

## GIVING BACK

Happy Cat, the resident feline of Gaylands Farm on Bloomington Road in Whitchurch-Stouffville, often hitches a ride on shoulders of staff at the equestrian centre, including Jessica Balfour, 18.



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### Our cities are changing as we adapt and grow

Over the next two decades, York Region will experience continued rapid population and employment growth. By 2031, the Provincial Places to Grow Plan anticipates the Region will add:

- 570,000 people, to bring our population to 1.5 million people
- 337,000 jobs, to bring our employment to 800,000 jobs

In May 2008, York Regional Council endorsed proceeding with a refinement of the 40% growth scenario as the basis for the Region's Growth Plan to 2031 and recommended that public consultation open houses and town hall meetings be held to receive input on this scenario.

The preferred growth scenario includes:

- A population of 1.5 million people by 2031;
- Employment of 800,000 jobs by 2031;
- A minimum 40% intensification in existing built-up areas;
- Minimum densities of 50 people and jobs per hectare in new communities and 200 people and jobs per hectares in the Regional Centres.

### Learn more and have your say

Prior to making final decisions regarding this scenario, Regional Council wants to hear your opinions through one of the following Town Hall sessions:

| Meeting Date & Municipality                             | Location   |
|---|--|
| Wednesday, September 17, 2008<br>Town of Markham        | Town of Markham Anthony Roman Centre<br>Canada Room<br>101 Town Centre Boulevard, Markham                                      |
| Thursday, September 18, 2008<br>City of Vaughan         | Vaughan Civic Centre<br>Council Chambers<br>2141 Major Mackenzie Drive, Maple  |
| Tuesday, September 23, 2008<br>Town of East Gwillimbury | East Gwillimbury Civic Centre<br>Council Chambers<br>19000 Leslie Street, Sharon   |
| Wednesday, September 24, 2008<br>Town of Richmond Hill  | Richmond Hill Municipal Offices<br>OMB Hearing Room & 1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby<br>225 East Beaver Creek Road, Richmond Hill |
| Thursday, September 25, 2008<br>Town of Newmarket       | Newmarket Municipal Offices<br>Council Chambers<br>395 Mulock Drive, Newmarket   |

6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. - Open House with Regional staff  
 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. - Presentation  
 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. - Facilitated discussion

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