

Regional Clerk's Office
CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

REVISED AGENDA

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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

June 13, 2007

Regular Meeting 1:00 p.m.

STATUTORY PUBLIC MEETING – 1:30 p.m.

Pursuant to Section 17(15) of the Planning Act, as amended, the Regional Planning and Economic Development Committee shall hold a Public Meeting to inform the Public and receive comments regarding:

Proposed Regional Official Plan Amendment 54, resolving minor policy issues, mapping errors and road jurisdiction changes in the Regional Official Plan. *(Please refer to Presentation No. B.2.)*

STATUTORY PUBLIC MEETING – 2:00 p.m.

Pursuant to Section 17(15) of the Planning Act, as amended, the Regional Planning and Economic Development Committee shall hold a Public Meeting to inform the Public and receive comments regarding:

Regional Official Plan Amendment to extend lake based water supply to the community of Kleinburg/Nashville. *(Please refer to Report No D.3)*

REGULAR MEETING

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

A. DEPUTATIONS

None.

B. PRESENTATIONS

- 1. Economic Development Marketing and Communication Strategy**
(Presentation by Brian Larter and Blair Minnes, Larter Advertising)

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- 2. Statutory Public Meeting – 1:30 p.m.
Proposed Regional Official Plan Amendment 54**
(Presentation by Barb Jeffrey, Manager, Land Use Policy & Environment, Long Range & Strategic Planning)

C. COMMUNICATIONS

1. J.D. Leach, City Clerk, City of Vaughan, April 5, 2007, regarding the ‘Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan’ and requesting confirmation from York Region on the Region’s commitment to funding for pedestrian and cycling facilities within Regional right-of-ways and any other options and programs being developed for the implementation of a Regional Pedestrian and Cycling Master Plan. **1**
2. Sheila Birrell, Town Clerk, Town of Markham, April 25, 2007, forwarding the Town’s report titled ‘Status Report on the Ontario Power Authority’s Integrated Power System Plan’ for information. **11**
3. Donna Cansfield, Minister of Transportation, May 1, 2007, responding to Regional Council’s recommendations regarding the five-year Southern Ontario Highways Program and providing an update on the Highway 404 Extension and Highway 427 Extension projects. **35**
4. Dalton McGuinty, Premier and Minister of Research and Innovation, May 15, 2007, responding to the Region’s letter regarding support for the Ministry of Research and Innovation’s Strategic Plan. **37**
5. J.D. Leach, City Clerk, City of Vaughan, May 25, 2007, regarding the GTA West Corridor Environmental Assessment process, for information. **39**
6. J.D. Leach, City Clerk, City of Vaughan, May 25, 2007, regarding ‘Yonge Street Study OPA 669’ and requesting the Region reconsider the matter. **57**
7. Bryan Tuckey, Commissioner of Planning and Development Services May 30, 2007, regarding the Long Term Regional Tourism Strategy – Phase One, and providing details regarding York Region having less than its proportionate share of several key tourism industry sectors, under section 4.5 of the report. **61**
8. Bryan Tuckey, Commissioner of Planning and Development Services, June 7, 2007, regarding the Toronto Pearson International Airport and proposed Pickering Airport resolution. **63**

- 9. Bryan Tuckey, Commissioner of Planning and Development Services, June 7, 2007, providing comments regarding Ontario's High Occupancy Vehicle Lane Network to be submitted to the Province prior to the June 2, 2007 deadline. **69**
- 10. *Rosemarie L. Humphries, President, Humphries Planning Group Inc., June 11, 2007, representing the Vaughan 400 North Landowners Group, regarding the Vaughan 400 North Employment Area. (Please refer to Item D.4.)*
- 11. *Patricia A. Foran, Aird & Berlis, LLP, June 11, 2007, representing E. Manson Investments, regarding the Proposed Regional Official Plan Amendment No. 54. (Please refer to Item B. 2.)*

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

1. Economic Development Marketing and Communication Strategy 85

April 25, 2007 recommending that:

- 1. Council adopt in principal the recommendations of Larter Advertising for the development of the Economic Development Marketing and Communication Strategy.
- 2. A consultation program be established with stakeholders and the business community to review the York Region brand positioning and recommended theme lines.
- 3. Staff be directed to report back to Regional Council in the fall after the consultation process has taken place as set out in this report.

