

## Newspaper Publishing Schedule

<b>Newspaper</b>	<b>Public information Session Ads - Run Date</b>	<b>Open House and Statutory Meeting Ad- Run Date</b>
<b>All York Region News Group Papers: Era Banner Richmond Hill Liberal Thornhill/Vaughan Liberal Markham Economist-Sun Stouffville Sun - Tribune Georgina Advocate</b>	August 13, 2009 September 10, 2009	September 17, 2009
<b>King Sentinel</b>	August 12, 2009 September 9, 2009	September 16, 2009
<b>King Weekly</b>	August 12, 2009 September 9, 2009	September 16, 2009
<b>Toronto Star – GTA section</b>	August 13, 2009 September 10, 2009	September 16, 2009



**Draft York Region  
Public Information**

**Official Plan  
Sessions**

**Have Your Say!**

In June 2009, York Regional Council released the Draft York Region Official Plan for public review and comment. Copies of the Draft York Region Official Plan – June 2009 can be downloaded from the York Region website [www.york.ca](http://www.york.ca) by clicking on the Official Plan logo on the front page or by contacting the Regional Planning Department at the numbers at the bottom of this Notice.

In order to review this Draft Official Plan, four Public Information Sessions have been scheduled for you to ask questions about the Draft Regional Official Plan and give the Region your feedback. Maps to these locations are available online at [www.york.ca](http://www.york.ca) by clicking on the Draft Official Plan logo on the front page.

**Public Information Sessions**

All meetings will follow the same timing and format:

**6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Open House**

**7:00 to 7:30 p.m. Presentation**

**7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Facilitated Discussion**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>September 16, 2009</b> <b>Town of Markham</b>	<b>Angus Glen Community Centre and Library</b> 3990 Major Mackenzie Drive East Markham, L6C 1P8 <b>Activity Rooms 2 and 3</b>
<b>September 17, 2009</b> <b>City of Vaughan</b>	<b>York Regional Police District 4 Station</b> 2700 Rutherford Road Vaughan L4K 2N9 <b>Community Room</b>
<b>September 22, 2009</b> <b>Town of Richmond Hill</b>	<b>York Region South Services Centre</b> 50 High Tech Road Richmond Hill, L4B 4N7 <b>Training Rooms 1, 2 and 3, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor</b>
<b>September 24, 2009</b> <b>Town of East Gwillimbury</b>	<b>Town of East Gwillimbury Civic Centre</b> 19000 Yonge Street Sharon, LoG 1Vo <b>Council Chambers</b>

## Open House and Statutory Public Meeting

As well, the *Planning Act* requires the Region to hold an Open House and a Statutory Public Meeting to hear additional comments before adoption of the Draft York Region Official Plan. The Open House and the Statutory Public Meeting will be held:

Date and Times	Location
<b>September 29, 2009</b> <b>Open House</b> Required by the <i>Planning Act</i> 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. Open House 7:00 to 7:30 p.m. Presentation 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Facilitated Discussion	<b>York Region Administrative Centre</b> 17250 Yonge Street Newmarket, ON, L3Y 6Z1 <b>Seminar Room</b>
<b>October 7, 2009</b> <b>Statutory Public Meeting</b> Required by the <i>Planning Act</i> 1:30 p.m. during the Planning and Economic Development Committee	<b>York Region Administrative Centre</b> 17250 Yonge Street Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1 <b>Committee Room A</b>

Once these meetings are complete and comments received, Regional staff will make changes to the Draft York Region Official Plan and submit the Plan to Regional Planning and Economic Development Committee and Regional Council for adoption in late 2009.

Copies of the Draft York Region Official Plan – June 2009 are available online, in print or on CD, upon request.

**Please Note:**

All efforts have been made to make the meeting locations accessible. Should you have specific accommodation requirements in order to fully participate in information sessions, the open house or the public meeting, please contact Barbara Jeffrey at 905-830-4444 ext 1526 or [barbara.jeffrey@york.ca](mailto:barbara.jeffrey@york.ca) at least 3 business days advance.

