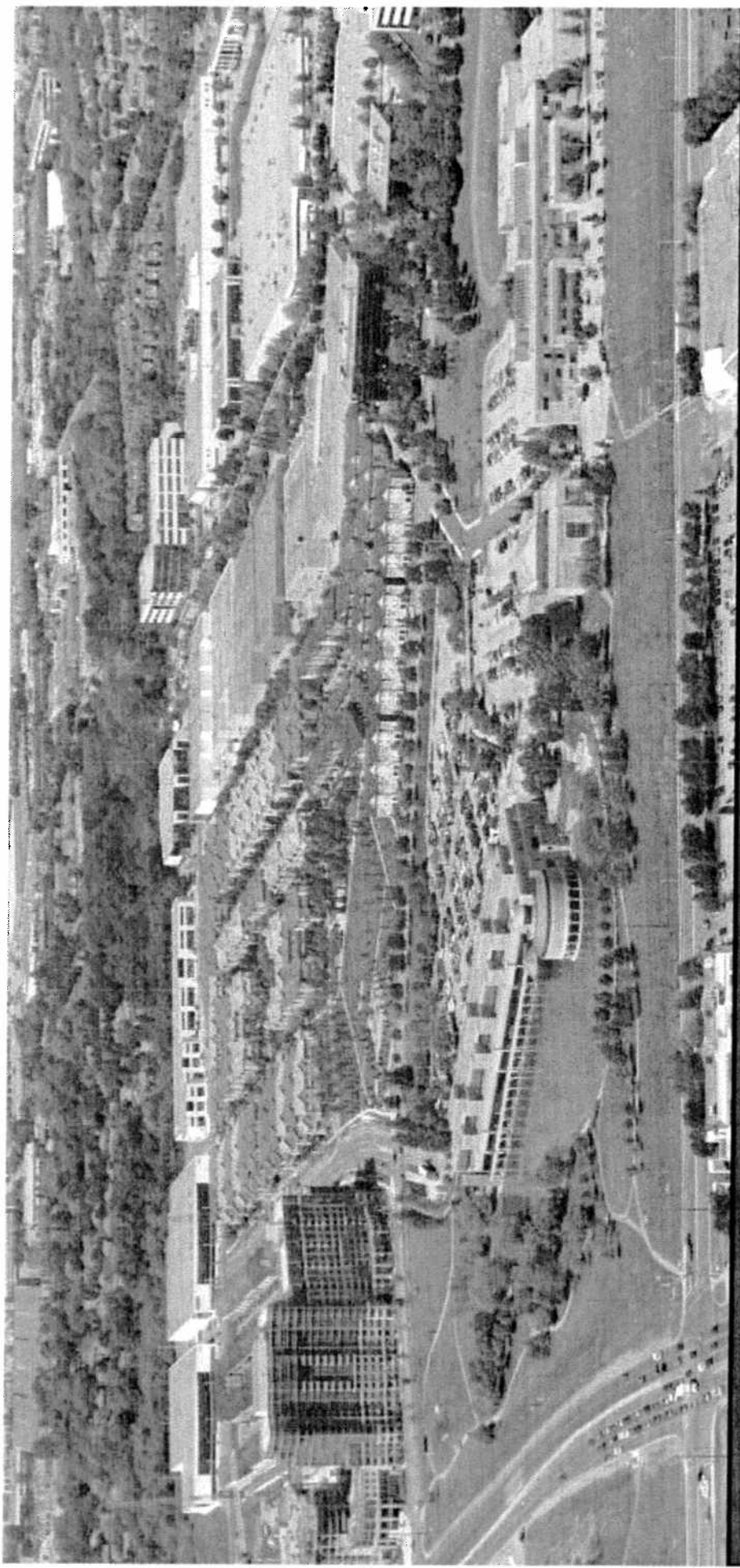




Update on Markham Official Plan Program

Development Services Committee

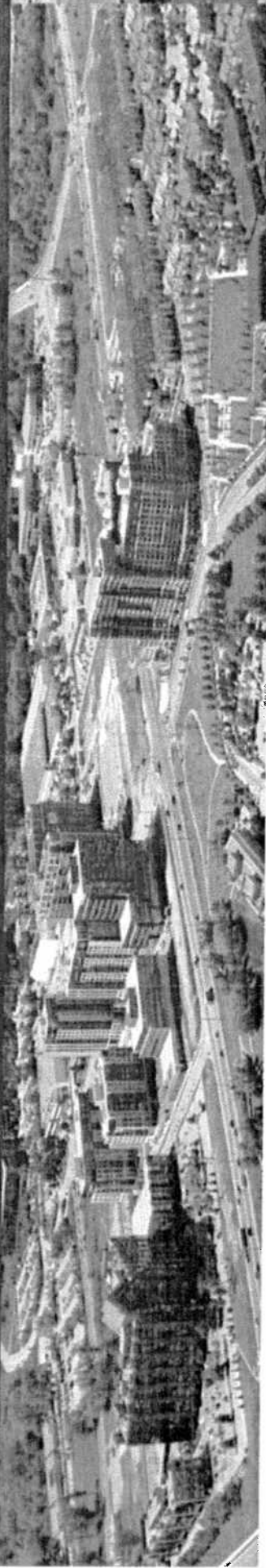
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Presentation Outline



- 2011 Official Plan Program
- Policy Guidance and Conformity
- Official Plan Structure
- Town Structure and Land Use Policy
- Transportation
- Official Plan Implementation
- Potential Policy Issues
- 2012 Official Plan Program

