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**The Regional Municipality of York**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**  
**PROPOSED OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT**

A public meeting will be held in accordance with Section 17(15) of the Planning Act, as amended May 22, 1996, to inform the public and receive comments for an amendment to the Official Plan for The Regional Municipality of York:

Wednesday, February 2, 2000  
 2:00 p.m.  
 Committee Room A  
 York Region Administrative Centre  
 17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket, Ontario

**Purpose and effect of this Amendment:**

To amend Table 1 of the Regional Official Plan to provide updated and revised population and employment forecasts for York Region and the nine area municipalities within the Region to the year 2026. The revised forecasts extend the planning horizon in the Regional Official Plan 5 years from 2021 to 2026 and are based on a report considered by Regional Council on November 11, 1999.

There are no other applications affecting the subject lands.

**For additional information:**  
 A copy of the proposed Amendment as well as background information will be 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. Refer to File No. D05/102-37.

**Approval process:**  
 Following the public meeting, the Council of The Regional Municipality of York may, if it chooses, adopt the proposed Amendment and give notice of the decision to adopt the Amendment.

Pursuant to Ontario Regulation 525/97, made under the Planning Act, applications for amendment to the Official Plan for The Regional Municipality of York commenced on or after January 19, 1996, are exempt from the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. Once notice of decision is given, if you have objections to this decision you may file with the Clerk of The Regional Municipality of York, within the time specified in the notice of decision, a notice of appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board.

**NOTE:**

- If a person or public body that files a notice of appeal of a decision of The Regional Municipality of York in respect of the proposed Official Plan Amendment does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or does not make written submissions to The Regional Municipality of York before the proposed Official Plan Amendment is adopted, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss all or part of the appeal.
- If you wish to be notified of the adoption of the proposed Official Plan Amendment 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.

Any person may attend the public meeting and/or make oral or written submissions either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Plan/Amendment. Written submissions, referring to the Subject information and File No. D05/105-37, should be made to:

Commissioner of Planning and Development Services  
 York Region Administrative Centre  
 Box 147, 17250 Yonge Street  
 Newmarket, Ontario L3Y 6Z1  
 Telephone: (905) 895-1231 (905) 773-3004  
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**York Region**

# Secrecy concerns police board

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"There's no snake in the woodpile," he said, adding only "sinister" members of the media would suggest otherwise.

"There's absolutely no conditions to this whatsoever, other than it be used by York Region residents.

But at least one police board member, Richmond Hill Councillor Dave Barrow, and police union president Dave Kingston are concerned by the secrecy.

"I would like to know more, that's for sure. For somebody to give you a helicopter, it's interesting to say the least," said Barrow, who was unaware the helicopter had been donated until contacted by the media.

"I'm not sure to what degree I need to know. It's one thing not to know everything. But not to know anything? And then the man (Fantino) walks away (to become chief of Toronto's police force).

Although the helicopter has been donated, Barrow pointed out taxpayers will still be on the hook. For one thing, they will have to pay the operating and maintenance costs.

Then there's the issue of the donor claiming the gift on income taxes.

"I'm assuming, if they have donated it, there is some kind of tax receipt involved," said Barrow. "Somebody will claim that against their income taxes at tax time, and taxpayer Canadians will

pay (for the donor's reduced taxes)." Barrow said it would be "very strange" for somebody to make such a magnanimous gesture without expecting something in return.

"What is the motive? Does somebody want something in return? I don't mean it in a sinister sense, that somebody wants the police to turn a blind eye to something. I mean the tax receipt," he said.

"I'm going to make some inquiries. You're right in asking how does that work and what repercussions are there as an anonymous donor. These are questions that have to be asked."

Kingston was also concerned.

"Perception is everything. Maybe it is above board. But why do we have to be so secretive about it? The chief was the one who said everything would be above board when he became chief."

Fantino replaced former chief Bryan Cousineau, who pleaded guilty to breach of trust for failing to inform the police board about a \$125,000 personal loan he had arranged with Magna International.

"Who is this donor? Why would he be handing over a helicopter and why would it be a secret?" asked Kingston. "He (Fantino) hasn't told me anything about it. The chief thinks everybody is sinister who doesn't agree with him."

But Fantino wondered why the helicopter isn't being accepted at face value.

"There are people motivated by phil-

anthropy. There are people motivated by goodwill. This is a goodwill gesture, 100-per-cent bona fide," he said.

"I'm afraid we're living in a world where we have abandoned all trust of humanity. This is not the type of world I want to live in. Why don't you look at this for what it is, an act of kindness."

Fantino said he needed to know the benefactor's identity to assure himself the offer was legitimate.

But he dismissed suggestions that other officials, politicians or even his replacement as chief should be in on the secret so they could verify the legitimacy of the deal and make sure the helicopter meets the forces requirements.

"My credibility and believability are on the line. If I can't be believed, I'm in the wrong business," he said.

"Is it a slow news day? If people don't want you to know, why should you compromise their goodwill and integrity? What you're saying is you shouldn't trust me or the public shouldn't trust me. That's fine. But I have done the honourable, right thing. I can give you and your readers assurances I have been diligent in every respect."

Police services board chairperson Margaret Black and regional chairperson Bill Fisch, a member of the board, both defended accepting a free helicopter, which must still be approved by the board.

Black, a lawyer who is also mayor of King Township, said she's satisfied because Toronto solicitors reviewed the deal.

"Maybe the issue is somebody would eventually tell. There are generous people in the world. There are people who believe what you give you get back 10-fold."

Black said keeping the donor's identity a secret prevents politicians from rewarding the benefactor.

Fisch said he's in favour of the gift because a helicopter will be an asset to the York force. But he said the board will not start accepting other anonymous contributions.

"If it was something else that didn't have the importance and value of a helicopter, we would look at it differently. It is a helicopter. It's not a fleet of cars or cell phones. It is what it is," he said.

"Anonymity is the only condition. There are no other strings attached. I'm prepared to accept the chief's word."

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