2. York Region Tourism Website 97

May 14, 2007, recommending that this report be circulated by the Regional Clerk to the local municipalities, the local chambers of commerce and board of trade for information and engagement.

Statutory Public Meeting – 2:00 p.m.

- 3. Information Report for Public Meeting for a Regional Official Plan Amendment to Extend Water Supply to Kleinburg/Nashville** **103**
(Presentation by Paul Belton, Manager of Development Review, Community Planning)

May 22, 2007, recommending that staff receive and review comments made at the June 13, 2007 public meeting together with responses made to the circulation regarding the proposed Amendment, and prepare a further report with recommendations for consideration at a future Planning and Economic Development Committee meeting.

- 4. Vaughan Highway 400 North Employment Area – Update and Status of ROPA 52 and OPA 637** **111**

May 10, 2007, recommending that:

1. Proposed Regional Official Plan Amendment (ROPA) No. 52 be brought forward for a decision by Regional Council in the Fall of 2007.
2. Adopted Vaughan Official Plan Amendment (OPA) No. 637 be subject to review by Regional staff, in consultation with the City and area landowners, to finalize the infrastructure requirements, fiscal impacts and development phasing to accommodate employment uses within the ROPA 52 planning area.
3. The Regional Clerk circulate this report to the Provincial Ministries of Municipal Affairs & Housing and Public Infrastructure Renewal, the Township of King, and to the City of Vaughan for information.

- 5. Official Plan Amendment No. 66 Town of Aurora** **119**

June 5, 2007, recommending that the Commissioner of Planning and Development Services be authorized to give notice to approve Amendment No. 66 to the Official Plan of the Town of Aurora, subject to the modifications set out in *Attachment No. 1*.

- 6. Servicing Protocol: Interim Approach for Releasing Conditions of Draft Plan of Subdivision in Advance of Servicing Allocation** **131**

May 31, 2007, recommending that:

1. This report be circulated to the Clerks of the Municipalities of Vaughan, Markham, Richmond Hill, Aurora, Newmarket, East Gwillimbury, King and Whitchurch-Stouffville to assist local municipalities in moving appropriate development applications forward in advance of servicing allocation.

2. The following policy principles be adopted by Council:
 - a. Where the Region has not provided conditions of draft plan of subdivision approval due to lack of servicing capacity, the Region will provide conditions on the following basis:
 - i. Only upon the request of the local municipality, as it remains at the local municipality's determination if it is appropriate to proceed with Draft Approvals.
 - ii. Not to exceed the numbers outlined in *Column C Attachment 1* for each municipality for 2007.
 - iii. The inclusion of the condition that the Southeast Collector Sewer to be within 6 months of completion prior to registration, or alternative sewer capacity determined such as flow control on an interim basis.
 - iv. The planning criteria for release of Regional Conditions of Draft Approval as set out specifically in the report entitled "Water and Wastewater Servicing Protocol - Provision of Regional Conditions For Draft Approval" adopted by Council on February 16, 2006 have been met as set out in *Attachment 2*.
 - v. New draft approval be given priority on the basis of the following strategic goals, as a minimum threshold, that may be further refined by the local municipalities:
 1. The draft plan serves to work towards the completion of an existing community or neighbourhood.
 2. The draft plan provides for the implementation of key Regional or local planning and/or infrastructure priorities.
 3. The draft plan provides for the implementation of the Transit Oriented Development as outlined in the Regional Guidelines and provides for enhanced transit usage.
 4. The draft plan provides for intensification and/or infill.
 - vi. Prior to draft approvals "No Pre-sales Agreements" and "Indemnity Agreements" are to be entered into and the authority be granted for the Region to execute the agreements where necessary.
 - vii. New approvals will be subject to an interim infrastructure "trigger table" that outlines local municipal specific Regional water and wastewater infrastructure requirements in 2011 outlined in *Attachment 3*.

- b. A minimum reserve of future servicing allocation, which represents 30% of one year's growth Region-wide, be set aside for high density development applications and infill within the Regional Centres and Corridors, Local Centres and Corridors as set out in Column B of *Attachment 1* which can be used to endorse site plans in principle until servicing allocation becomes available.
3. Regional staff report further in 2008 regarding release of additional conditions of draft plan approval in order to ensure an ongoing supply of draft approved lots and the further completion of approval process for planned communities and neighbourhoods within the existing urban boundary.

