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Environmental Scan of Provincial Policies, Position Statements, Briefing Documents and Legislation

Related to the Built Environment and Six Lifestyle Factors: A Summary Report

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INTRODUCTION:

This report is one of three commissioned reports¹ to inform the work of the APHEO-CIP-Built Environment sub-group (CIPBE). In February 2009, the CIPBE was formed based on the outcome of a strategic direction session held in December 2008 by the APHEO-Core Indicators for Public Health in Ontario Project. The purpose of the CIPBE is to develop public health indicators relevant to the built environment.

Purpose of the Environmental Scan:

To perform an environmental scan (e-scan) of Ontario websites to identify provincial: 1) policies, 2) position statements, 3) briefing documents and/or 4) legislation related to the built environment and six lifestyle factors: 1) physical activity, 2) healthy eating, 3) healthy weights, 4) tobacco use, 5) alcohol consumption, and 6) exposure to ultraviolet radiation.

¹ Bergeron, K. (2009). Investigating Infrastructure Data Sources: A Summary Report. *Association of Public Health Epidemiologists in Ontario*, Toronto, Ontario and Bergeron, K. (2009). A review of the literature on the effect of the built environment on five chronic disease risk factors for Public Health Professionals interested in surveillance: A Summary Report. *Association of Public Health Epidemiologists in Ontario*, Toronto, Ontario

METHOD:

A draft outline that reflected the author's method for implementing this e-scan was submitted for review by the CIPBE. The outline was approved.

Organizations to be included:

The provincial organizations included in this e-scan were informed by the *Creating an Inventory of Infrastructure Databases: A Summary Report*. Provincial government organizations were given priority for inclusion.

Search Strategy:

The search function of websites being investigated was used. If the website did not have a search function, the investigator manually searched the tabs available on the website for relevant documents for this report. The search strategy used was similar that which was used in "*A review of the literature on the effect of the built environment on five chronic disease risk factors for Public Health Professionals interested in surveillance: A Summary Report*". For example: key words used to search for relevant documents were a combination of built environment terms: "built environment", "neighbourhood", "community design", "land-use planning" and the six lifestyle factor terms: 1) physical activity, 2) healthy eating, 3) healthy weights, 4) tobacco exposure, 5) alcohol exposure, and 6) exposure to ultraviolet radiation.

Inclusion criteria for documents:

- Included discussion of the built environment and at least one of the lifestyle factors of interest;
- Reflected a policy, position statement, briefing document or legislation;
- Available in English;
- Available to the public;
- Produced in the last five years (2005 to present);
- Deemed useful to inform the future work of the CIPBE
- Documents that met all the above criteria were included in this report by listing the name of the organization, the title of relevant document(s), a short summary of the purpose of the document and the lifestyle factor(s) of interest.

RESULTS:

Seventeen provincial organizations were included in this e-scan. Information was found for each organization and is presented in a table format. Results are organized alphabetically by organization.

1. Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario

www.agco.on.ca

Title of Document	Alcohol Licensing Overview http://www.agco.on.ca/en/b.alcohol/b.alcohol.html
Summary from website	The Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) is responsible for administering the Liquor Licence Act ("LLA") that covers most aspects of Ontario's beverage alcohol laws. These laws provide practical rules for responsible sale and service of beverage alcohol in this province. The LLA and its regulations provide the Registrar of Alcohol and Gaming authority for regulating and licensing of the following: liquor sales licences, ferment on premise facility licences, liquor delivery service, manufacturer's licences and manufacturer's representative licences.
Relevant Factor(s)	Alcohol Consumption

Title of Document	Liquor Licence Act http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/statutes/english/elaws_statutes_90119_e.htm
Summary	Provides the legislation on alcohol sales and services in Ontario. Areas of interest to the CIPBE may be: license to deliver, license to operate ferment on premise facility, responsible use, compliance and local option (prohibited areas).
Relevant Factor(s)	Alcohol Consumption

Title of Document	Alcohol and Gaming Commission Annual Reports http://www.agco.on.ca/en/d.publications/d5.report.html
Summary	The Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario produces an annual report which contains information on the organizational structure and summary of activities and affairs of the Commission for the period(s) from April 1st to March 31st. These reports include legislation and regulator updates.
Relevant Factor(s)	Alcohol Consumption

Title of Document	Information Bulletins on Alcohol Licensing http://www.agco.on.ca/en/d.publications/d3.1.alcohol.html
Summary	These bulletins may be of interest to CIPBE members (i.e. liquor service delivery change or Liquor License Act Regulation Changes).
Relevant Factor(s)	Alcohol Consumption

2. Association of Municipalities of Ontario

www.amo.on.ca

Title of Document	Report on the Provincial-Municipal Fiscal and Service Delivery Review: Facing the Future Together (2008) http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/AssetFactory.aspx?did=6050
Summary from website	This report sets out the consensus achieved by the provincial government, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the City of Toronto through a review of provincial-municipal arrangements. The review, which began late in 2006, reflected the spirit of the commitment to consultation set out in the <i>Municipal Act</i> and the <i>City of Toronto Act</i> . Its terms were broad in scope, covering fiscal relationships, infrastructure, and the delivery of human services. The consensus described in this report aims to achieve a vision that the Province. The sections of interest to CIPBE members is the area of infrastructure, public transportation, statement about public health services and indicators of municipal fiscal health.
Relevant Factor(s)	All Factors

Title of Document	Fiscal Health Indicators of Ontario Municipalities http://www.amo.on.ca/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Provincial_municipal_Fiscal_and_Service_Delivery_Review&Template=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=151885
Summary from website	The above charts show the municipal fiscal health indicators for each municipality developed by the Municipal Fiscal Health Indicators Working Group. The data should be read with the methodology, general findings and regional characteristics are described in Appendix F of the final Report: Provincial-Municipal Fiscal and Services Review, Facing Tomorrow Together. The link to the report is above. This chart is an excel file.
Relevant Factor(s)	All Factors

