

## APPENDIX 'E': RESPONSE TO CITY COMMITTEE AND ADVISORY GROUP COMMENTS

COMMITTEE/ADVISORY GROUP	SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS	GENERAL RESPONSE TO KEY POINTS
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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Accessibility Committee acknowledged after subsequent discussion, that the term 'walkable' refers to all persons (e.g., able bodies and those persons with a mobility challenge). No change</li> <li>• an appropriate photo has been included in the Plan (Chapter 4)</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>• Policy 3.1.1.1 a) directs development away from non agricultural lands in the Greenway. The Committee suggest using the words 'away from natural heritage features'</li> <li>• Remove wording 'to the greatest extent possible' from Policy 5.2.1.1 b)</li> <li>• Clarify retail reference in 5.2.1.3 c) is only to agricultural related retail</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>• Lands within the Greenway should also adhere to the provincial minimum distance separation formulae.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section 3.1.1.1 a) was revised to direct permitted development, redevelopment and site alteration away from natural heritage and hydrologic features within the Greenway System</li> <li>• Section 5.2.1.1 b) revised to remove reference 'to the greatest extent possible'</li> <li>• Section 5.2.1.4 c) has been revised clarify reference to agricultural and farm related retail</li> <li>• Community gardens are not included as a specific land use in the Official Plan</li> <li>• Section 8.8.1.2 f) has been revised to remove reference to sod and horse farm</li> <li>• Section 8.1.6 has been revised to include reference to 'Greenway' in policy on minimum distance separation formulae</li> </ul>

<p>Environmental Advisory Committee</p>	<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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comments noted and questions addressed at meeting.</li> </ul>
<p>Heritage Markham</p>	<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 cultural heritage as this term implies use rather than the resource itself.</li> <li>• Ensure that Yonge Street is referred to as a Heritage Main Street</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comments addressed as part of key revisions to Section 4.5 identified in Appendix 'B'</li> </ul>
<p>MAGIC</p>	<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?</li> <li>• What is first, transportation or development?</li> <li>• What is planned for Major Mackenzie Drive?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comments noted and questions addressed at meeting.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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?</li> <li>• 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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comments noted and questions addressed at meeting.</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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comments noted and questions addressed at meeting.</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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comments noted and questions addressed at 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> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comments noted and questions addressed at meeting.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comments noted and questions addressed at meeting.</li> </ul>
Youth Task Force	<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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comments noted and questions addressed at meeting.</li> </ul>
Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure right-of-way widths are sufficient to accommodate trails and cycling facilities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comments noted and questions addressed at meeting.</li> </ul>

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