Official Plan Program, 2011



Council
authorization to
commence
Official Plan
Program
February

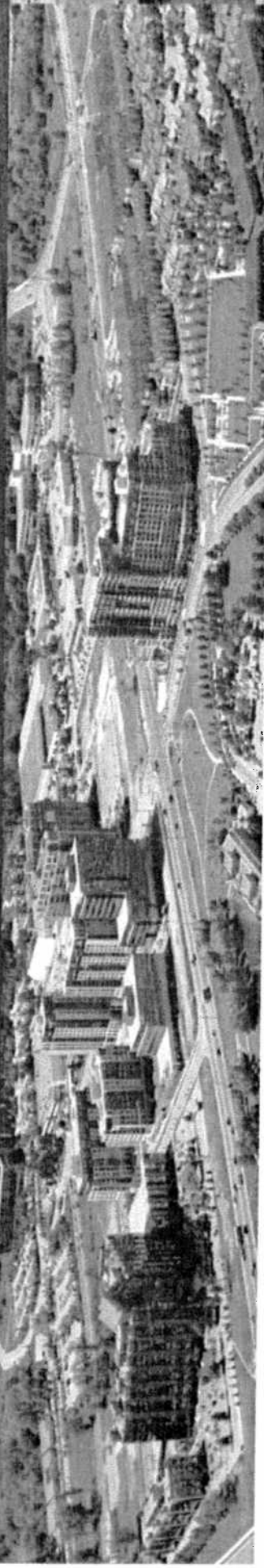
Council Open
House/Public
Meeting
April

First round of
stakeholder
consultation
meetings
April and May

Report to DSC on
stakeholder
consultation
June

Policy studies,
drafting of new
Official Plan
June through
December

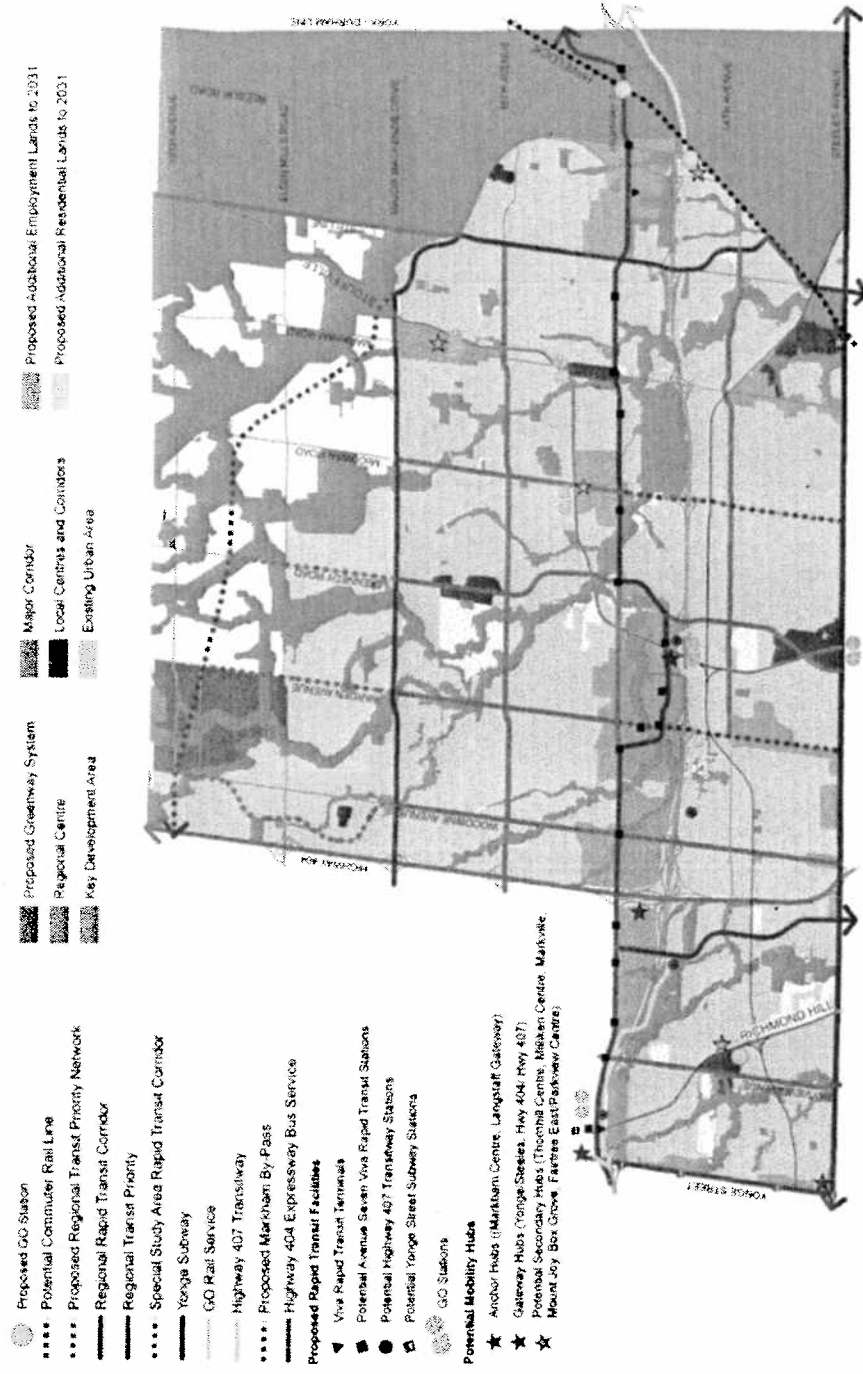
Policy Guidance and Conformity



- Provincial Legislation – Acts and Plans
- Region of York
 - Official Plan – growth forecasts and policies
 - Master Plans – Transportation and Servicing infrastructure
 - Strategies – housing, social services, sustainability
- Markham Endorsed Growth Alternative
- Town Strategy Documents