7. Servicing Protocol: Proposed Servicing Triggers for Site Plan Approval Process 143

May 31, 2007, recommending that:

1. This report be circulated to the Clerks of the Municipalities of Vaughan, Markham, Richmond Hill, Aurora, Newmarket, East Gwillimbury, King and Whitchurch-Stouffville to allow for further consultation.
2. Staff report back upon further consultation with local municipalities and the GTHBA/UDI representatives with recommendations on proceeding with site plan approval in advance of servicing allocation.

REPORT SUBMITTED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF CORPORATE SERVICES AND COMMISSIONER OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AND GENERAL MANAGER OF WATER AND WASTEWATER

8. Sustainable Development Through LEED™

Attached

June 7, 2007 recommending that:

1. *Staff be directed to consult with local municipalities, UDI/GTHBA and other stakeholders on a policy that would provide a 20-35% increase in servicing allocation for development proposals meeting the following criteria:*
 - i. *Significant water conservation is achieved,*
 - ii. *Location is served by Viva rapid transit or other major YRT, GO and TTC operated transit routes,*

- iii. *Site is within a Regional Centre or Regional Corridor, or Local Centre,*
 - iv. *Building meets Regional TOD guidelines including supporting an overall, long-term density target of 2.5 Floor Space Index,*
 - v. *Three stream waste reduction is incorporated into the building, and*
 - vi. *A minimum LEED™ Silver certification is achieved.*
2. *Staff also consider the implications of allowing a Development Charge rebate following a post-construction water use audit.*
 3. *This report be circulated to the local municipalities.*
 4. *Staff report back to the Planning and Economic Development Committee in the fall of 2007 with a recommended policy and implementation strategy.*

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

9. Framework for a Regional Official Plan Amendment to Enhance Transit Implementation 153

May 25, 2007, recommending that:

1. This report serve as the basis for the preparation of a draft Regional Official Plan Amendment (ROPA) to advance the implementation of Regional transit infrastructure and services, based on the following three principles:
 - i) Employ new implementation tools under the *Planning Act*.
 - ii) Clarify the intent of Regional policies and related schedules.
 - iii) Implement the transit-focus of the *Growth Plan*.
2. Regional staff consult with the local municipalities and other stakeholders in preparing the ROPA.
3. The Regional Clerk circulate this report to the nine local municipal planning departments for information.

10. Protecting Areas of Employment

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March 29, 2007, recommending that:

1. Regional Council confirm that employment areas are a critical resource in York Region, and that these areas are vital to the economic strength of the Region.
2. Regional Council direct staff to utilize this report as guidance for commenting, processing and preparing recommendations on planning applications that propose employment land conversions.
3. The Regional Clerk forward a copy of this report to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Public Infrastructure Renewal and to the local area municipal Councils.

REPORTS SUBMITTED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AND GENERAL MANAGER, ROADS

11. Pedestrian and Cycling Master Plan Study Update

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June 5, 2007, recommending that:

1. The Regional Clerk forward a copy of this report to the Clerks of the local municipalities in York Region, Conservation Authorities, Oak Ridges Moraine Trail Association, York District School Board, York Catholic District School Board and Rouge Park Alliance for comments on the draft pedestrian and cycling networks and components of the Master Plan, and upon receipt to report back to Council in the Fall of 2007 on the draft Pedestrian and Cycling Master Plan.

12. Pedestrian and Cycling Master Plan Municipal Partnership Policy

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June 5, 2007 recommending that:

1. Regional Council adopt the municipal partnership policy for funding local municipal, conservation authority and other agency projects as set out in the attached "Pedestrian and Cycling Municipal Partnership Policy" (*Council Attachment 1*).
2. The Regional Clerk forward a copy of this report to the Clerks of the local municipalities in York Region, Conservation Authorities, Oak

Ridges Moraine Trail Association, York District School Board, York Catholic District School Board and Rouge Park Alliance.

