

# Comments on York Region Draft Official Plan

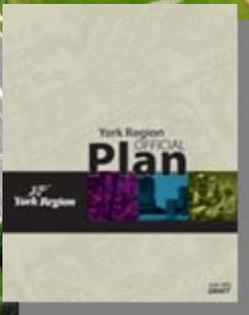


Development Services Committee

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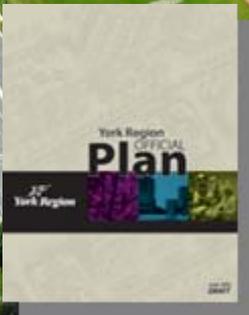
# Summary Draft Regional Official Plan

- Released June 17, 2009
- Presentation to DSC September 15, 2009
- Statutory Public Meeting October 7, 2009
- Report back to Regional Committee & Council in November
- Adoption prior to year end
- Province is approval authority



## Staff Comments

- **Generally supportive of policies and directions**
- **High level comments:**
  - Policies
  - Studies, Phasing & Implementation
  - Definitions & Mapping
- **Detail comments in Appendix**



# Policies

## 1. Environment

- Regional Greenland System generally consistent with Town's Greenway System
- Regional Greenland Vision should extend along the Greenbelt protected corridor of the Little Rouge
- Enhancement of Local System
- Include a Rouge Park Policy





# Policies

## 2. Growth Forecasts

- Location of new communities & employment land
- Town can accommodate forecast (meet or exceed intensification target)
- Urban boundary expansion

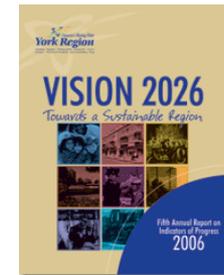
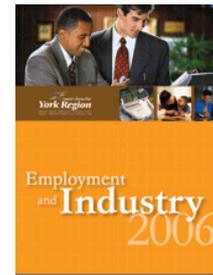
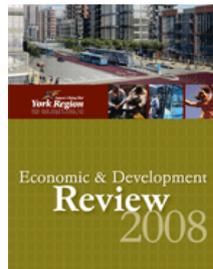
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## 3. Employment

- Clarify “strategic Employment Lands”
- Buttonville Airport
- Major Retail





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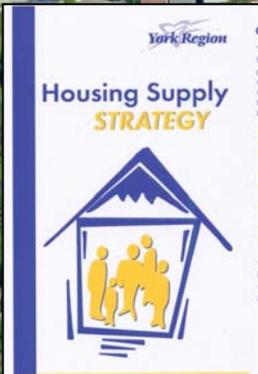
## 4. Sustainable Communities

- Triple bottom line
- LEED rating system
- Provincial legislation

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## 5. Affordable Housing

- 25% Region wide and 35% in centres & corridors
- Update Region wide housing requirement study & housing supply strategy
- Challenges to implementation
- Secondary Suites





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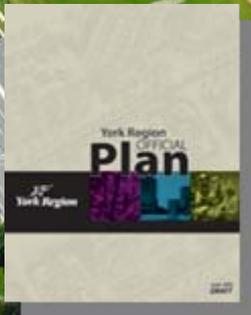
## 6. Water, Wastewater & Transportation

- Water & Wastewater Master Plan & Transportation Master Plan
- Commuter lots outside intensification areas
- Transit fair integration
- Alternative regional street design
- Climate change – strategy for adapting to climate change in water and wastewater design standards and criteria
- Extend transit priority roads



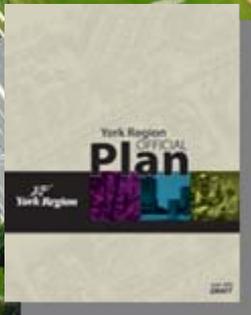
# Study Requirements, Phasing Mechanisms & Implementation

- New study requirements (Community & Energy Plans, Mobility Plans)
- Requirements around timing & responsibility need clarification
- Need for phasing policy related to intensification tied to delivery of infrastructure



## Definitions & Mapping

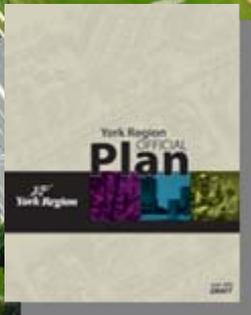
- Need for more definitions and clarity
  - Significant woodlands
  - Sensitive or significant recharge areas
  - Regional linkages
  - Net ecological gain
  - Employment area and employment land area
  - Strategic employment area
  - Major retail
  - Key development area
  - Social housing
  - Affordable
  - Conservation of Significant cultural heritage resources
  - At, and adjacent to,



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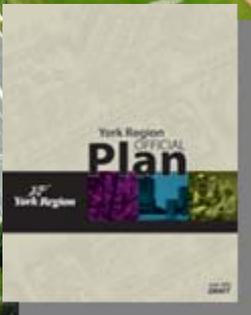
## Mapping Corrections

- Map 1 – Regional Structure
- Map 2 – Regional Greenlands System
- Map 3 – Environmentally Significant Areas and Life Science Area of Natural and Scientific Interest
- Map 4 – Key Hydrologic Features
- Map 5 – Significant Woodlands
- Map 7 – Wellhead Protection Areas
- Map 8 – Agricultural and Rural Areas
- Map 10 – Cycling Master Plan
- Map 11 – Transit Network
- Map 12 – Street Network
- Figure 2 - York Region Strategic Employment Lands



## Recommendation

- Comments in the report & appendix be forwarded to the Region as Markham's preliminary response to the Region's request for input on the draft Regional OP
- Further comments to be provided to the Region as Markham Council provides further direction with respect to the Town's GMS
- Staff be authorized to do all things to give effect to this resolution.



# Discussion