

**Office of the Regional Clerk
CORPORATE AND LEGAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

REVISED AGENDA

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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

January 8, 2003

1:00 p.m.

ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR COMMITTEE – 2003

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR FOR COMMITTEE - 2003

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

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DEPUTATION

*John Gaspar, regarding Amendment No. 20, Group Homes and Special Needs Facilities, Town of Newmarket
(Please refer to Item No. 6.)*

COMMUNICATION

*J. Babcock, Commissioner of Planning and Development, Town of Richmond Hill, regarding Regional Centres and Corridors Study
(Please refer to Item No. 4.)*

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PRESENTATIONS

- 1. Making It Happen! The York Region Centres and Corridors Study**
(Please refer to Item No. 4.)
B. Tuckey, Commissioner of Planning and Development Services, D. Leeming and R. Palmer, The Planning Partnership, and S. Chandler, Royal LePage Advisors
- 2. 2002 York Region On-Line Business Directory**
J. Waller, Director, Long Range and Strategic Planning and L. Marsden, Planner
- 3. 2003 Planning and Development Services Budget**
B. Tuckey, Commissioner of Planning and Development Services

**REPORT SUBMITTED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF PLANNING AND
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE AND
COMMISSIONER OF COMMUNITY SERVICES AND HOUSING**

4. Developing Centres and Corridors in York Region

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December 20, 2002, recommending that:

1. Council receive this report, Attachment 1 “Making It Happen – The York Region Centres and Corridors Study” and the presentation for information.
2. Staff proceed to prepare a centres and corridors strategy and implement the key action items listed below and additional action items that arise from other regional and local initiatives related to centres and corridors development:
 - Undertake a study to review a non-residential development charges rate structure which would encourage higher density development within centres and corridors, which is tied to land use density targets.
 - Undertake a study to review and examine the cost of capital service needs in higher density centres and corridors, as compared to greenfield development, and the most effective development charges rate structure.
 - Examine potential property tax options, which with enabling Provincial legislation could encourage compact development in centres and corridors.
 - Encourage the local municipalities and school boards to reduce area specific development charges in centres and corridors.
 - Petition the Federal and Provincial Governments to revise corporate and capital taxes to promote affordable housing.
 - Petition the Federal and Provincial Governments to allocate a portion of the GST, PST and Fuel taxes to municipalities.
3. Staff consult and co-ordinate with local municipal staff to develop common policy proposals for presentation to the Province including:
 - An evaluation of the Region’s role in the creation of Community Improvement Plans under Section 28 of the Planning Act.
 - An investigation of policy enhancements to financial tools such as TIFS to promote compact development within the regional centres and corridors.

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

5. New Provincial Policy to Support York Region Rapid Transit Initiatives 13

December 19, 2002, recommending that:

1. This Report be received.
2. The principles outlined in this report for new Provincial Policy regarding transit and transit-supportive land use planning be endorsed.
3. The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing be requested to prepare new general Provincial Policy under *Section 3* of the *Planning Act* that articulates the Provincial interest in supporting transit-supportive land use planning and a site specific policy to support initiatives underway in York Region to leverage over \$4 billion in rapid transit investment, respectively.
4. Regional staff be directed to consult with stakeholders, including the local municipalities, on the principles and potential wording for new Provincial Policy.
5. Regional Staff prepare a further Report in early 2003 that outlines the feedback received from stakeholders and recommended wording for a new Provincial Policy Statement on transit and transit-supportive land use planning.
6. The Regional Clerk circulate this Report, and the report entitled "Developing Centres and Corridors in York Region" to the Provincial Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the nine area municipalities for information.

6. Amendment No. 20, Group Homes and Special Needs Facilities Town of Newmarket, Planning Report 1516 OP 21

December 19, 2002, recommending that the Commissioner of Planning and Development Services be authorized to give notice to approve Amendment No. 20 to the Official Plan of the Town of Newmarket (OPA 20).

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.