

DATE: March 26, 2002

TO: Chairman and Members of the Planning and Development Committee

FROM: Thomas S. Mokrzycki, Commissioner of Planning and Building

SUBJECT: **2001 Census Update - Population and Dwelling Counts**
MEETING DATE: April 15, 2002

ORIGIN: Planning and Building Department

BACKGROUND: On May 15, 2001 Statistics Canada conducted the 2001 Census of Canada. The first data release from the 2001 Census occurred on March 12, 2002 and provided counts of population and dwelling units.

COMMENTS: Attached under separate cover is a newsletter titled "*2001 Census Update: Population and Dwelling Counts*" which provides information from the first data release of the 2001 Census.

Highlights from the newsletter are as follows:

- Mississauga's population was reported as 612,925 persons making it the seventh largest city in Canada. Further, based on housing starts since the census took place, Mississauga has surpassed Winnipeg in total population making Mississauga the sixth largest city in Canada;

- Municipalities in the Region of Peel continued to experience strong growth. Caledon grew by 26.8% earning it the distinction of being Canada's 15th fastest growing municipality. Brampton with a growth rate of 21.3% also made the fastest growing list in 21st place;
- In terms of percentage growth, Mississauga grew by a relatively modest 12.6%. However, Mississauga's absolute population growth of 68,543 persons was the highest of any municipality in the Regions of Durham, Halton, Peel and York or any of the former municipalities in the new City of Toronto;
- The new City of Toronto accounts for approximately half of the population of the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). Among the regions in the GTA, Peel continues to be the largest, however, York experienced the highest growth rate;
- With a population of approximately 4.7 million people, Toronto continues to be Canada's largest Census Metropolitan Area (CMA)¹. The strong growth in the Toronto CMA is largely fuelled in immigration;
- The Province of Ontario has a population of approximately 11.4 million people, making it approximately 4.2 million larger than Quebec, the second largest province, and 7.5 million larger than British Columbia, the third largest province;
- Between 1996 and 2001, Canada's population increased by approximately 1.2 million people to surpass the 30 million people mark. This represents a growth of 4%, which is one

¹ A census metropolitan area (CMA) is a very large urban area (know as the urban core) together with adjacent urban and rural areas (know as urban and rural fringes) that have a high degree of social and economic integration with the urban core. A CMA has an urban core population of at least 100,000, based on the previous census. The boundaries of the Toronto CMA include all of the City of Toronto and the Regions of Peel and York and portions of the Regions of Halton and Durham and the County of Simcoe.

of the smallest census-to-census increases Canada has experienced.

Additional data releases are planned by Statistics Canada as follows:

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| July 16, 2002 | Age and sex; |
| October 22, 2002 | Marital status, common-law status, families, dwellings, households and collectives; |
| December 10, 2002 | Language, mobility and migration; |
| January 21, 2003 | Citizenship, immigration, birthplace and birthplace of parents, ethnic origin, visible minorities and Aboriginal peoples; |
| February 11, 2003 | Labour force activity, class of worker, occupation, industry, place of work, mode of transportation, language of work and unpaid work; |
| March 11, 2003 | School attendance, education, field of study, highest level of schooling and earnings; |
| May 13, 2003 | Religion, income of individuals, families and households, social and economic characteristics of individuals, families and households and shelter costs. |

As data are released, information newsletters will be prepared. These newsletters will also be posted on the City website.

CONCLUSION:

The first data release from the 2001 Census of Canada occurred on March 12, 2002 and provided counts of population and dwelling units. An information newsletter with highlights from that data has been prepared. As additional data are released information newsletters will also be prepared and placed on the City website.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the report titled "*2001 Census Update - Population and Dwelling Counts*", dated March 26, 2002, from the Commissioner of Planning and Building be received for information.

Original Signed By: _____
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