- Official Plan Strategic Objectives
- Policy Studies
- Consultation Commentary

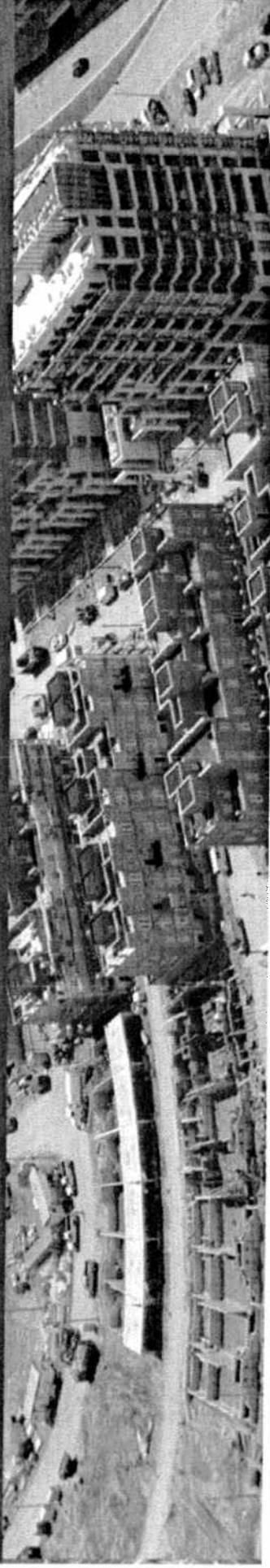
Markham Endorsed Growth Alternative

- Alternative endorsed April 2010
- Accommodates growth from 470,000 to 660,000 persons and jobs by 2031
- Increased intensification focussed on improved transit; 80% of growth within current urban area, balance in limited expansion of urban area
- Incorporates Greenway System and agricultural lands
- Aligns with transportation system improvements planned by Metrolinx and Region
- Supports sustainable community design, transit investment, diversity of housing and employment opportunities, vibrant and resilient economy
- Complements BMFT objectives and initiatives



