



Regional Clerk's Office
Corporate Services Department

NOTICE OF MEETING

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Regional **Planning and Economic Development Committee** will be held on **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2009**, in Committee Room "A", York Region Administrative Centre, 17250 Yonge Street, in the Town of Newmarket, at **1:00 p.m.**

DENIS KELLY
REGIONAL CLERK

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September 3, 2009
Attachment

Committee Members:

Regional Councillor M. Ferri
Regional Councillor B. Hogg
Regional Councillor J. Jones
Mayor P. Morris
Regional Councillor G. Rosati
Regional Councillor V. Spatafora
Regional Councillor J. Taylor
Regional Councillor D. Wheeler
Mayor J. Young
Regional Chair B. Fisch, ex officio

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PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Committee Room "A"
Administrative Centre
17250 Yonge Street
Newmarket, Ontario

September 9, 2009

1:00 p.m.
Quorum: 5

**ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM
OF COUNCIL 2009-2010**

**ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM
OF COUNCIL 2009-2010**

DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

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A. DEPUTATIONS

(Subject to the Committee granting deputant status.)

1. None

B. PRESENTATION

1. **Economic Indicators Update – September 9, 2009**
(Presentation by Patrick Draper, Director, Economic Strategy and Tourism)

C. COMMUNICATIONS

1. A. Knowles, Deputy Clerk, Town of East Gwillimbury, June 9, 2009 regarding Community Energy Plan Update. **1**
2. A. Moore, Town Clerk, Town of Newmarket, July 14, 2009, regarding Construction of Tom Taylor Trail, South of Mulock Drive **35**

3. G. O'Connor, Chair, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, August 4, 2009, relating to Legislative Constraints for TRCA regarding 'Development Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation' (Ontario Regulation 166/06) 39
4. L. Politano, Regional Director, Ministry of Transportation, August 10, 2009, response to York Region's correspondence regarding Highway 407 Interchange Improvements on Centre Street 59
5. C. Urquhart, Legislative Coordinator, City of Brampton, August 14, 2009, regarding 'Draft Final Transportation and Transit Master Plan (TTMP) Sustainable Update' 61
6. Memorandum from Bryan Tuckey, Commissioner of Planning and Development Services, August 26, 2009, regarding 'York Region In Your Backyard Magazine, Fall Edition' 67
(Please refer to attachment C.6 enclosed separately.)
7. Memorandum from Bryan Tuckey, Commissioner of Planning and Development Services, September 9, 2009, regarding '2008 Greater Toronto Marketing Alliance's (GTMA) Annual Review' 69
(Please refer to attachment C.7 enclosed separately.)

**D. REPORTS SUBMITTED BY THE
COMMISSIONER OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

1. **Provincial Transportation Infrastructure Requirements for 'Places to Grow' – Status Update** 73

August 26, 2009, recommending that:

1. Regional Council request the Province to expedite its review and study of the following facilities with funding commitments:
 - Yonge Street Subway
 - Bradford Bypass
 - Highway 427 extension to Major Mackenzie Drive
 - Completion of the GTA West Individual Environmental Assessment (IEA) study
2. Regional Council, through the Regional Chair, send a letter thanking the Province for its recent funding commitments for transportation in York Region.
3. The Regional Clerk forward a copy of this report to Ministry of

Energy and Infrastructure, Ministry of Transportation Ontario,
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Metrolinx and to the
Clerks of local area municipalities.

2. Richmond Hill GO Rail Line Extension 83

August 26, 2009, recommending that:

1. Regional Council endorse the recommendations of the Richmond Hill Layover Facility Environmental Assessment (EA) and Preliminary Design study.
2. The Regional Clerk forward a copy of this report to the Clerks of the Towns of Richmond Hill, Aurora, and Whitchurch-Stouffville, and GO Transit and the Ministry of Transportation.

3. Provincial Policy Statement 2005: Discussion Paper for a Proposed Performance Monitoring Frameworks and Draft Indicators, Spring 2009 – EBR Posting 010-5700, Regional Comments 93

July 21, 2009, recommending that:

1. Regional Council endorse Regional staff comments submitted in response to EBR posting 010-5700 regarding the Provincial Policy Statement 2005: Discussion Paper for a Proposed Performance Monitoring Frameworks and Draft Indicators, Spring 2009 appended to this report as *Attachment 1*.
2. The Regional Clerk circulate this report to local municipalities and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for information.

