The Regional Municipality of York

York Region Official Plan 5-year Review Notice of a Special Meeting of Regional Council

You are invited to attend a special meeting of Regional Council. The meeting is being held to receive public input on the York Region Official Plan update.

Date: March 5, 2015 Time: 9:00am

Location: Council Chambers, Regional Administrative Centre

17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket, Ontario

The Regional Official Plan sets out directions and policies to guide economic, environmental, and land use planning decisions in York Region. This meeting will provide you with an overview of the Official Plan update process and an opportunity to address Regional Council on what revisions you believe may be required to the York Region Official Plan.

The York Region Official Plan was approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing in 2010. A copy of the current Official Plan can be viewed or downloaded from the Region's website www.york.ca.

Since 2010, the Province has amended the *Provincial Policy Statement* and *The Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe*, including providing updated population and employment forecasts. These amendments make a York Region Official Plan update important at this time to ensure that it remains current and to help the Region achieve its strategic goals and objectives.

Your vision and input is important for the Region to undertake an effective review of its Official Plan. This Special Meeting of Regional Council, in conjunction with additional public consultation being undertaken, provides opportunity for the Region's residents to participate in shaping the Official Plan.

Any interested person may speak at the Special Meeting of Regional Council and/ or make written submissions. Written submissions are requested by 12:00 pm on Wednesday February 25th, 2015 and may be directed to:

D. Kelly, Regional Clerk
Clerk's Office, Corporate Services Department
York Region Administrative Centre
17250 Yonge Street
Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1
Telephone: (905) 830-4444 x 71320

If you require accommodation to fully participate in this special meeting of Regional Council, accessible formats or communication supports, please contact 1-877-464-9675 or AccessYork@york.ca

If you wish to be notified of the adoption of an Official Plan Amendment during the York Region Official Plan review, you must make a written request to the Regional Clerk, at the address listed above.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to York Region before the proposed Official Plan Amendment is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Minister of the Municipal Affairs and Housing to the Ontario Municipal Board. Furthermore, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of 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.

Further information on the York Region Official Plan review, please visit the York Region website www.york.ca or contact Teresa Cline, Senior Planner at teresa.cline@york.ca or by phone at (905) 830-4444 x71591