Towards a Sustainable Community

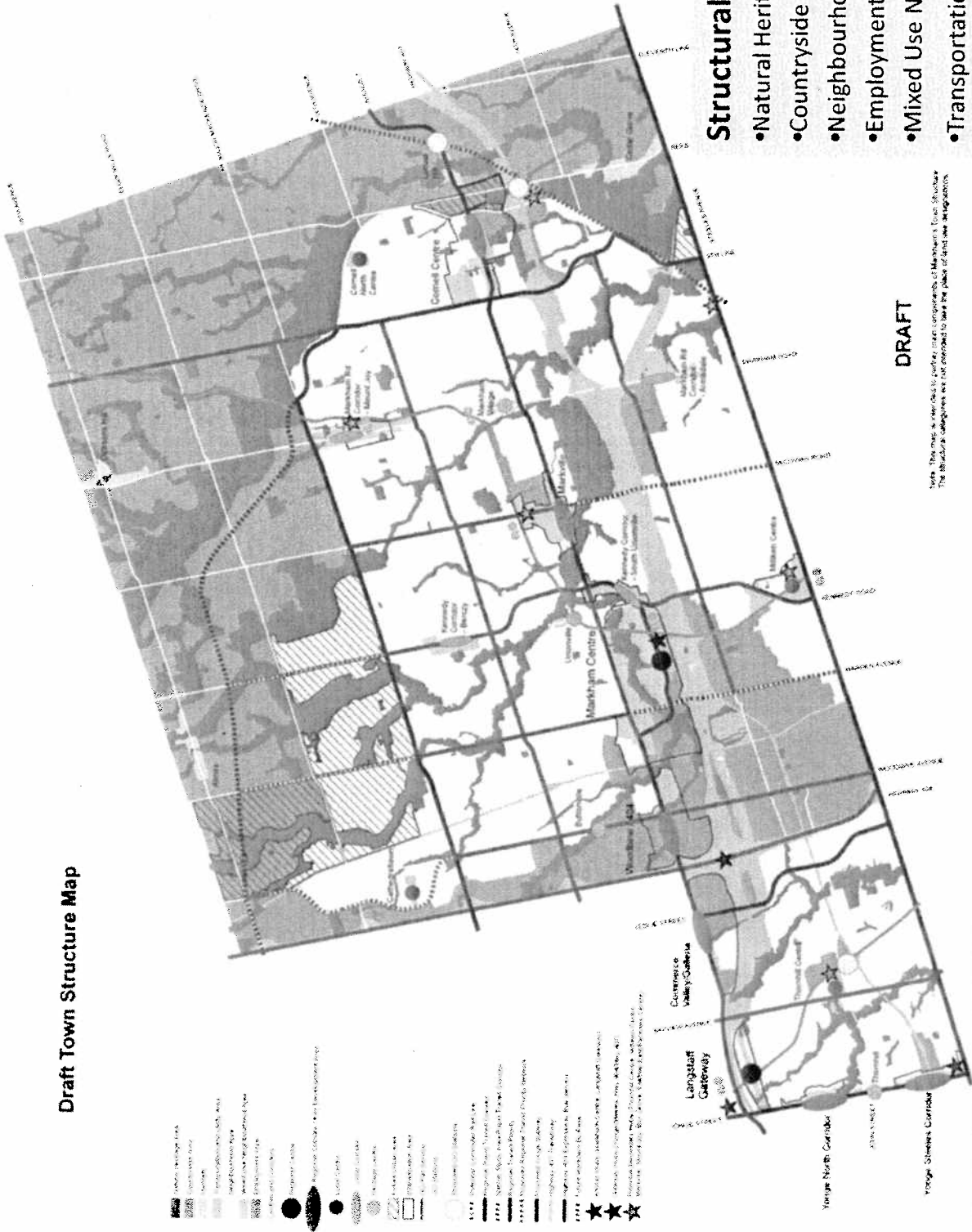
Official Plan Structure



- Planning for Markham's Future
- A Framework for Sustainable Growth
- Protecting the Environment
- Managing the Countryside
- Building a Sustainable Community
- Planning for Transportation Systems
- Providing for Municipal Services
- Land Use Designations
- Implementation and Interpretation