4. Lake Simcoe Protection Plan – Draft York Region Official Plan Policies 105

August 5, 2009, recommending that:

1. The Draft Lake Simcoe Protection Plan policies appended to this report as *Attachment 1* be endorsed for circulation and public review as part of the overall review of the Draft York Region Official Plan – June 2009.

2. The Regional Clerk circulate copies of this report and *Attachments* to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ministry of Environment the Minister of Energy and Infrastructure and the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority.
3. Staff undertake circulation of the draft policies, public engagement and consultation as outlined in the June 2009 report introducing the Draft York Region Official Plan and fall 2009 consultation program (Clause 3 of Report 5 of the Regional Planning and Economic Development Committee). Staff will report back to Committee and Council at the November 4, 2009, Planning and Economic Development Committee as part of the public input, and comments received on the Draft York Region Official Plan.

5. Places to Grow – Simcoe Area: A Strategic Vision for Growth – Environmental Bill of Rights, Registry Posting 010-6860, Regional Comments

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July 29, 2009, recommending that:

1. Council endorse staff comments made in response to the Environmental Bill of Rights Registry posting 010-6860 on Places to Grow – Simcoe Area: A Strategic Vision for Growth, June 2009.
2. The Province implement the *Growth Plan* equitably and ensure that all upper- and lower-tier municipalities in the Greater Golden Horseshoe are subject to the same policies and regulations as contained in the *Growth Plan* and the *Places to Grow Act*.
3. The Province assess the impact on the GTA regions including York Region, resulting from the two strategic employment area provincial designations in Bradford West Gwillimbury and Innisfil. Council requests that the Province undertake this assessment and circulate to York Region and the other GTA regions prior to the approval and finalization of the Simcoe area-specific amendment to the *Growth Plan*.
4. The Province commit to the following transportation capacity improvements to accommodate the forecasted growth in the Simcoe area and address issues of increasing traffic congestion:
 - a. Highway 404, 427 and Bradford Bypass expansions
 - b. Twelve new or modified interchanges and widenings for 400 series highways
 - c. HOV lanes on 400 series highways

d. Cross-boundary and boundary road improvements

Further, the Provincial commitment to build these infrastructure projects be included with a schedule reflecting early construction in the area transportation study proposed in the Simcoe Growth Vision as well as the proposed the Simcoe area-specific amendment to the *Growth Plan*.

5. The Minister of the Environment clarifies how the principles in the Simcoe Growth Vision will address the *Lake Simcoe Protection Plan* and specifically how servicing this growth will impact the carrying capacity of Lake Simcoe for approved and planned growth in the Lake Simcoe Watershed in York Region.
6. The Province require that the construction and/or operation of all existing water and proposed wastewater treatment facilities in the Lake Simcoe Watershed be held to the same high standard of environmental responsibility and performance as those in York Region..
7. The Regional Clerk forward this report and *Attachment 1* to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for further consideration in resolving the Provincial appeal to *ROPA 52 – Highway 400 Employment Lands* in the City of Vaughan.
8. Regional staff continue to monitor and comment on the Places to Grow – Simcoe Area: A Strategic Vision for Growth initiative, including progress on the proposed Simcoe area-specific amendment to the *Growth Plan*.
9. The Regional Clerk circulate this report and *Attachment 1* to the Minister of Energy and Infrastructure, the Minister of the Environment, York Region Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs), the Clerks of Simcoe County, the City of Barrie and the City of Orillia and the local municipalities in York Region.

6. York Region Agricultural/Rural Review – LEAR Study, Greenbelt Conformity

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August 28, 2009, recommending that:

1. The Land Evaluation Area Review (LEAR) Study Report and mapping, undertaken by Planscape on behalf of York Region, and appended to this report as *Attachment 2* be confirmed as a

background report to the Draft York Region Official Plan – June 2009.

2. The Regional Clerk circulate copies of this report, and the LEAR Study Report and Mapping to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and the Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure.
3. Staff report back to Committee and Council on the public input, comments received and any changes recommended to policies of Chapter 6 and Map 8 of the Draft York Region Official Plan at the November 4, 2009, Planning and Economic Development Committee as part of the overall report back on the Draft York Region Official Plan.

