

## APPENDIX 'B': SUMMARY OF CITY COMMITTEE AND ADVISORY GROUP COMMENTS

COMMITTEE & ADVISORY GROUPS	
Accessibility Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider using another term for 'walkable' and 'pedestrian-friendly'</li> <li>• Consider inclusion of photos of people of various physical abilities in the Plan</li> <li>• Committee indicated an interest in having a University in Markham.</li> </ul>
Agricultural Advisory Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Committee supports the approach taken by Markham in protecting remaining agricultural lands from non-agricultural uses and ensuring policies are included to support secondary uses to support viable farming operations.</li> <li>• Community garden policies seem to be specific to public lands and not private lands. Community gardens should be permitted in all land uses, where appropriate and feasible.</li> <li>• Official Plan identifies sod and horse farms as a non-agricultural use. These farms are registered farm businesses which are eligible to receive a 25% tax rate and therefore should be recognized as normal farm practices.</li> <li>• Flexibility should be provided around location of buildings associated with secondary uses. Clustering of buildings as recommended by the Official Plan may be in conflict with bio-security requirements.</li> <li>• Lands within the Greenway should also adhere to the provincial minimum distance separation formulae.</li> <li>• Flexibility should be provided to ensure that existing agricultural operations can continue on lands that could become a vegetation protection zone.</li> </ul>
Environmental Advisory Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is meant by brownfields?</li> <li>• How does this document relate to the Province? Is it approved by the Province?</li> <li>• How does the Greenprint work with the Plan?</li> <li>• Does the Plan address creating complete communities?</li> <li>• Concerned with mixed use and residential mid-rise in Cornell Centre being constructed prior to the construction of enhanced transportation systems.</li> <li>• How does 33% coverage of Greenway relate to other municipalities?</li> <li>• How defensible is the 30 metre vegetation protection zone?</li> <li>• How will the small streams noted on Appendix B be protected?</li> </ul>
Heritage Markham	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Several suggestions were provided for wording changes, Heritage policy issues, lot severances, developing Secondary Plans, enforcement of heritage agreements and obligations, developing enforceable strategies such as a heritage property standards by-law, focusing on the exterior and not the interior of residential structures, and the advice/comment/recommendation function of Heritage Markham. The group was also concerned with the reference to</li> </ul>

	<p>cultural heritage as this term implies use rather than the resource itself.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure that Yonge Street is referred to as a Heritage Main Street</li> </ul>
MAGIC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the criteria for deciding which Secondary Plans need to be updated?</li> <li>• What is meant by 2.5 FSI? Will we have 50 storey buildings?</li> <li>• How is the Thornlea Revitalization study being reflected in the Draft Official Plan?</li> <li>• How does the Official Plan reflect the Metrolinx Plan? What is first, transportation or development?</li> <li>• What is planned for Major Mackenzie Drive?</li> <li>• What land is available for office in Markham Centre with lands being used for arena, MISTA, etc.?</li> <li>• How can we ensure buildings are appropriate for surrounding neighbourhood?</li> <li>• How does the development industry feel about this Plan? Does the Draft Official Plan strengthen the City's position at the OMB relative to the existing Plan?</li> <li>• Why are the Little lands (9<sup>th</sup> Line/Steeles) not part of the Rouge Park?</li> <li>• Will Buttonville be built as office or mixed use development?</li> <li>• Remarks on the importance of arts and culture, and how to incorporate into communities</li> <li>• Need to consider which commercial uses may not be appropriate in live-work buildings</li> <li>• Affordable housing targets – where, when and how much?</li> </ul>
Markham Centre Advisory Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are there policies regarding separation of residential and industrial uses?</li> <li>• Is growth happening in the 'whitebelt'?</li> <li>• When will the Markham Centre Secondary Plan be updated?</li> </ul>
Cornell Advisory Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comment that is sometimes difficult for citizens to understand the technical terms used in the Official Plan ; should keep that in mind during public consultation</li> </ul>
Milliken Main Street Advisory Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will the Milliken Main Street Secondary Plan remain in place?</li> <li>• What is the timing for update to Secondary Plan?</li> <li>• What is the timing/next steps for approval of the draft Official Plan?</li> <li>• When is the next public meeting?</li> </ul>
Race Relations Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How does the Plan reflect cultural diversity needs?</li> <li>• Comment regarding need for transit access to places of employment; how does Markham coordinate transit with employment; we need a good transit system going eastward (to Scarborough) as well as westward</li> <li>• How do we make sure employment remains in Markham? Do we have enough employment lands?</li> </ul>
Seniors Advisory Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concerns with affordable seniors housing – is there a policy regarding affordable housing? Can we get affordable housing as part of Section 37 benefits?</li> <li>• Interest in ensuring walkability of communities</li> </ul>

<p>Unionville Ratepayers Association</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How can the City plan for intensification without the transit infrastructure being in place?</li> <li>• Cash-in-lieu of parkland should be used to buy parkland in the immediate area of the development.</li> <li>• It is a misnomer to say we are protecting agricultural lands.</li> <li>• There do not appear to be enough employment lands in Markham</li> <li>• Need sufficient employment lands in the Future Urban Area to serve the 'Future Neighbourhood Area', otherwise new residents will have to travel south to commute to work, which will exacerbate the north-south traffic problems</li> <li>• Rapid transit route along Highway 7 is providing transit in the wrong direction. Most people in Markham commute north to south to go to work</li> <li>• The arena is taking up lands that should be used for employment in Markham Centre</li> <li>• Why bother producing a Plan when the Ontario Municipal Board can make contrary decisions?</li> </ul>
<p>Youth Task Force</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would like to see more Youth Centres in Markham.</li> <li>• Concern that transit is too expensive, especially transfers between YRT and TTC; discourages people from taking transit</li> <li>• How do you get people to take transit?</li> <li>• Will any arterial roads be widened as a result of this Plan?</li> </ul>