Town Structure and Land Use Policy

Draft Town Structure Map



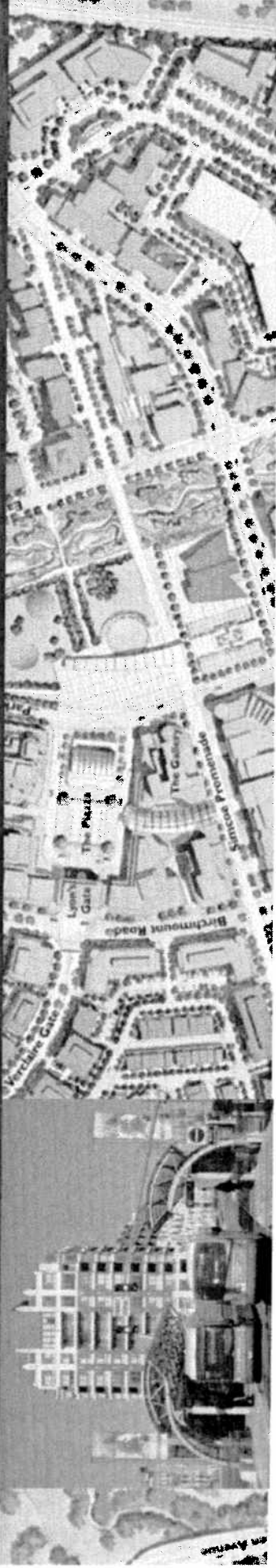
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Structural Components

- Natural Heritage Area
- Countryside Area
- Neighbourhood Area
- Employment Area
- Mixed Use Neighbourhood Area
- Transportation and Utility Area