Comments on the Draft York Region Official Plan can be submitted at the public meetings, or at anytime before the end of September 2009 in written form, by Canada Post, by email or telephone using one of the following contacts:

***For further information or to make comments contact:***

The Regional Municipality of York,  
 Planning and Development Services Department  
 17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket, Ontario L3Y 6Z1  
 Tel: 905 895-1231,  
 Toll Free: 1-877-464-9675,  
 Extensions: 1508, 1526 or 1532  
 Fax: 905 895-3482  
 Email: [futureyork@york.ca](mailto:futureyork@york.ca)

Date of this Notice:  
 September 9, 2009



Subject:	Draft York Region Official Plan - June 2009	File No.: 19OP-2009
		Date of this Notice: September 16, 2009

**Draft York Region Official Plan - June 2009  
 Notice of Open House and Statutory Public Meeting  
 required by the *Planning Act***

Section 26 of *Planning Act* requires that an Official Plan be reviewed at least every five years. 2009 is a five-year review year. As part of this review, the *Planning Act* requires that in addition to the Special Meeting of Council, which was held April 8, 2009, Council ensures that at least one Open House is held to provide the public an opportunity to review and ask questions about the information and material provided as part of the five-year review and the Draft York Region Official Plan - June 2009.

**Open House**

An Open House in accordance with section 17(16) of the *Planning Act*, as amended, for the purpose of giving the public an opportunity to review and ask questions about the information and material made available in the Draft York Region Official Plan - June 2009 is to be held at the following time and place:

<b>September 29, 2009</b> 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. Open House 7:00 to 7:30 p.m. Presentation 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Facilitated Discussion	<b>York Region Administrative Centre</b> 17250 Yonge Street Newmarket, ON, L3Y 6Z1 <b>Seminar Room</b>
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**Statutory Public Meeting**

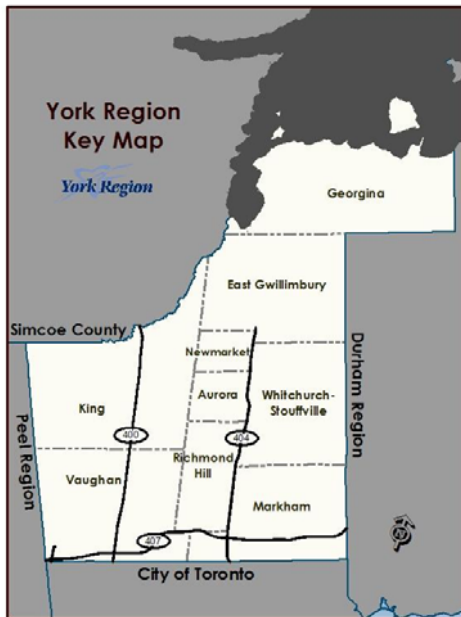
A public meeting in accordance with Section 17(15) of the *Planning Act*, as amended, to inform the public and receive comments on the Draft York Region Official Plan - June 2009 is to be held at the following time and place:

<b>October 7, 2009</b> 1:30 p.m. during the Planning and Economic Development Committee meeting	<b>York Region Administrative Centre</b> 17250 Yonge Street Newmarket, ON, L3Y 6Z1 <b>Committee Room A</b>
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**Purpose and effect of the Draft York Region Official Plan – June 2009:**

This Draft York Region Official Plan applies to all areas within the corporate boundaries of The Regional Municipality of York, as shown in the key map below.

The first York Region Official Plan was approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing in 1994. Since that time there have been approximately 65 amendments to the Plan.



