Having YOUR SAY

USING PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS
to PLAN for YORK REGION’S FUTURE

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York Region’s population, economy and households are growing across all nine local cities and towns. We are looking ahead to determine how to best plan for this growth.

**POPULATION** is expected to grow from 1.2 million residents in 2018 to 1.8 million residents in 2041.

**EMPLOYMENT** is expected to grow from 637 thousand jobs in 2018 to 900 thousand jobs in 2041.
WHAT WE’VE Done

Through a mixture of in-person public consultations and online methods, York Region staff have been engaging with the public across our nine local cities and towns to help guide what York Region will look and feel like in the future.

Engagement methods have included:

- **Online surveys**
- **Digital newsletters** - to help residents stay informed
- **Photo contests**
- **Guided walk and talks** with York Region’s Chief Planner
- **An interactive mapping tool** to engage the public on transit-supportive growth
- **Community agency forum** with local partners and service providers
- **Public information sessions** at local community events
- **Social media** campaigns on Facebook and Twitter

Consultation activities to date have focused on using innovative methods to best engage our residents, businesses and workers.
WHAT WE’VE Heard

Through consultation to date, our public have said:

**We want compact, walkable communities** that offer employment opportunities, community facilities, local services, stores and places for social connection

**Affordable housing** is one of the most important components of building complete communities, however, many of us are facing housing market challenges

**We want our communities to reduce emissions** and are aware of the impacts of climate change in York Region

**We want to protect** our forests, parks, trails, agricultural lands and green spaces

**Transit is the top regional service** that we will rely on most in the future and York Region should continue to invest in public transit infrastructure

WHAT’S Next

We are listening to your comments and feedback from the consultations to help us update the documents that guide growth and development in York Region.
Have your say

There’s still more to do. Ongoing public consultations will help us understand the diverse needs of our communities when planning for future growth.

We want your input on how to best plan for our future. For more information, upcoming events and to get involved, visit york.ca/mcrgetinvolved