

Stakeholder Written Comments Summary

	Stakeholder Name	Summary of Key Written Comments
1.1	Angela Wai	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Supports public transportation to save more energy. ◇ Need to reserve land for transit park and ride facilities ◇ More commuter parking is needed to encourage public transit use.
1.2	Bill Foster	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Concerned about the impact of growth on natural heritage and groundwater resources; ◇ Housing not affordable in the suburbs when considering long commuting times, heavy transportation costs; infrastructure costs. ◇ Region will be pressured to allow development on “whitebelt” lands before intensification and infill; ◇ Current development forms have hidden subsidies for infrastructure, schools, all related services including policing, teaching, social services, community centres and hospitals. Real costs would make this housing form cost prohibitive ◇ Strategies to ensure that affordable housing is located close to existing services such as public transit thus eliminating the need for one or more cars per household is needed. ◇ The Region should develop comprehensive financial models to determine the direct and indirect costs per person of supporting infill versus various types of greenfield developments. ◇ Capital costs for items such as new roads that are only necessary because of new development, should be incorporated into the Development charges. ◇ Recommends using toll roads and Regional bond to off set costs ◇ Not supportive of the inclusion of the proposed Bradford Bypass in the maps and commentary in the York Region Official Plan ◇ Planning for Tomorrow plan incorporate meaningful consultation with our First Nations residents to ensure we do not encounter another Caledonia incident.
1.3	Bill Lardner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ The presentation is confusing. Input from citizens is most effective when it addresses the broader issues. Details such a land inventories simply obscure the fundamental things that we need to see. ◇ Subdivisions in York Region have inadequate social and recreational facilities. The subdivisions become dormitories, where an automobile is needed to get to anywhere of interest. They are not in any real sense proper communities. ◇ Transportation policy needs to be included to ensure appropriate service levels (e.g. Rapid transit on Yonge Street, should be subway).
1.4	Erica Tsang	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ On the Sustainability Strategy: does not contain anything regarding low-income minority families within the region. ◇ Very supportive of the future sustainability plans, I feel that no segment of the population should and could be left out when striving for the sustainability of

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		<p>a Region. How can a community reach sustainability when only a portion of the community knows about it?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ For instance, as you know Markham has a low-income rate of 12.6% (Incidence of Low Income by Municipality Report, Figure 2, 2001).
1.5	L. Higgins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ On the Sustainability Strategy’s action items “continue to pursue the Energy-from-Waste Incineration Project with Durham Region in order to manage our waste locally.” Incineration is not a sustainable solution. This action item is in direct conflict with the idea of sustainability as defined, and with other action items in this draft strategy. ◇ Incineration will need a supply of waste to burn, and recover investment, therefore contradicts the diversion goals. ◇ Concerned that the incinerator will defeat a lot of other goals of the sustainability. ◇ Concerned that waste-to-energy facilities, are not reliable, are not energy smart, and are not financially viable. ◇ Disappointed that no other alternatives for residual waste disposal were mentioned in the Sustainability Strategy.
1.6	Jay Xie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ General information request on who made the GM presentation at the Markham Town Hall meeting and which Local and Regional Councillors were present.
1.7	Joan Sax	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Believes that York Region is being hurt by the gap in cultural planning. Suggests that a cultural network for the municipalities of York Region be started for Region wide events e.g. Festivals which could have matched funding at the provincial and federal level.
1.8	Margaretha Vandervelden North East Sutton Ratepayers Association Inc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ The risk of unsustainable growth is not sufficiently addressed by the present tools as per Planning for Tomorrow (or Places to Grow). What other tools should/could be put in place (see, below) to ensure that future growth in lower municipalities such as the Town of Georgina will indeed be sustainable? ◇ Planning for Tomorrow does not define where growth occurs within each municipality, an omission that carries risks of an unsustainable region especially in the large semi-rural municipalities such as the Town of Georgina. ◇ Infrastructure allocation as a “coercive” tool in directing growth is rendered ineffective due to “frontending agreements” with developers. An example from the Village of Sutton is provided. ◇ Growth does not pay for growth (i.e. Development Charges) What is the Region’s position and action (e.g., lobbying the province) on this issue? Development charges at their present level do not cover the public cost of new growth. An example from the Town of Georgina was provided. ◇ Within the context of climate change, natural heritage takes on added significance for human health and quality of life, for all life, in fact. When will the Significant Woodlands Studybe “translated” into effective policies? If adopted as part of the ROP, how will the Region ensure that this will make a

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		real difference in woodlands protection as part of the lower tier municipalities' land use planning decisions.
1.9	Michael White	◇ What is your plan to assist the people of York Region to address Climate Change/Global warming?
1.10	John O'Gorman	◇ Prime farmland shrinking is in Ontario. ◇ Food production - for York Region by York Region - is a definite part of Sustainability and an integral part of Healthy Communities and yet it is totally ignored in your report! York's blindness in this area must be rectified
1.11	Regan Hutcheson Manager, Heritage Planning Heritage Districts Town of Markham	◇ The Region should be cognizant of existing heritage conservation districts and individual heritage resources when considering the growth potential of certain areas as part of this process. ◇ It is not appropriate to recommend major intensification to areas where the implementation would not be compatible with the environment that a community is attempting to preserve. ◇ Also must be cognizant of heritage policies of the Provincial Policy Statement 2.6.1 and 2.6.3.
1.12	Richard Johnson	◇ Sent several articles regarding EMF (electromagnetic frequencies) and high voltage power lines.
1.13	Scott Birchall	Suggested that the following additional information be considered: ◇ The development of an affordable housing strategy and Affordable Housing Targets need to be set for each municipality. ◇ Require the proper mixing of housing in communities e.g. townhouses on the same street as singles and semi-detached units. ◇ Increased transit routes/corridors in the northern region e.g. transit route along Green Lane and Leslie Street. Also consider developing transit routes that run along Highway 404 from northern municipalities to the south e.g. Newmarket to Highway 7 etc.
1.14	Rodney Noganosh Head Councilor Mnjikaning First Nation	◇ Acknowledgement of the receipt of letter sent to community, and advises that the letter will be forwarded on to Karry Sandy, Barrister and Solicitor, Coordinator for Williams Treaties First Nations, for review and comments.
1.15	Allan Dokis Intergovernmental Affairs Director Union of Ontario Indians	◇ Acknowledges receipt of letter and information package on York Region initiatives. ◇ Correspondence does not constitute consultation ◇ Recommends that a meeting be held with the Anishinabek First Nation communities whose traditional territory may be affected by York Region initiatives.
1.16	Leslie Luxemburger	◇ York Region should examine opportunities to sustainability and healthy city building as a part of the growth management exercise.

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	Sustainable Urban Development Association (SUDA)	◇ SUDA wishes to help inform and guide policy making and land use by sharing research and strategy on energy efficiency/LEED design and low impact development.
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