The release of this Draft Official Plan document in June 2009 is one of the final steps in the Planning for Tomorrow growth management initiative commenced in 2005. This Draft Official Plan integrates the Regional Master Plans for Pedestrian and Cycling, Transportation and Transit and Water and Wastewater and brings the Region's Official Plan into conformity with Places to Grow – The Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, the Greenbelt Plan, the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan and other provincial initiatives. The Official Plan was previously brought into conformity with the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan. This aspect of the previous Official Plan has been carried forward into the Draft York Region Official Plan – June 2009.

#### Key Elements of the Draft York Region Official

Plan – June 2009, include

- City building in the Regional Centres and Corridors
- A minimum 40% intensification in the built up area
- Higher standards for new communities
- Well-designed and intensified commercial, industrial and institutional developments
- Protection of strategic employment lands beyond 2031
- Co-ordination with updated infrastructure Master Plans
- Mobility systems prioritizing walking, cycling and transit use
- Higher standards for green building and water efficiency
- Context sensitive design for infrastructure projects
- Linked and enhanced Regional Greenbelt System
- Minimum 25% affordable new housing units
- A full-cost accounting approach to financial management
- Protection of the rural and agricultural countryside

#### **Other Planning Applications that may be impacted by this Draft York Region Official Plan:**

Once this Official Plan is approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the York Region Official Plan will be the upper-tier plan to which local municipal official plans must conform. A number of local municipalities are currently undertaking official plan reviews and updates. Regional staff has been working with these municipalities to ensure that their official plan updates conform to the Draft Region of York Official Plan.

#### **For additional information:**

The Draft York Region Official Plan - June 2009 are available online on the York Region website [www.york.ca](http://www.york.ca) by following the Draft Official Plan logo on the front page or by following this link:

<http://www.york.ca/Departments/Planning+and+Development/Growth+Management/default+Growth+Management.htm>

The Draft Official Plan is also available in print and on CD by calling or visiting the Region of York Planning and Development Services Department at the address and telephone numbers below. Background reports are available online.

As well, a hard copy of the Draft York Region Official Plan - June 2009 as well as background information is available for inspection at the York Region Planning and Development Services Department (see address and telephone numbers at the end of this notice) from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on regular business days. Please refer to the Subject information and File No. at the top of this notice.

Please contact Barbara Jeffrey, MCIP, RPP, Manager, Land Use Policy and Environment, at 905 830-4444 extension 1526, email [barbara.jeffrey@york.ca](mailto:barbara.jeffrey@york.ca) for further information.

Please Note:

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**Approval Process:**

Following the Statutory Public Meeting, the Council of The Regional Municipality of York may, if it chooses, adopt the Draft York Region Official Plan - June 2009 and give Notice of the decision to adopt the Official Plan. Upon adoption the York Region Official Plan will be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for approval.

The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing may approve, modify and approve or refuse to approve, all or part of the York Region Official Plan.

Once the Notice of Decision on this Official Plan is given by the Minister, if you have objections to this York Region Official Plan you may file with the Minister within the time specified in the notice of decision, a notice of appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board.

NOTE:

1. If you wish to be notified of the adoption of the Draft York Region Official Plan - June 2009, you must make a written request to the Clerk of The Regional Municipality of York in care of the address at the end of this notice.
2. If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at the public meeting or make written submissions to York Region, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing on the York Region Official Plan to the Ontario Municipal Board.
3. If a person or public body does not make a written request to the Clerk of the Region or the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for Notice of the Minister's

decision regarding the York Region Official Plan, such Notice may not be provided to them.

4. If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at the public meeting or make written submissions to York Region before the Draft York Region Official Plan - June 2009 is adopted, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

Any person may attend the public meeting and/or make oral or written submissions either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Draft York Region Official Plan - June 2009. Written submissions referring to the Subject information and File No. at the top of this notice should be made to:

Commissioner of Planning and Development Services  
York Region Administrative Centre  
Planning and Development Services Department  
17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket, Ontario L3Y 6Z1  
Tel: 905 895-1231  
Toll Free: 1-877-464-9675  
extensions 1508, 1526 or 1532  
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