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13. York Region Natural Heritage Trails Concept Study 205

May 15, 2007, recommending that:

1. This report on the proposed York Region Natural Heritage Trails Concept Study be received.
2. That the consulting firm Marshall Macklin Monaghan be retained to undertake this study.
3. Copies of this report be forwarded by the Regional Clerk to the Clerks of the local municipalities in York Region for comment.

14. 2006 York Region Cordon Count Program – Travel Crossing Regional Boundaries 213

June 4, 2007, recommending that the Regional Clerk forward copies of this report to the Ministry of Transportation, the City of Toronto, GO Transit, the Toronto Transit Commission, the Regional Municipalities of Peel and Durham and the nine Local Municipalities of York Region.

**REPORT SUBMITTED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF PLANNING AND
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AND GENERAL MANAGER, ROADS**

15. Transportation Improvements Donald Cousens Parkway (Formerly Markham By-Pass Extension to Morningside Avenue Link – Project Update 233

June 5, 2007, recommending that:

1. The Ministry of the Environment be requested to expedite the approval of the section of the alignment from Highway 407 south to 9th Line, common to both York and Toronto's preferred alternative.

2. The Ministry of the Environment, through the conditions of approval for the common section, also protect the corridor west of 9th Line and south to the existing terminus of Morningside Avenue for both York and Toronto's preferred alignment until a final EA decision is rendered on the remainder of the corridor.
3. The Ministry of Public Infrastructure Renewal, through the Office of the Provincial Development Facilitator, continue to assist until a final agreement is reached on implementation and cost sharing of inter-regional transportation infrastructure in this York/Toronto/Durham boundary area.
4. A copy of this report and associated staff presentation be forwarded by the Regional Clerk to the Ministry of the Environment, Ministry of Transportation, Ministry of Public Infrastructure Renewal, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Clerks at the City of Toronto, Town of Markham, Region of Durham and City of Pickering.

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16. Traffic Reduction Proposal – Blocks 11, 12 and 18 in Vaughan 243

June 5, 2007, recommending that:

1. Staff continue to work with the developer group for Blocks 11, 12 and 18 and the City of Vaughan staff to advance the proposed transportation demand management applications and other required transportation improvements in concert with the phasing of development in these blocks.
2. The Regional Clerk forward a copy of this report to the Clerk of the City of Vaughan.

17. Employment and Industry Report 2006 253

May 18, 2007, recommending that the Employment and Industry Report 2006 be circulated by Planning and Development Services in print and electronic form to the public, area municipalities and agencies, and be made available on the corporate website.

18. York Region Job Hiring Index First Quarter Report 329

May 9, 2007, recommending that:

1. The Regional Clerk forward this report to the area municipal economic development offices, Chambers of Commerce/ Board of Trade, the public and separate school boards, York South Simcoe Training and Adjustment Board, and the York Region Human Resources Professional Association for their information.
2. Staff be directed to prepare highlights reports for each quarter, and an in-depth annual report on the York Region Job Hiring Index.

19. York Region Immigration Portal (YRIP) 335

May 11, 2007, recommending that:

1. Regional Council acknowledge the allocation of \$300,000 by the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration to implement the York Region Immigration Portal.
2. Regional Council support the involvement of respective Departments of the Region in the York Region Immigration Portal as identified in the work plan from April 2007 to March 2008.
3. The Planning and Development Services Department report back to Council on the progress regarding the implementation of the York Region Immigration Portal (YRIP) project in October 2007.
4. This report be circulated by the Regional Clerk to local municipalities and the Human Services Planning Coalition (HSPC).

**REPORT SUBMITTED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF PLANNING AND
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AND GENERAL MANAGER OF WATER AND
WASTEWATER**

20. Update on Source Protection Committees Under the Proposed *Clean Water Act, 2006* 343

May 10, 2007, recommending that:

1. Council endorse and forward a copy of this report to:
 - The Minister of the Environment as Regional Council's comments on the draft regulations posted for comment on the Environmental Bill of Rights registry (EBR) number 010-0122 (*see Attachment 1*).
 - The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).
 - Local Municipalities within York Region, The Regional Municipality of Peel, The Regional Municipality of Durham, The Township of Bradford-West Gwillimbury, the City of Toronto, the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, and the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority for their information.
2. Staff report back to Regional Council as necessary to highlight the legislative progress under the proposed *Clean Water Act, 2006*.

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 for all items considered at this meeting.