Title of Document	Working Table of the Infrastructure Table: Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Service Delivery Review (2008) http://www.amo.on.ca/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Provincial_municipal_Fiscal_and_Service_Delivery_Review&Template=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=151862
Summary from website	This report was prepared for the infrastructure table, one of the joint provincial-municipal tables involved in the Provincial-Municipal Fiscal and Service Delivery Review. It sets out the results of the most extensive modelling done to date on municipal infrastructure needs in Ontario. Appendix A provides details of the table's mandate and membership and how its work was carried out. "Governments must work together because deteriorating infrastructure is reducing quality of life in all Ontario communities, putting public health and safety at risk, and threatening this province's ability to compete successfully for jobs and investment" (p.4).
Relevant Factor(s)	All Factors

3. Centre for Addiction and Mental Health

www.camh.net

Title of Document	Strategies to Reduce the Harmful Use of Alcohol World Health Organization Submission (2008) http://www.camh.net/Public_policy/Public_policy_papers/strategies_to_reduce_alcohol_rel.html
Summary from website	CAMH has access to the most current evidence on: alcohol availability and its effects on consumption, drinking and driving, reducing aggression and injury in bars, harm reduction, alcohol management policies for municipalities, and the effects of measures designed to reduce health and social problems. CAMH supports and endorses the National Alcohol Strategy (NAS) – a collaboration of different sectors of the alcohol stakeholder community that provides direction and recommendations about reducing alcohol-related harm in Canada. The NAS endorses four strategic areas of action. These include health promotion, prevention and education; health impacts and treatment; availability of alcohol; and safer communities. CAMH is currently working in all four strategic areas, whether through providing support to other organizations or taking an organizational lead where research and policy development is required.
Relevant Factor(s)	Alcohol Consumption

Title of Document	Presentation to the Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights on Reducing Alcohol-Related Deaths on Canada's Roads (2008) http://www.camh.net/Public_policy/Public_policy_papers/impaired_driving_2008.html
Summary	This presentation includes a section on alcohol policies and drinking and driving.
Relevant Factor(s)	Alcohol Consumption

4. **Conservation Ontario**
www.conservation-ontario.on.ca

Title of Document	Conservation Ontario's Proposal for a Healthy Great Lakes (2005) http://conservation-ontario.on.ca/projects/pdf/HGLakes_Proposal.pdf
Summary from website	On behalf of Ontario's 36 conservation authorities, Conservation Ontario proposes to establish a Healthy Great Lakes program geared to restoring the vast areas outside the current Areas of Concern through Environment Canada's Great Lakes Sustainability Fund. The types of projects that would be developed by Conservation Authorities include programs to protect ground and surface water from agricultural impacts and urban sprawl, programs to protect fish and wildlife habitats and local approaches to address the effects of climate change and air quality.
Relevant Factor(s)	Physical Activity

Title of Document	Development Interference and Alteration Regulations for all Conservation Authorities (2008) Ontario Regulations 42/06 & 146/04 to 182/06-Ontario regulation 97/04 of the Conservation Authorities Act http://conservation-ontario.on.ca/policy-issues/CO_Section_28_Brochure_2008_08_15_final.pdf
Summary from website	Sustainable water resources, clean air, a rich mix of plants, animals and habitats and a variety of natural areas for people to appreciate and keep active are important features of healthy communities in Ontario. In order to maintain the vitality of our watersheds and also protect peoples' lives and property from natural hazards such as flooding and erosion, Ontario's 36 Conservation Authorities administer the Conservation Authorities Act and its associated regulations.
Relevant Factor(s)	Physical Activity, Exposure to Ultraviolet Radiation

5. Green Communities

www.gca.ca

Title of Document	Greening Communities in the New Economy. The 2009 Annual Conference http://www.gca.ca/indexcms/downloads/GCC_Conference_Agenda.pdf
Summary	Conference includes sessions on trees in urban centres, sustain food sources and developing community sustainability plans.
Relevant Factor(s)	Physical Activity, Healthy Foods, Exposure to Ultraviolet Radiation
Title of Document	Sustainable Transportation Catalogue (2008) http://www.gca.ca/indexcms/downloads/TRANSPORTATION_2008.pdf
Summary	This document includes: indicators for success for sustainable transportation, a list of indicators that Transport Canada recommends tracking for projects supported their MOST (Moving on Sustainable Transportation) fund and promoting sustainable transportation through land-use planning. There are also extensive resource lists that may be of interest to the CIPBE.
Relevant Factor(s)	Physical Activity
Title of Document	Active and Safe Routes to School (ASTRTS) is a program of Green Communities http://www.saferoutestoschool.ca/ ASRTS: Ontario Evaluation Summary Report (2008) http://www.saferoutestoschool.ca/downloads/Final-Report-Exec-Overview-Nov08.pdf
Summary	This report provides the evaluation results of the Active and Safe Routes to School program including the effectiveness of the program.
Relevant Factor(s)	Physical Activity

Title of Document	Sustainable Transportation: Two Percent Solution http://www.gca.ca/indexcms/pdf/Two-Percent%20Solution-Oct%2005.pdf
Summary	Promoting the 2% rule and get Ontarians moving.
Relevant Factor(s)	Physical Activity

6. **Liquor Control Board of Ontario (LCBO)**
www.lcbo.com

Title of Document	Search for LCBO Store by community http://www.lcbo.com/lcbo-ear/jsp/storequery.jsp
Summary	This search functions allows people to search for LCBO stores at the municipal/community level. Addresses of stores are provided so mapping locations to neighborhoods is possible.
Relevant Factor(s)	Alcohol