7. York Region Draft Official Plan, Green Buildings Policies

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August 11, 2009, recommending that:

1. This report be circulated to local municipalities, the development community, Regional partners and stakeholders, and the Ministers of Energy and Infrastructure and Municipal Affairs and Housing.
2. This report be circulated to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing with a recommendation to enhance the sustainability, energy and water efficiency requirements of the Ontario Building Code immediately for higher density development and ground related buildings.
3. Staff continue to work with the local municipalities and the development industry on practical policy and implementation approaches to the green building policies in the Regional Official Plan, including exploration of alternative equitable approaches to achieve green buildings prior to final adoption of the Regional Official Plan in November 2009.

8. Planning Coordination for the Richmond Hill Centre/Langstaff Gateway Regional Centre and Provincial Urban Growth Centre 329

July 24, 2009, recommending that:

1. The Principles outlined in this report for the planning coordination of the Richmond Hill/Langstaff Gateway Regional Centre and Provincial Urban Growth Centre be endorsed as part of the approach and process to continue to shape the implementation of the Centre.
2. Regional planning staff report back to Committee and Council in the Fall 2009 with an update of the planning coordination process, and an outline of the emerging policy and implementation directions for the Centre.
3. The Regional Clerk circulate this report, for information purposes, to the Town of Markham, Town of Richmond Hill and City of Vaughan, the Provincial Ministries of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and Energy and Infrastructure, and the Office of the Provincial Development Facilitator.

9. Implementation of the Sustainable Home Incentive Program 345

August 12, 2009, recommending that:

1. Regional Council endorse the implementation program of the Sustainable Home Incentive Program (S.H.I.P.), substantially in accordance with Attachment 1, that establishes the technical requirements of York Region's voluntary low density residential green building incentive program.
2. Applicants of the 'Sustainable Home Incentive' Program be required to enter into an agreement with York Region setting out the terms of the Program and the terms of any required Letters of Credit to the satisfaction of the Regional Solicitor.
3. The Regional Chair and Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary agreements, required to implement the Program, subject to the recommendation of the Regional Solicitor as to form and content.
4. This report be circulated by the Regional Clerk to all local municipal Clerks and Planning Directors/Commissioners.

10. Partnership Memorandum for Planning Services between The Regional Municipality of York and the Conservation Authorities **387**

July 17, 2009, recommending that:

1. Regional Council approve the revised Partnership Memorandum between the Region and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (the “Conservation Authorities”), referred to as *Attachment 1*.
2. The Regional Chairman and the Regional Clerk be authorized to execute the revised Partnership Memorandum, substantially in accordance with Attachment 1, subject to the approval of Legal Services as to form and content.
3. Staff continue to monitor the Partnership Memorandum, work with our partners at the Conservation Authorities, and report, as necessary, on future substantive changes.

11. Planning Activities and Commissioner Delegated Approvals Information Report April 1 to June 30, 2009 **399**

July 27, 2009, recommending that:

1. It is recommended that this report be received for information.

12. Green Economy Jobs Project **409**

August 11, 2009, recommending that:

1. Regional Council authorize an application to the Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities to implement the Green Economy Jobs Project as outlined in this report.
2. The Regional Chair and Regional Clerk be authorized to execute the contract, and any renewal, subject to the approval of Legal Services as to form and content.

13. International Investment Attraction Program Update 417

August 6, 2009, recommending that:

1. The Regional Chair and Regional Clerk be authorized to execute funding proposals to Federal Government Agencies to enhance Investment Attraction, subject to approval by Legal Services as to form and content.
2. This report be circulated by the Economic Development Branch to local municipal Economic Development Officers, Chambers of Commerce / Board of Trade and business service providers.

14. Job Hiring Index First Half 2009 Results 423

August 6, 2009, recommending that:

1. The Regional Clerk forward copies of this report to the local Economic Development Offices for their use and analysis in relation to their program.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Note: There may be additional items considered that do not appear on this Agenda. Please refer to the Committee Report to Council, found in Agendas, Minutes and Reports under Regional Government at: www.york.ca, for all items considered at this meeting.