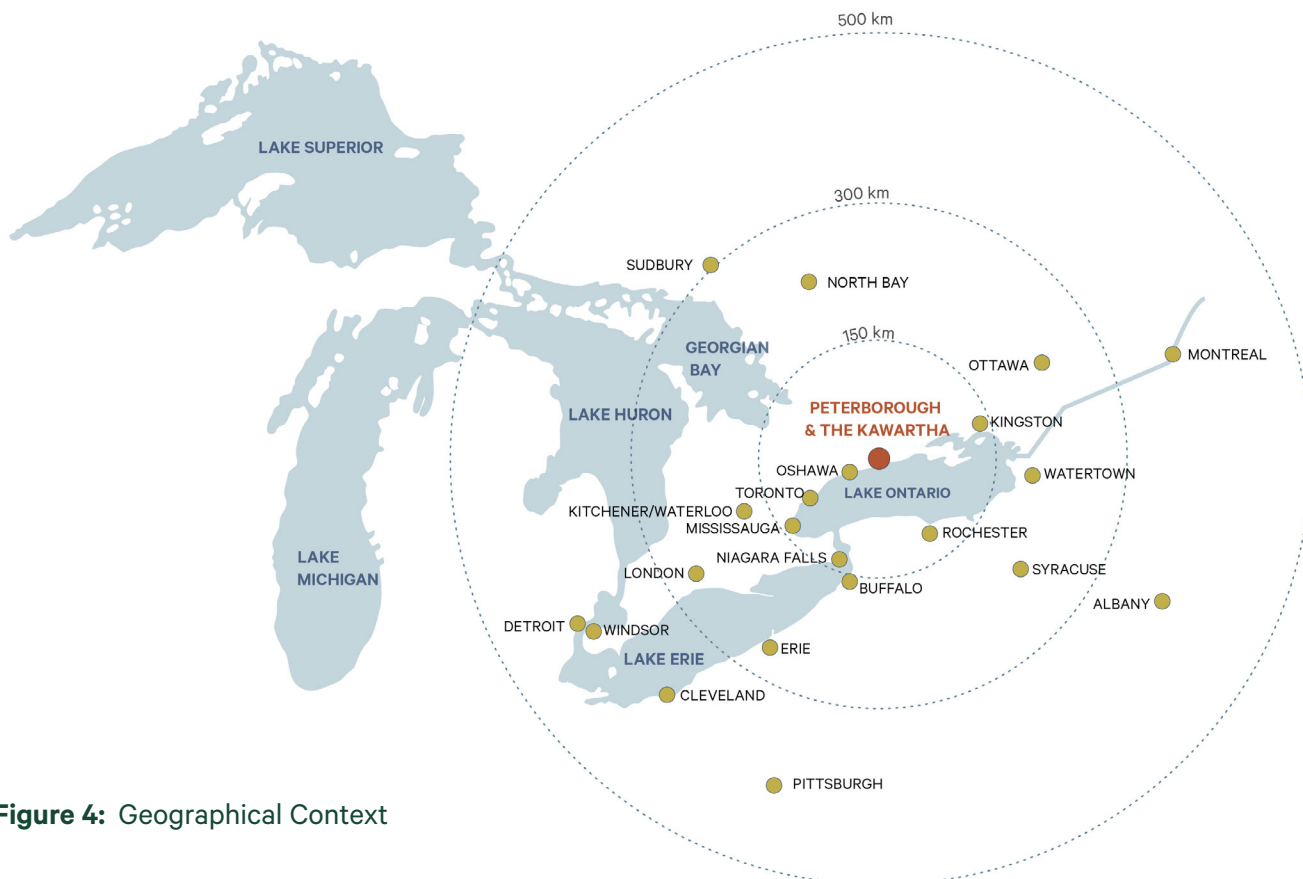


Figure 4: Geographical Context

- A review of the City of Peterborough’s municipal parks and open spaces, and the City’s urban forest canopy, which was initiated in July 2018;
- A watershed planning study, initiated in 2019;
- A comprehensive review and update of the City-wide Transportation Master Plan, beginning in September 2020;
- The North End - Trent University Area Transportation and Wastewater Management Class Environmental Assessment which assesses infrastructure capacity and requirements in the Trent University Area;
- The East Side Transportation Study, which will assess transportation infrastructure needs and priorities associated with development planned east of the Trent Severn Waterway and north of Lansdowne Street East;
- A \$4.76M investment in transit projects in Peterborough City and County by the Provincial government, announced in August 2019; and
- Improvements, rehabilitations or full replacements of the series of locks and dams along the Trent Severn Waterway National Historic Site, planned by Parks Canada to be completed in the next five years.

On a County-wide scale, two current initiatives are relevant to the TLNAP:

- The new County Official Plan study, initiated in 2017; and
- The 2020 update to the County of Peterborough's Transportation Master Plan (2020-2040).

Additionally, a possible provincial highway bypass is currently being studied by the Ministry of Transportation Ontario.

The TLNAP has been informed by these various studies and was developed in close consultation with the City of Peterborough and Otonabee River Conservation Authority, and with input from the adjacent townships and the County of Peterborough.

City of Peterborough Resident Priorities

In preparing the 2021 budget, the City of Peterborough asked its residents to rank the importance of issues in the community. The survey generated 519 responses, listing the following top issues:

1. Housing/accommodations
2. Social issues
3. Cost of living
4. Environment/climate change/sustainability
5. Health/public health
6. Economy/jobs/economic issues
7. Infrastructure/transportation
8. Crime/criminal activity
9. Provision of recreation facilities
10. Property taxes
11. Governance/transparency
12. Arts, culture and heritage