Title of Document	LCBO Annual Reports http://www.lcbo.com/aboutlcbo/annualreport2007.shtml
Summary	Annual reports are a good source of information to learn about potential changes to distribution and advertising. LCBO has a section on social responsibility, prevention of sales to minors, drinking and driving and “environmentally-friendly thinking”.
Relevant Factor(s)	Alcohol

7. **Ontario Healthy Communities Coalition**
www.ohcc-ccso.ca

Title of Document	Building Healthy Communities Project http://www.ohcc-ccso.ca/en/building-healthy-communities
Summary from website	<p>Project Goal is to improve the health of Ontarians and reduce health care costs through health promotion and chronic disease prevention strategies linking health and the built environment.</p> <p>There are a number of components to this project including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Literature Review: A searchable database of recent and current research in the areas of land-use planning, community design and their impact on the health of the population; 2) Environmental Scan Report: Eighty public health units, environmental organizations and community groups were interviewed to gain information about strategies, programs and practices currently being used that link health and land-use planning. Additional components of the e-scan include a PowerPoint Presentation and the Building Healthy Communities Database of the projects and initiatives identified through the e-scan; 3) Indicators and Case Studies: A series of indicators have been developed to help identify key factors contributing to successful projects. Seven case studies have been developed of promising practices of multi-sectoral collaborative initiatives that include population health goals in community planning and policy development; 4) Community Workshops: Twenty-three community workshops were held in seventeen different locations. Workshops have taken place on topics such as active transportation, green space design, local food systems, pedestrian charters and traffic demand management; 5) Regional Forums: Five regional forums were held to provide an opportunity for information and knowledge exchange among participants from different sectors with an interest in healthy built environments.
Relevant Factor(s)	All Factors

Title of Document	FoodNet Ontario http://www.ohcc-ccso.ca/en/foodnet-ontario
Summary from website	<p>FoodNet Ontario's goal is to increase the capacity of organizations and communities across Ontario to create sustainable local food systems and achieve community food security by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • bringing people, ideas and resources together • facilitating communication and collaboration among organizations; • educating the public and key decision-makers about community food security; and • promoting best practices. <p>The collaborating organizations, led by the Ontario Healthy Communities Coalition, were successful in obtaining a 3-year grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation to develop and support a province-wide network that will increase the capacity of Ontario communities to provide access to safe, affordable, nutritious and culturally appropriate food. Grant funds will be used for outreach, website and listserv development and support, training and information sharing and the identification of successful CFS practices. The OSCFN project will also encourage and support new CFS initiatives and educate community members about the importance of community food security.</p>
Relevant Factor(s)	Healthy Eating, Healthy Weights

8. Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

www.omafra.gov.on.ca

Title of Document	OMAFRA Land-use Planning: Key Questions and Answers http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/landuse/facts/land_faq.htm
Summary	This section of their websites provides key questions and answers and links to resources related to land-use planning and an agricultural land in Ontario, including the “Guide to Agricultural Land Use”. The <i>Guide to Agricultural Land Use</i> introduces issues that may arise between people engaged in agriculture and those engaged in other land uses in the Ontario countryside. It explains the role of agricultural land use planning. For rural non-farm residents, it provides an overview of agricultural practices and how to minimize their environmental impacts. The guide also advises the rural community — both farm and non-farm residents — on conflict avoidance and resolution.
Relevant Factor(s)	Physical Activity, Healthy Eating , Healthy Weights

Title of Document	Ontario’s Rural Plan (2007 progress report) http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/rural/indruralplan.htm
Summary	CIPBE members can review OMAFRA’s progress through annual updates of Ontario's Rural Plan. These progress reports provide examples of how OMARFA is making a difference in rural communities, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New roads, bridges and public buildings • Better services in health and education • More support to help business succeed and grow.
Relevant Factor(s)	Physical Activity, Healthy Eating, Healthy Weights

Title of Document	Rural Ontario Profiles housed on the Rural Economic Development Data & Intelligence section. http://www.reddi.gov.on.ca/insight_ruralontarioprofiles.htm
Summary	This resource provides OMAFRA's definition of rural communities and which communities in Ontario are considered rural based on Statistics Canada Census of Population 2001 and 2006. Also available are detailed maps based on demographic, economic and socio-economic indicators.
Relevant Factor(s)	Physical Activity, Healthy Eating, Healthy Weights

Title of Document	Food for Health: Research Priority http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/research/priorities/foodforhealth.htm#Description_scope
Summary from website	The Food for Health theme is intended to help guide the OMAFRA research agenda to address the significant potential to improve health through food. The ultimate impacts of healthy foods depend on consumer purchasing decisions, dietary patterns, the ability to influence adoption by consumers and numerous social and cultural influences. This occurs in an environment affected by knowledge sharing and the regulatory and investment environment.
Relevant Factor(s)	Healthy Eating, Healthy Weights

Title of Document	Agriculture and Rural Policy http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/research/priorities/ruralpolicy.htm#description
Summary from website	The Rural Policy research theme focuses on the nature of the changes, challenges and opportunities facing rural Ontario including the impact of current policies and programs. The strategic priority components are; climate change, regional development, rural infrastructure, transportation, and rural labour markets.
Relevant Factor(s)	Healthy Eating, Physical Activity, Healthy Weights

Title of Document	Environment Sustainability http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/research/priorities/environsustain.htm#description_scope
Summary from website	Environmental Sustainability" at OMAFRA focuses on maintaining the ability of natural resources (soil, air, water and biodiversity) to support and strengthen agriculture, food and bioproduct sectors and rural communities. OMAFRA is called upon to consider economic, public health and environmental aspects in order to achieve sustainable agriculture and food production. There is also a desire for rural Ontario to contribute innovative solutions to environmental issues.
Relevant Factor(s)	Physical Activity, Healthy Eating, Healthy Weights

