

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 March 30, 2007, to inform the public and receive comments on this proposed Amendment to the Official Plan for The Regional Municipality of York:

Wednesday, June 13, 2007
1:30 p.m. Committee Room 'A'
York Region Administrative Centre
17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket, Ontario

Purpose and effect of this Amendment:

The purpose of this amendment is to provide for a number of updates to Regional Official Plan policies and maps to reflect new information, changed jurisdictions and correct minor errors.

The changes are geographically diverse and cannot be replicated for the purpose of this notice. However, the specific changes are shown on detailed Amendment Maps 3, 5, 8, 9, 10 and 11 on the Region's website:

<http://www.york.ca/Public+Notices/default+public+notices.htm>

By area municipality, the changes deal with:

Town of Georgina:

- designate Warden Avenue, Ravenshoe to Baseline as "Regional Rd." and "Existing Regional Road" on 2 maps

Township of King:

- designate land in northeast Nobleton as "Conservation and Regional Forest"

Town of Richmond Hill:

- delete policy 5.2.13
- designate Jefferson Forest lands as "Conservation and Regional Forest"
- delete "Proposed Arterial Rd." south of Philips Lake
- redesignate area on Yonge St. from "Natural Linkage Area" to "Countryside Area" and designate area of land on Bayview Avenue to "Countryside Area", both as consistent with the ORMCP and OPA 218 of the Town.

Town of Whitchurch- Stouffville:

- designate 9th line, Bloomington Rd. to Aurora Rd. as "Existing Regional Rd."

Town of East Gwillimbury:

- delete Policy 6.2.1 - delete the second sentence that refers to the Sharon bypass which was abandoned and the proposed route removed from the map
- delete Policy 6.1.13 clauses a) and e)
- designate urban area east of Leslie St., south of Green Lane East
- designate McCowan Rd., Davis Dr. to Ravenshoe; Doane Rd., Woodbine to Leslie; 2nd Concession, Green Lane to Queensville Side Rd. as a "Regional Rd."
- delete unopened Kennedy Rd., Davis Dr. to Herald Rd.
- designate McCowan Rd., Davis Dr. to Ravenshoe; Kennedy Rd., Herald Rd. to north of Holborn Rd.; 2nd Concession, Green Lane to Queensville Side Rd.; Bathurst St., Green Lane to Yonge St. as "Existing Regional Rd."

Town of Newmarket:

- delete Gorham St./Eagle St. Yonge St. to Leslie St. as a "Regional Rd."

City of Vaughan:

- delete unopened Teston Rd., Dufferin to Keele;
- redesignate Highway 50, Steeles to Highway 7 as Planned Basic Road Width "up to 45 metres right-of-way"
- designate unopened Teston Rd., Dufferin to Keele, as a Regional Arterial Rd. Proposed
- designate proposed GO Stations north of Highway 7 on Bradford Line and redesignate Rutherford Rd. GO Station to "Existing"

Town of Markham:

- delete Highway 7, Donald Cousens Parkway to Y-D Line as Regional Rd.; add 9th line realignments and Markham Bypass near Box Grove as Regional Rd.
- delete existing 9th line, south of 407 as shown on mapping from Regional Rd. Network, change line thickness Hwy 48, 407 to 16th;
- redesignate Markham Bypass as shown on Map as Other Arterial
- designate Highway 7, Donald Cousens Parkway to Y-D Line as a Regional Rd.; 9th Line realignment and Markham Bypass as Existing Regional Rd.
- delete existing 9th line alignment as a Regional Rd.; Hwy 48 - existing Provincial Hwy from Regional Rd. Network in area of 407
- redesignate Mt. Joy and Centennial GO Stations as "Existing GO Stations"

In addition several policy changes are proposed that affect the entire Regional area:

- Policy 2.5.1 - add sentence to clarify that the Greenbelt Plan Protected Countryside designation applies to those lands within the ORMCP boundary below the 245 metres ASL contour.
- Policy 6.2.14 b) - delete to clarify relationship between the ROP and local OPs with respect to the description of transit rights-of-way
- Policy 7.1.13 - delete
- Policy 7.6.8 add mapping errors as a reason for technical amendments
- Policy 7.7.2 add sentence to permit ORMCP mapping changes to allow correction of errors as they may arise.

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 am to 4:30 p.m. on regular business days. Refer to the Subject information and File No. at the top of this notice. As well, a copy of the Amendment and Mapping is available on the York Region Website, by following this link:
<http://www.york.ca/Public+Notices/default+public+notices.htm>

Contact Barbara Jeffrey, Manager of Land Use Policy and Environment, 905-830-4444 extension 1526, or Karen Antonio-Hadcock, Senior Planner, 905-830-4444, extension 1532 for further information.

Related Application:

The Region has received an incomplete Regional Official Plan Amendment application to permit the establishment of a day nursery in the existing structure at 11,971 Yonge Street within the Proposed ROPA 54 subject lands.

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, 1998, 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 amendment 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:

1. If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at the 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 York Region Council to the Ontario Municipal Board.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at the public meeting or make written submissions to York Region before the proposed official plan amendment 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.

2. If you wish to be notified of the adoption of the proposed Official Plan Amendment, or the refusal of a request to amend the official plan, 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 Amendment. 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
Box 147, 17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket, Ontario L3Y 6Z1
Telephone: (905)830-4444, 1-877-464-9675; (705)437-1617
Facsimile: (905) 895-3482

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KATHLEEN WYNNE: Education minister says funds will train up to 1,400 Ontarian teachers.

Training to begin before Labour Day: minister

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next two months, she said. That will be followed by school team training of up to 1,400 teachers, principals and educational assistants over the summer.

"I want as much training as possible to have happened before Labour Day," Ms Wynne said.

The Autism Reference Group was impressed by how fast the province acted on its recommendation, group chairperson Lynn Ziraldo said.

"It's a report that was given to the ministry 2-1/2 months ago and it's already starting to be implemented," she said.

Bruce McIntosh, whose son, Cliff, is autistic, welcomed the announcement as a step in the right direction.

But Mr. McIntosh, who hopes to run in Thornhill for the Conservatives in November's provincial election, questioned why the government seemed to change its mind on the issue.

Previously, the province had said applied behaviour analysis couldn't be performed within the school system.

Still, the teaching method had been taught in some Ontario schools already, but under different names, he said.

"I'm pleased to see they've come to their senses in that regard," he said. "If they can get this thing together for fall, that's fantastic."

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