

New rail crossing to speed GO train

\$54-million project creates underpass at CN freight line

The \$54 million separation of the Hagerman Diamond rail-to-rail crossing along GO Transit's Stouffville line is now complete.

An underpass was created so GO trains no longer have to wait to pass across CN's freight line, which is supposed to enable more frequent and reliable GO train service during peak travel times.

"This transit upgrade will shorten the commute for users of the GO Transit Stouffville rail corridor," John Baird, Canada's Transport and Infrastructure

Minister said. "This project shows how our government is working with our provincial and municipal partners to deliver infrastructure that stimulates our economy, that creates more jobs and takes cars off the road."

Prior to the grade separation, GO Transit's north-south Stouffville line intersected with the east-west CN freight corridor north of Steeles Avenue in Markham.

Congestion at this intersection was causing delays and prevented GO Transit from expanding service on this line.

"GO Transit riders now have better service," Jim Bradley, Ontario's Transportation Minister said.

About 12,000 people will now be able to move in and out of Toronto's downtown core via the Stouffville corridor on a daily basis.

"Where these two tracks crossed at grade has always been a problem for us to increase service or maintain schedules," Gary McNeil, managing director for GO Transit said. "The new interchange will now allow us to do both."

— Sandra Bolan



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday, January 20, 2009 AT 7:00 p.m.

Proposed Amendment to the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Official Plan to Implement Provisions of the Planning and Conservation Land Statute Law Amendment Act (Bill 51)

Proposed by the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville

File No. OPA08.002

NOTICE OF MEETING

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville will convene a public meeting on Tuesday January 20, 2009 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers, Municipal Offices, 4th Floor, 37 Sandiford Drive, Stouffville, Ontario to consider a proposed Official Plan Amendment pursuant to Sections 17 and 22 of the Planning Act

This Amendment proposes changes to the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Official Plan to implement provisions of the Planning and Conservation Land Statute Law Amendment Act (Bill 51)

LOCATION

The proposed Amendment applies to all lands within the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Bill 51 permits municipalities to regulate the external design of buildings and control the placement of sustainable design elements on adjoining roads through site plan control, if the official plan contains policies relating to such matters. Bill 51 further enables municipalities to require any other information and material that it considers it may need to assess Official Plan Amendment, Zoning By-law Amendment, Draft Plan of Subdivision, Draft Plan of Condominium, Site Plan Approval or Consent. This information can be required before an application is determined to be complete

The purpose of the Proposed Amendment is to implement relevant provisions of Bill 51 by the addition of new policies in the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Official Plan. The proposed Amendment contains policies to:

Prescribe required information and studies in support of applications for an Official Plan Amendment, Zoning By-law Amendment, Approval of Draft Plan of Subdivision, Approval of Draft Plan of Condominium, Site Plan Approval and Consent. Such information is to be provided before these applications are determined to be complete

To permit the control of the external design of buildings and the placement of sustainable design elements on adjoining roads through the site plan control process

REPRESENTATION

Any person may attend the Public Meeting to make written or oral submissions on the proposed Official Plan Amendment. Should you be unable to attend the Public Meeting, your written submission will be received up to the time of the meeting.

NOTICE OF DECISION

If you wish to be notified of the adoption of the Official Plan Amendment or the refusal of a request to amend the Official Plan you must make a written request to the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, 37 Sandiford Drive, 4th Floor, Stouffville, Ontario L4A 7X5

APPEAL

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville before the proposed Official Plan Amendment is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Council of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, to the Ontario Municipal Board.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville 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.

An Official Plan Amendment adopted by the Council of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville is forwarded to the Region of York for approval, unless it is determined that the Amendment is exempt from Regional approval during the review process. For an exempt Amendment, the decision to adopt by the Council of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville becomes final, subject to any appeals during the statutory appeal period.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION on the proposed Official Plan Amendment is available for inspection at the Department of Planning and Building, Municipal Offices, 4th Floor, 37 Sandiford Drive, Stouffville during regular business hours (Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.). If you have any questions, please contact Alan Drozd, Manager of Planning, Department of Planning and Building, by telephone at (905) 640-1900 or (905) 895-2423, Ext 320 or e-mail: alan.drozd@townofws.com.