9. Ontario Ministry of Education

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng>

Title of Document	Healthy Foods for Healthy Schools Act (2008) (Part of the Educational Act) http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/healthyschools/healthier.html
Summary from website	This link provides access to resources such as the legislation, “ Dropping Trans fat from School Menu’s” (2008), “Ontario to Make Schools Trans Fat Free” (2007) and “Foundations for a Healthy School”
Relevant Factor(s)	Healthy Eating, Healthy Weights

Title of Document	Policy/Program Memorandum. No.:135. Oct. 20, 2004. Healthy Foods and Beverages in Elementary School Vending Machines www.edu.gov.on.ca/extra/eng/ppm/ppm135/pdf
Summary from website	Document that outlines the Ontario Government’s commitment to supporting a healthy school environment. It sets out clear recommendations standards for school boards and standards for use.
Relevant Factor(s)	Healthy Eating, Healthy Weights

Title of Document	Policy/Program Memorandum No 138: Daily Physical Activity in Elementary Schools Grade 1-8 http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/extra/eng/ppm/138.html
Summary from website	The Ministry of Education supports and promotes the participation of students in daily physical activity. Consequently, school boards must ensure that all elementary students, including students with special needs, have a minimum of twenty minutes of sustained moderate to vigorous physical activity each school day during instructional time. The goal of daily physical activity is to enable all elementary students to improve or maintain their physical fitness and their overall health and wellness, and to enhance their learning opportunities. Daily physical activity may include walking, active games, dance, aquatics, sports, and fitness and recreational activities (where facilities permit).
Relevant Factor(s)	Physical Activity

10. Ontario Ministry of Health Promotion
www.mhp.gov.on.ca/english/default.asp

Title of Document	Results Base Plan 2008-2009 http://www.mhp.gov.on.ca/english/resultsplan/results-08-09.asp
Summary from document	The MHP identified Public Health renewal, Chronic Disease Prevention, reducing Obesity by Promoting Healthy Eating and Active Living, Sport and Athlete Development and Mental Health and Addiction Prevention as its programming priorities. Under the section legislation the following is listed: The Ministry is responsible for the following statutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Recreation Centres Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. C.22 • Health Protection and Promotion Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. H.7, section 7, in so far as it relates to the following mandatory health programs and services: Chronic Disease Prevention, Injury Prevention including Substance Abuse Prevention, Child Health and Reproductive Health, as described in guidelines published under section 7, and any other provision of the Act in so far as it relates to the administration or enforcement of section 7 respecting those programs and services • Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.26, in so far as it relates to health promotion • Ministry of Tourism and Recreation Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.35, in so far as it relates to activities and programs respecting recreation • Smoke-Free Ontario Act, S.O. 1994, c. 10, as amended
Relevant Factor(s)	ALL

Title of Document	Bill 69- Smoking in Cars Legislation (2008) http://www.ontla.on.ca/web/bills/bills_detail.do?locale=en&BillID=1973
Summary	An Act to protect children from second-hand tobacco smoke in motor vehicles by amending the Smoke-Free Ontario Act
Relevant Factor(s)	Tobacco Use

Title of Document	Smoke-Free Ontario Strategy, Legislation and Resources http://www.mhp.gov.on.ca/english/health/smoke_free/default.asp
Summary from website	<p>Ontario has established a comprehensive Smoke-Free Ontario Strategy, which combines public education with programs, policies and legislation to encourage young people not to smoke, helps smokers quit, and protects people from exposure to second-hand smoke. Through the Smoke-Free Ontario Act (enacted May 31, 2006), the Ontario Government protects the health of all Ontarians by prohibiting smoking in enclosed workplaces and enclosed public places and banning the public display of tobacco products prior to purchase. As of January 21, 2009, smoking in a motor vehicle with children under age 16 years present is prohibited.</p> <p>This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tobacco Display Ban Click here to find out more about the display ban. • Creating a Smoke-Free Ontario Click here for more information about the Smoke-Free Ontario Strategy. (January 2009) • Smoke-Free Ontario Legislation Find out more about the Smoke-Free Ontario legislation. • Frequently Asked Questions Frequently Asked Questions about Ontario's Smoke-Free Strategy. <p>Fact sheet:</p> <p>Smoking Trends in Ontario  (39KB)</p> <p>Health Effects of Smoking  (44KB)</p> <p>Health Effects of Second-hand Smoke  (35KB)</p> <p>Point-of-Sale Displays  (39KB)</p> <p>Cost of Tobacco Use and Tax Revenues  (32KB)</p> <p>Economic Impact of Smoke-Free Policies  (42KB)</p>
Relevant Factor(s)	Tobacco Use

Title of Document	Ontario's Action Plan for Healthy Eating and Active Living (2006) http://www.mhp.gov.on.ca/english/health/HEAL/actionplan-EN.pdf
Summary	As part of this strategy, the Ministry held a HEAL conference in 2006. The conference goal was to promote healthy eating and active living among Ontarians by highlighting national and international research, championing best practices, and supporting the exchange of knowledge and ideas among experts in these fields. Themes included: Healthy Communities, Healthy Public Policy, Healthy Children and Youth and Public Awareness and Engagement. http://www.mhp.gov.on.ca/english/health/HEAL/conference06/default.asp CIPBE members may be interested in reviewing the presentations and notes from concurrent sessions by clicking on the links provided in the Program-At-A-Glance.
Relevant Factor(s)	Physical Activity, Healthy Eating, Healthy Weights

