

Subject:	York Region Official Plan, December 2009	File No.: 19OP-2009
		Date of this Notice: December 18, 2009

Notice of Adoption of the Official Plan for the Regional Municipality of York

On December 16, 2009 Council of the Regional Municipality of York passed by-law 2009-58 adopting the Official Plan for the Regional Municipality of York under section 17(23) of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended.

The Official Plan for the Regional Municipality of York ensures conformity to key pieces of Provincial legislation including: the Places to Grow Act, 2005, Greenbelt Act, 2005, and the Lake Simcoe Protection Act, 2008.

Key Elements of the Official Plan for the Regional Municipality of York 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 Greenland System
- Minimum 25% affordable new housing units
- A full-cost accounting approach to financial management
- Protection of the rural and agricultural countryside

For additional information:

The Official Plan for the Regional Municipality of York, 2009 as adopted is available online on the York Region website www.york.ca by following the 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 Official Plan for the Regional Municipality of York, 2009 as adopted is also available in print and on CD by calling or visiting the York Region Planning and Development Services Department at the address and telephone numbers below. Background reports are available online.

As well, a hard copy of the Official Plan for the Regional Municipality of York, 2009 as adopted as well as background information is available for inspection at the York Region Planning and Development Services Department 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 for further information.

Approval Process:

The Official Plan for the Regional Municipality of York, 2009 as adopted will be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for approval pursuant to subsection 17 (22) of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended. 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. Any person or public body will be entitled to receive notice of the decision of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing if a written request to be notified of the decision, including name and address is made to:
Larry Clay, Regional Director
Central Municipal Services Office
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
777 Bay St. 2nd Floor
Toronto, ON M5G2E5
2. If a person or public body did 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 Official Plan for the Regional Municipality of York, 2009 as adopted to the Ontario Municipal Board.
3. If a person or public body did 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 Official Plan for the Regional Municipality of York, 2009 as adopted, such Notice may not be provided to them.

4. If a person or public body has not made oral submissions at the public meeting or made written submissions to York Region before the Official Plan for the Regional Municipality of York, 2009 was 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.

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