

Policy Directions

The following broad policy directions have been identified through the Growth Management Public Consultation process. These policy directions will be used to strengthen Regional policies related to growth management. Input received from the public and stakeholders, along with Provincial policies, York Region's Sustainability Strategy and our Regional Official Plan, have provided a foundation for these policy directions. Moving forward, we need more of your ideas.

 <p>Protecting Our Environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect the Greenbelt and Oak Ridges Moraine • Create a strong, linked Natural Heritage System • Update agricultural land evaluation • Update Greening Strategy • Identify and protect significant woodlands • Incorporate Greenbelt Plan and Lake Simcoe Protection Strategy into Regional Official Plan 	 <p>Managing Growth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proactively plan for 1.5 million residents by 2031 • Ensure minimum intensification of 40% • New Communities in Whitebelt required • Create new compact, complete green communities • Institute careful phasing/sequencing 	 <p>Diverse Economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proactively plan for approximately 800,000 total jobs by 2031 • Continue to implement Economic Development and Tourism Strategies • Create jobs to match new residents • Identify additional Employment Lands beyond 2031 	 <p>Intensification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify areas for intensification for a minimum 40% of total growth (i.e. a minimum of 87,000 units) • Focus intensification in Regional Centres and Corridors and on transit lines • Ensure appropriate fit, scale and design • Require the highest standard of green buildings
 <p>Human Services: Quality of Life</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Region's Human Services Strategy • Create more hospitals, schools and other services to support population growth • Proactively plan for an aging population 	 <p>Infrastructure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrate land use planning with Master Plans for Transportation, Water/Wastewater and Pedestrian/Cycling • Emphasize transit and reduce demand for travel • Improve road network • Ensure clean water and state of the art wastewater treatment • Reduce water consumption • Reduce, reuse and recycle waste • Promote energy efficient development 	 <p>Quality of Place: New Communities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create well designed communities • Create pedestrian focused environments • Offer more choice of housing types and modes of transportation • Provide closer live/work relationships • Preserve heritage and promote culture • Develop a new generation of sustainable community design 	 <p>Fiscal Responsibility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Municipalities cannot bear the cost of growth alone • Provincial/Federal Investment is required • Improve municipal fiscal capacity • Complete a 25-year fiscal impact analysis of growth • High quality services at the most reasonable cost

Next Steps

Following the Phase 3 consultation series, comments received at the Town Hall meetings will be posted on the Region's Planning for Tomorrow website.

In addition:

- A "What Was Heard" document will be presented to Council in late fall 2008
- Input from these public meetings will be used to update Regional Official Plan policies in a series of amendments
- More opportunities for consultation and feedback will occur for any proposed Regional Official Plan Amendments

For more information on the process and issues related to *Planning for Tomorrow 2008* or to send us your comments, please contact us using one of the following methods.

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