Title of Document	Chronic Disease Prevention Programs http://www.mhp.gov.on.ca/english/chronic_disease/default.asp
Summary from website	Through cooperative efforts of the Ministry of Health Promotion and various groups, including health and education agencies, voluntary and not-for-profit associations, community groups, and other provincial agencies, we are creating and sustaining a healthy population through a variety of strategies including: Diabetes Strategy Ontario Heart Health Program Osteoporosis Strategy Stroke Strategy
Relevant Factor(s)	ALL

Title of Document	Injury Prevention Strategy (2007) http://www.mhp.gov.on.ca/english/injury_prevention/strategy.pdf
Summary from website	The government launched this strategy in 2007 to reduce preventable injuries in Ontario, taking a government-wide approach to injury prevention. Most injuries are not "accidents". The Ministry of Health Promotion has invested in several injury prevention initiatives since the strategy's inception. Examples include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with our injury prevention and community sport and recreation partners to distribute approximately 7,000 bicycle helmets to children and youth in need across Ontario. • Safe Kids Canada's Ontario Children's Rural Safety Program to increase public awareness of tractor related injuries in children and age-appropriate farming activities for children and youth. • Extending the Provincial Sales Tax exemption for bicycle safety equipment, including bicycle helmets, to December 31st, 2010. • Safe Communities Canada's Community-Based Injury Prevention Mobilization Initiative to pilot Safe Communities grass roots injury prevention model in five Ontario communities experiencing high rates of injury. • This investment builds on the important work already taking place through the Injury Prevention Including Substance Abuse Prevention mandatory program in Ontario's 36 Public Health Units.
Relevant Factor(s)	Physical Activity, Healthy Eating, Healthy Weights

Title of Document	Annual Report Ministry of Health Promotion 2007-2008 http://www.mhp.gov.on.ca/english/resultsplan/appendix1.asp
Summary	Annual report provides an overview of the accomplishments of the Ministry to reach their objectives.
Relevant Factor(s)	All Factors

Title of Document	Sports and Recreation Resources http://www.mhp.gov.on.ca/english/sportandrec/default.asp
Summary from website	The Ministry contributes to a strong provincial sport system and the development of athletic achievement in Ontario. It fosters the involvement of children and youth in sport and recreation, recognizing their contribution to healthy child development and positive youth development. Recreation initiatives include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communities in Action Fund (CIAF) • Ontario Trails <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trails for Life • Ontario Trails Strategy • Provincial Recreation Organizations • Youth at Risk Sports initiatives include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provincial Sport Organizations • Expectations for Fairness in Sport • International Amateur Sport Hosting Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Guidelines • Ontario Sports Awards • Long Term Athlete Development ⇨ • Quest for Gold
Relevant Factor(s)	Physical Activity

Title of Document	Ontario Trails Strategy (2005) http://www.mhp.gov.on.ca/english/sportandrec/recreation/trailsstrategy/A2010_TrailStrategy.pdf
Summary	This strategy provides the long-term plan that establishes strategic direction for planning, managing, promoting and using trails in Ontario.
Relevant Factor(s)	Physical Activity

Title of Document	Active 2010- Ontario's Sport and Physical Activity Strategy (2005) http://www.mhp.gov.on.ca/english/sportandrec/physical_activity/active2010-strategy-e.pdf
Summary from website	The goal of this strategy is to increase Ontario's sport and physical activity participation rate so that by the year 2010, at least 55 per cent of adult Ontarians aged 20 years and over are physically active.
Relevant Factor(s)	Physical Activity

11. Ontario Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure

<http://www.mei.gov.on.ca/english/>

Title of Document	Infrastructure Overview http://www.mei.gov.on.ca/english/infrastructure/
Summary	This site provides the Ministries definition of infrastructure and their challenges and solutions. "The Ontario government works with its partners such as hospitals, school boards, municipalities and transit systems to manage and maintain our existing infrastructure and to build the infrastructure needed to meet the demands of Ontario's growing population" (from website).
Relevant Factor(s)	All Factors

Title of Document	Places to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (2006) http://www.mei.gov.on.ca/english/pdf/infrastructure/growthplan_ggh.pdf
Summary	This growth plan was prepared under the Places to Grow Act 2005. It is a framework for implementing the Government of Ontario's vision for building stronger, prosperous communities by better managing growth in the region to 2031.
Relevant Factor(s)	All Factors

Title of Document	Growth Plan Draft Plan (2005) http://www.mei.gov.on.ca/english/pdf/infrastructure/growthplan_draftplan.pdf
Summary	This Plan should also be read in conjunction with relevant provincial plans, including the Greenbelt Plan, Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan and the Niagara Escarpment Plan. 3.2 POLICIES FOR INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT GROWTH 3.2.1 INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING 1. Infrastructure planning, land-use planning, and infrastructure investment will be co-ordinated to implement this Plan. PROPOSED GROWTH PLAN 21 2. Transportation system planning, land-use planning,
Relevant Factor(s)	All Factors
Title of Document	Application of a Land-Use Intensification Target for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (2005) http://www.mei.gov.on.ca/english/pdf/infrastructure/intensificationtargetforggh.pdf
Summary	This paper was prepared by Urban Strategies Inc. for the Ministry of Public Infrastructure and Renewal as input to the draft Greater Golden Horseshoe Growth Plan. It explores the back ground and application of land-use intensification target to direct development to established areas to limit urban sprawl.
Relevant Factor(s)	All Factors
Title of Document	ReNew Ontario (2005) http://www.mei.gov.on.ca/english/infrastructure/renew/index.cfm?page=homepage
Summary from website	ReNew Ontario is a plan of action that directs infrastructure investments to the areas that Ontarians have said are their priorities – health care, education and economic prosperity. It's a \$30 billion plus investment plan that signals a renaissance for Ontario's public infrastructure. There is a progress report available from 2006 and 2007.
Relevant Factor(s)	All Factors

12. Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
www.mah.gov.on.ca

Title of Document	Land-Use Planning Resources http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/Page186.aspx
Summary from website	A series of Citizens' Guides has been prepared to help you understand how the land use planning process works in Ontario. They are intended to give general information only and are not an interpretation of the Planning Act or any other act. You should refer to the legislation for specific requirements and procedures. The titles of the guides are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Planning Act 2. Official Plans 3. Zoning By-laws 4. Subdivisions 5. Land Severances 6. Ontario Municipal Board 7. Northern Ontario 8. Building Permits 9. The Plan Review and Approval Process 10. Making mediation work for you
Relevant Factor(s)	All Factors

Title of Document	Planning Legislation http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/Page212.aspx
Summary from website	<p>Different legislation from the website have been cut and pasted into this table. CIPBE members may want to click and review each of the different legislations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning Act Link to the existing legislation and regulations on the Government of Ontario E-Laws website. • Strong Communities (Planning Amendment) Act, 2004 (Bill 26) The Act received Royal Assent on November 30, 2004. It puts the public first, by opening up the planning process by allowing more time for public scrutiny, boosting environmental protection and better protecting the public interest. • Greenbelt Act, 2005 Link to the legislation on the Government of Ontario E-Laws website • Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Act, 2001 (December 14, 2001) • Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.N.2 • Development Charges Act, 1997 • Municipal Act, 2001 An Act to revise the Municipal Act and to amend or repeal other Acts in relation to municipalities • Ontario Planning and Development Act, 1994 • Road Access Act • Municipal Affairs Act • Shoreline Property Assistance Act • Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Act • Minister's Zoning Order - Regional Municipality of York, Part of the Town of Richmond Hill This order was revoked November 20, 2003. • Minister's Orders - Regional Municipality of Durham, Part of the City of Pickering ONTARIO REGULATION 154/03 made under the PLANNING ACT Made: April 17, 2003 Filed: April 22, 2003 Printed in The Ontario Gazette: May 10, 2003 Zoning Area - Regional Municipality of Durham, Part of the City of Pickering • Territorial Division Act, 2002
Relevant Factor(s)	All Factors

Title of Document	Municipal Planning and Development Tools http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/PageFactory.aspx?PageID=160
Summary from website	<p>Community Improvement Planning Handbook This handbook is intended to inform and assist municipalities and others interested in community improvement planning under section 28 of the Planning Act.</p> <p>Brownfields Brownfields redevelopment is a critical part of building strong, healthy communities. Redeveloping unused, former industrial or commercial sites will help revitalize neighbourhoods, create jobs and housing, and boost development in areas with existing transit, infrastructure and community facilities.</p> <p>Municipal Tools and Financial Resources</p> <p>Municipal Plan Review and One Window Provincial Planning Service (September 1999) - This handbook gives an overview of municipal plan review and the one window provincial planning service. The purpose of the handbook is to provide a general understanding of the various planning approval processes, outline the roles and responsibilities of the municipality and the province, and to identify strategies to assist municipalities in the delivery of municipal plan review.</p> <p>Development Permit System (DPS) Development Permit System (DPS) Information and resource materials for the DPS, a land use planning tool helping to facilitate growth and build strong communities.</p> <p>Changes to Ontario Planning Act for Persons with Disabilities Several changes to the Planning Act come into effect September 30, 2002 to support the Ontarians with Disabilities Act, which the Ontario Government passed last year. The purpose of the Ontarians with Disabilities Act is to improve access and opportunities for persons with disabilities. As a result of the passage of this Act, complementary amendments were made to several other statutes.</p> <p>Citizens Guides to Land-use Planning A series of Citizens' Guides has been prepared to help you understand how the land use planning process works in Ontario.</p> <p>A Kid's Guide to Building Great Communities: A Manual for Planners and Educators Document in PDF format from the Ontario Professional Planners Institute (OPPI)</p> <p>Municipal Quality of Life for Economic Prosperity This handbook provides information to help municipalities make the connection between quality-of-life and economic prosperity.</p>
Relevant Factor(s)	All Factors

Title of Document	Municipal Performance Measurement Program http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/Page297.aspx
Summary from website	<p>The Municipal Performance Measurement Program (MPMP) is an initiative designed to provide taxpayers with useful information on service delivery and municipalities with a tool to improve those services over time. The program requires municipalities to collect data to measure their performance in 12 core municipal service areas.</p> <p>Documents 2008 Letter from Minister to Heads of Council; 2008 Reporting Schedule and List of Measures for 2008</p> <p>Templates (Templates for Reporting 2007 MPMP Results to the Public)</p> <p>Forms for Libraries 2008 Forms for Libraries</p> <p>MPMP Summary of 2005 Results</p> <p>Municipal Performance Measurement Program Handbook</p> <p>Fostering Innovation and Accountability in Local Government - Ontario's Municipal Performance Measurement Program Article published by the Government Finance Review journal</p> <p>Provincial - Territorial Charrette on Municipal Performance and its Measurement - Report on Proceedings Archives Previous years' program documents, templates, announcements...</p> <p><i>Measures for 2008 regarding PARKS AND RECREATION:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10.1 Operating costs for parks per person 10.2 Operating costs for recreation programs per person 10.3 Operating costs for recreation facilities per person 10.4 Operating costs for recreation programs and recreation facilities per person (Subtotal) 10.5 Total kilometres of trails and total kilometres of trails per 1,000 persons 10.6 Hectares of open space and hectares of open space per 1,000 persons (municipally owned) 10.7 Total participant hours for recreation programs per 1,000 persons 10.8 Square metres of indoor recreation facilities and square metres of indoor recreation facilities per 1,000 persons (municipally owned) 10.9 Square metres of outdoor recreation facility space and square metres of outdoor recreation facility space per 1,000 persons (municipally owned)