Transportation

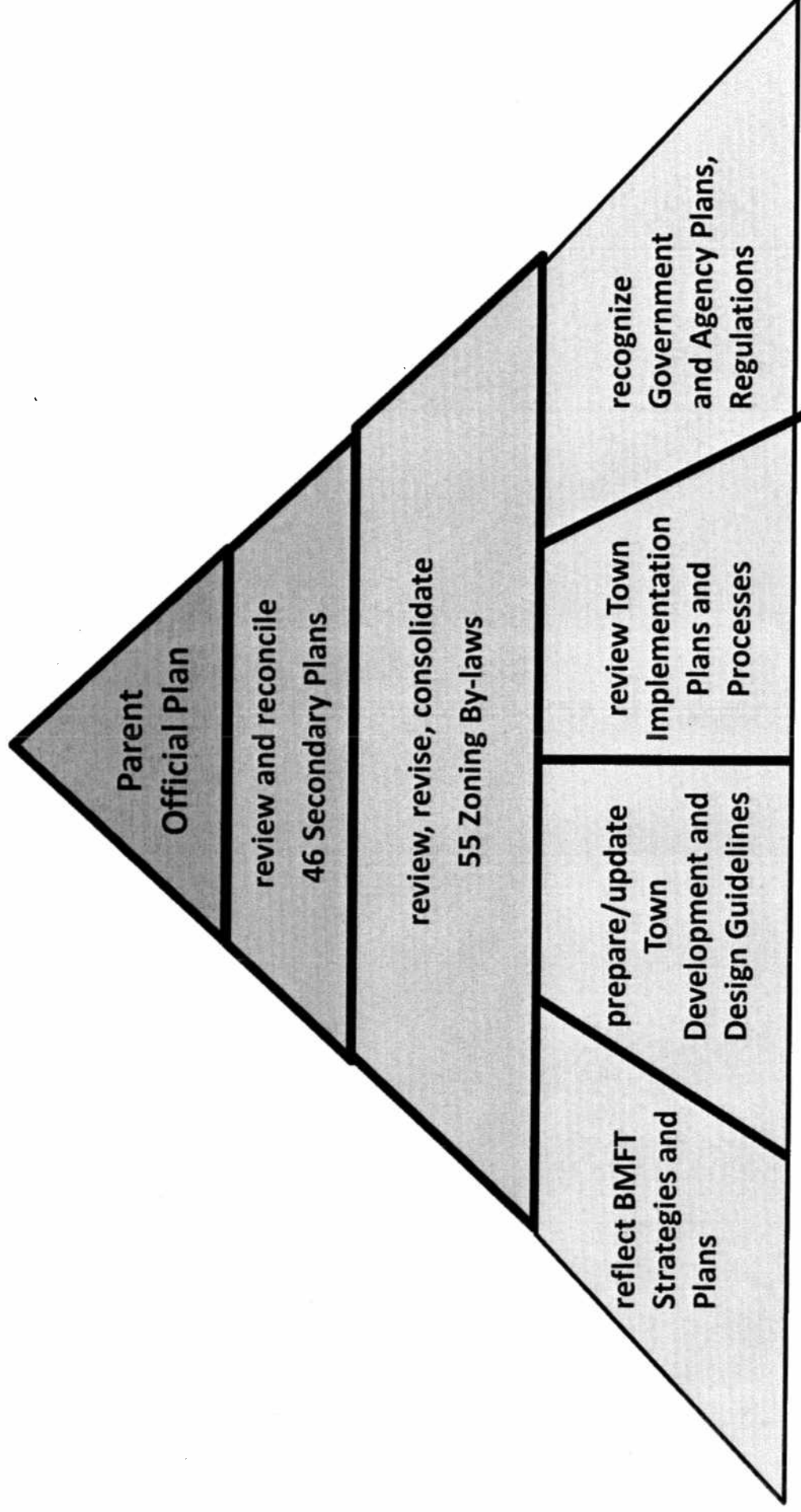


- Timing of transportation system improvements is important to the phasing of development
- Presentation of Draft Markham Transportation Strategic Plan (MTSP), to DSC November 8, 2011
- 4 Community Meetings in November 2011 on the draft MTSP
- Final MTSP will be submitted to Council in February, 2012
- Town Staff working with our consultants to draft OP policy

Transportation Strategic Plan Elements

- Transit and Pedestrian-Oriented Development
- Transit
- Cycling
- Roads
- Parking
- Transportation Demand Management (TDM)
- Goods Movement
- Road Safety
- Intelligent Transportation Systems
- Funding Strategy
- Phasing/Implementation

Official Plan Implementation



Potential Interest in Policy Matters



- Greenway System boundary and policies
- Reservation of land for agriculture
- Amount and location of future growth
- Intensification and mix of uses in centres and corridors
- Community design and built form
- Diversification of housing stock – type, tenure, affordability
- Supply and protection of employment lands
- Future infrastructure capacity – servicing, transportation, community
- Development and infrastructure phasing

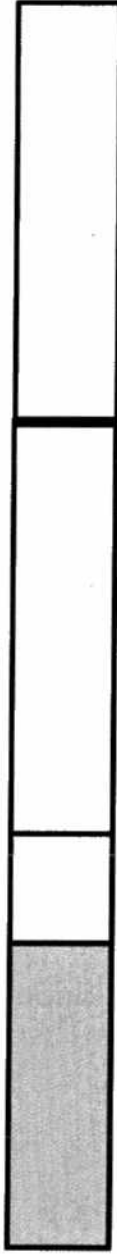
Program for Preparing a New Official Plan

2011 2012 2013

Consultation &
Communication



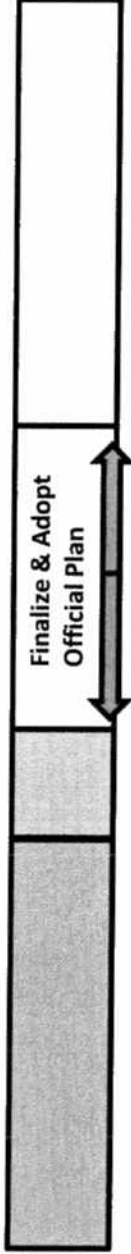
Prepare Policy Framework



Completion of Studies,
Research for Policy
Development



Completion of Draft
Official Plan



Reconciliation/Preparation
of Secondary Plans



2012 Official Plan Program

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2012

Review first Draft
of Official Plan
with DSC
Approve
consultation
program

Circulate Draft
Official Plan
Proceed with
stakeholder
consultation

Evaluate/discuss
stakeholder
comments on
Draft Official Plan

Report on comments,
hold Public Meeting,
finalize Official Plan
for adoption

2013

Submit adopted
Official Plan to
Region for
approval

Towards a Sustainable Community

Next Steps



- Review of draft Official Plan with Development Services Committee
- Secure approval of consultation program re draft Official Plan
- Secure approval to circulate draft Official Plan and consult with Stakeholders



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