

**EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
February 23, 2010
MOTIONS**

(1) GROWTH MANAGEMENT STRATEGY (10.0)

Whereas Markham is working on its Growth Management Strategy and preparing a new Official Plan; and

Whereas in this process, Markham is dealing with provincial and regional mandated population targets of 151,000 additional residents between 2006 and 2031; and

Whereas approximately 30,000 have already been accommodated to 2010 within Markham's current urban boundary; and

Whereas, according to the Town's 60% intensification option, at least 90,000 new residents can be accommodated within the existing urban boundary in single-family, semi, townhouse, low-rise condo, and high-rise condo units within proximity to anticipated higher-order transit; and

Whereas 40,000 of the 151,000 are proposed to be accommodated within the "white-belt" residential area outside the current urban boundary; and

Whereas neighbouring municipalities in the Greater Toronto Area are also conducting studies and devising strategies to accommodate provincial growth targets, and some municipalities have excess capacity in areas already served by higher-order transit, to which an allocation could be transferred by the Province and / or York Region; and

Whereas food security, the potential loss of Class #1 agricultural farmland (of which all the remaining farmland in Markham is) and climate change are priority factors for Markham in planning its Growth Management Strategy and new Official Plan; and

Whereas the addition of 40,000 residents in the "white-belt" (generally north of Major Mackenzie) which may not be served by higher-order transit for decades if ever, will add unmanageable additional traffic to Markham's gridlock and infiltration headaches in residential communities, both of which are experienced regularly by current Markham residents;

Now therefore be it resolved:

1) That Markham request the Province and York Region to reduce the population target for Markham in its new Official Plan by 40,000; and

2) That Markham's new Official Plan not include any expansion of the urban boundary beyond what is in the current Official Plan.

DEFERRED

(See following motion to defer)

The Notice of Motion (1) titled Growth Management Strategy was distributed to Council at its meeting held on February 9, 2010 (moved by Deputy Mayor J. Heath and seconded by Regional Councillor J. Virgilio).

**Moved by Councillor D. Horchik
Seconded by Councillor C. Moretti**

That Motion (1), titled Growth Management Strategy, be deferred until such time as the Markham's Growth Alternatives to 2031 is considered by Council.

**CARRIED BY A RECORDED VOTE (9:2)
(See following recorded vote)**

YEAS: Mayor F. Scarpitti, Deputy Mayor J. Heath, Regional Councillor G. Landon, Regional Councillor J. Virgilio, Councillor V. Burke, Councillor E. Shapero, Councillor D. Hamilton, Councillor C. Moretti, Councillor D. Horchik. (9)

NAYS: Regional Councillor J. Jones, Councillor J. Webster. (2)

ABSENT: Councillor L. Kanapathi, Councillor A. Chiu. (2)

(See following motion to move the matter forward)

**Moved by Councillor D. Horchik
Seconded by Councillor E. Shapero**

That Council consider Motion 1 titled Growth Management Strategy immediately following the receipt of Delegation Nos. (1) to (12).

CARRIED