	<p><i>Measures for 2008 regarding LAND USE PLANNING</i></p> <p>12.1 Percentage of new residential units located within settlement areas</p> <p>12.2 Percentage of land designated for agricultural purposes which was not re-designated for other uses during the reporting year</p> <p>12.3 Percentage of land designated for agricultural purposes which was not re-designated for other uses relative to the base year of 2000</p> <p>12.4 Number of hectares of land originally designated for agricultural purposes which was re-designated for other uses during the reporting year</p> <p>12.5 Number of hectares of land originally designated for agricultural purposes which was re-designated for other uses since January 1, 2000</p>
Relevant Factor(s)	Physical Activity, Healthy Weights

Title of Document	E-Learning Tools: Community Planning Resources http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/Page4747.aspx
Summary	Online tools related to land-use planning.
Relevant Factor(s)	All Factors

13. Ontario Ministry of Transportation

<http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/>

Title of Document	MTO 2008-2009 Accessibility Plan http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/pubs/access08/partE.shtml
Summary from website	The Facilities and Business Services Branch as well as the Provincial Highways Management Division work closely with the appropriate parties including service providers, Ontario Realty Corporation (ORC) and building management with respect to improving built environment accessibility features.
Relevant Factor(s)	Physical Activity, Alcohol Consumption

Title of Document	Accessibility for Ontarians with a Disability Act, 2005- Built Environment Standards Development Committee- Terms of References 2008 http://www.mcss.gov.on.ca/NR/rdonlvres/2E04D495-93B1-4A21-9CFE-C18971821A30/1998/builttor08.pdf
Summary document	Scope of the proposed Built Environment Accessibility Standard For the purpose of discussion and development of a proposed Built Environment Accessibility Standard, the focus is to be on built public open spaces and streetscape elements as well as building elements in a range of occupancies. Occupancies may include, but are not limited to, business and industrial occupancies, multi-residential occupancies, hotels, motels, assembly occupancies such as theatres, recreational facilities, interior and exterior transportation infrastructure (boarding platforms, facilities, bus stops, etc.).
Relevant Factor(s)	Physical Activity, Healthy Weights, Exposure to Ultraviolet radiation

Title of Document	Sustainable Transforum (2007) http://sustainabletransforum.ca/
Summary from website	The Ministry of Transportation is committed to enhancing the sustainability of Ontario's transportation system. On May 28 and 29, 2007, the ministry hosted Ontario's first Sustainable Transportation Forum, known as the TransForum. The TransForum brought together local and international thought leaders, academics, environmentalists, industry, and policy makers to share ideas about opportunities for innovation that could result in improved transportation. This link includes the conference report, presentations and forum overview. It hosts a wealth of information on topics such as active transportation, public transit and transportation demand management.
Relevant Factor(s)	Physical Activity, Healthy Weights

Title of Document	Highway Traffic Act (last amendment 2008) http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/statutes/english/elaws_statutes_90h08_e.htm
Summary from website	Legislation that governs highways and roads in Ontario.
Relevant Factor(s)	Physical Activity, Alcohol Consumption

Title of Document	Bill 203- Safer Roads for Safer Ontario Act http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/about/bill203.shtml
Summary	This legislation targets drinking drivers and street racing.
Relevant Factor(s)	Physical Activity, Alcohol Consumption

Title of Document	Ontario Road Safety Annual Reports http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/safety/orsar/index.shtml
Summary from website	The Ontario Road Safety Annual Report (ORSAR) shows the current state of road safety in Ontario for the year that it is produced. Statistics are presented on fatalities, injuries and property damage collisions. Other information includes the types of vehicles involved in collisions, where collisions occurred, and conviction data. These reports provide statistics on types of collisions and injuries by different modes of travel including cycling.
Relevant Factor(s)	Physical Activity, Alcohol Consumption

14. Ontario Professional Planners Institute
www.ontarioplanners.on.ca

Title of Document	Plan for the Needs of Children and Youth. A Call to Action: Ontario Professional Planners Institute (2009) http://www.ontarioplanners.on.ca/pdf/plan%20for%20the%20needs%20of%20children%20and%20youth%20oppi%20call%20to%20action%20final%20version.pdf
Summary document	This Call to Action highlights <i>Child and Youth Friendly Land-Use and Transportation Guidelines</i> , a document prepared by the Centre for Sustainable Transportation at the University of Winnipeg.
Relevant Factor(s)	Physical Activity, Healthy Weights, Exposure to Ultraviolet radiation

Title of Document	Healthy Communities, Sustainable Communities A Call to Action: Ontario Professional Planners Institute http://www.ontarioplanners.on.ca/pdf/hsc_call_to_action_2007.pdf
Summary from document	As a call to action, OPPI believes the following five issues require immediate priority attention by all those with an interest and involvement in planning our communities and our future. To be successful in creating healthy and sustainable communities, we must collectively: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Refine and verify the results of the public health work on the relationship between sprawl and poor health outcomes, including obesity, to better develop land use and transportation design responses to Ontario's unique built environment. 2. Develop design measures and transportation modelling methods to better balance walking, cycling, and public transit with the demands of automobiles. 3. Prepare more sensitive land-use compatibility guidelines to address noise, odour, and air contaminants associated with the mixed land uses and higher densities required by Ontario's growth management policies. 4. Develop planning policies and methods appropriate to different contexts, including in economically declining regions and municipalities, by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encouraging markets for locally grown agricultural produce; • Finding innovative local uses for lands and resources in rural and northern communities; and • Scaling services in declining rural and urban communities to match community needs. • Ensure that planning analysis and decisions enable local communities to take control and manage change sustainable.
Relevant Factor(s)	Physical Activity, Healthy Eating, Healthy Weights, Exposure to Ultraviolet radiation

Title of Document	Healthy Sustainable Communities 2007 http://www.ontarioplanners.on.ca/pdf/Healthy_Sustainable_Communities_2007.pdf
Summary from website	OPPI has prepared a position paper focusing on healthy and sustainable communities that emphasizes the importance of urban design, active transportation, and green infrastructure. The paper also explores the links between public health and land use planning and includes strategies for collaborating on tangible actions that result in healthier communities.
Relevant Factor(s)	Physical Activity, Healthy Eating, Healthy Weights, Exposure to Ultraviolet radiation

15. Parks and Recreation Ontario

www.prontario.org

Title of Document	Investing in Healthy and Active Ontarians through Park and Recreation Infrastructure: A Summary of Trends and Recommendations (2007) http://www.prontario.org/pdf/Infrastructure_Report_Jul07.pdf
Summary from website	This report provides compelling data, trends and recommendations on the current crisis in parks and recreation infrastructure in Ontario. The vast majority of publicly-owned recreation facilities were built between 1956 and 1980, and are in desperate need of retrofit or replacement.
Relevant Factor(s)	Physical Activity, Healthy Weights

Title of Document	Affordable Access to Parks and Recreation Services: A Policy Development Framework (no date listed) http://www.prontario.org/AffordAccessOrderForm.pdf
Summary from document	This policy framework is a planning and management tool that can be used to compliment other initiatives – including effective long range planning and performance evaluation, revenue enhancements, partnerships and alternative service delivery. This is the order form for the report and there is a fee for the full document. This practical resource provides
Relevant Factor(s)	Physical Activity, Healthy Weights

Title of Document	Access to Recreation for Low Income Families http://www.prontario.org/initiatives.html#perf
Summary from website	Parks and Recreation Ontario (PRO) along with other national, provincial and territorial associations were involved in the development of a national policy on access to recreation for low income families. PRO has set an objective and action plan to create awareness of the issue, build partnerships committed to action and provide tools and resources to help mobilize communities to provide recreation without barriers for low-income families, especially children and youth.
Relevant Factor(s)	Physical Activity, Healthy Weights

Title of Document	Facility Inventory Tracking System (FITS) http://www.prontario.org/initiatives.html#perf
Summary from April 2008 PRO Newsletter	<p>At the 2008 Forum and Trade Show, PRO showcased a new database for sport and recreation infrastructure. The Facility Inventory Tracking System (FITS) was developed by the Alberta Recreation and Parks Association (ARPA) and PRO has partnered with ARPA to bring this database to Ontario. FITS is a powerful tool that allows municipal and not-for-profit facility operators and managers to input and track a wide range of information - from square footage, to age, to usage, to staffing and wages. As soon as the information is entered, the user can immediately compare their facility with facilities in communities of a similar size. It will also be the primary method of collecting data for PRO's continued advocacy work concerning infrastructure investment! FITS provides:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legacy of information about your facilities • Reports that show you about other facilities across Ontario – and how you compare • Access to information for planning processes • Information for more effective advocacy aimed to increase the funding programs that support community sport, parks and recreation infrastructure • Wages, Rates and Fees Comparative Information • Information for Grant and Funding Development <p>The FITS system, which is free of charge to all PRO members, Ontario municipalities and not-for-profits, will be launched with local workshops across Ontario and online demonstrations over the next few months. If you are interested in having a demo in your community, please contact Diane English at PRO (denglish@prontario.org).</p>
Relevant Factor(s)	Physical Activity, Healthy Weights

16. Ontario Recreation Facilities Association

www.orfa.com

Title of Document	Promoting Healthy Eating in Arena's (newsletter article) http://www.orfa.com/orfaoldweb/enews/Vol08_01.htm
Summary from website	Promoting Healthy Eating in Arenas Five arenas within five different municipalities are participating in the Healthy Eating in Arenas Project to implement healthier food choices in their concessions. Ajax Community Centre, Beaverton-Thorah Community Centre, Garnet B. Rickard Recreation Complex, Legends Centre (Oshawa), Scugog Community Recreation Centre. For more information on the Healthy Eating in Arenas Project [more...]
Relevant Factor(s)	Physical Activity, Healthy Eating, Healthy Weights

Title of Document	ORFA: Vision and Mission Statement (2009) http://www.orfa.com/orfaoldweb/enews/PDF/ORFA%20Corporate%20Identity%202009-2011%20-%20One%20Page%20-%20Final%20Jan%202009.pdf
Summary	The revised vision and mission statements will guide the organization over the next three years. Includes a statement that “recreation facilities contribute to a healthy community”
Relevant Factor(s)	Physical Activity, Healthy Eating, Healthy Weights,

17. **Ontario Trails Council**
www.ontariotrails.on.ca

Title of Document	Accessing Ontario Trail Network Data http://www.ontariotrails.on.ca/trail-news-events-2/ontario-trail-network-1/
Summary from website	<p>Land Information Ontario is working with OTN users and managers to define the data standards, collection methods, and long-term data maintenance strategies for trail data.</p> <p>If your organization is involved in trails in any way, we encourage you to contact Land Information Ontario. Help us capture data in digital form by entering into data sharing partnership agreements.</p> <p><i>How to Access OTN Data</i></p> <p>Beginning in the spring of 2008, the OTN will be available to qualified organizations and MNR Base Data users. Eligible organizations must become members of the Ontario Geospatial Data Exchange and enter into a license agreement(s). With these agreements in place, OTN data and regular updates will be available at no cost from the LIO Warehouse.</p>
Relevant Factor(s)	Physical Activity