DATED at the TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE this 26th day of December 2008

Andrew McNeely, Director of Planning and Building Services



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

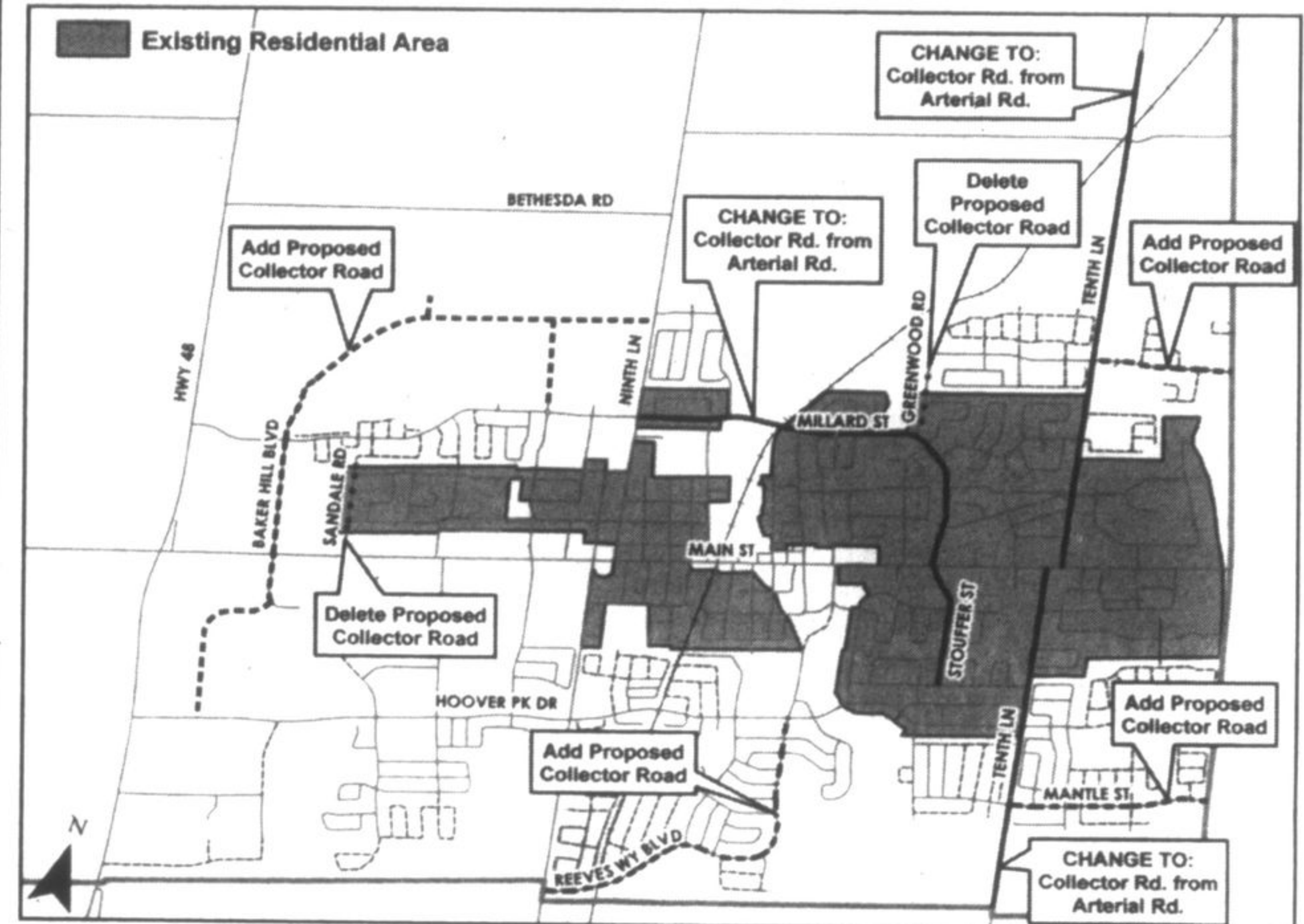
Tuesday, January 20, 2009 AT 7:00 p.m.

Proposed Amendment to the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Official Plan (Community of Stouffville Secondary Plan)

Protection of the Character of Existing Neighborhoods; and, Changes to Collector Road Designations and Alignments in Stouffville

Proposed by the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville

File No. OPA08.003



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This Amendment proposes changes to the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Official Plan to introduce revisions to current policies concerning development and redevelopment within the Existing Residential Area designation in the Community of Stouffville Secondary Plan. The proposed Amendment also includes changes to collector road alignments and classifications in the Community of Stouffville - Secondary Plan.

LOCATION

The proposed Amendment(s) applies to lands within the Community of Stouffville Secondary Plan shown as "Existing Residential Area" and to the road classifications and alignments shown on the map.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

In response to concerns about residential development proposals in the Stouffville Community, the Town conducted a review of land use policies contained within the Community of Stouffville Secondary Plan. The review examined the various neighborhoods within urban Stouffville and the consideration of Provincial directives to facilitate residential intensification within established urban settlement areas. The proposed changes to the Existing Residential Area policies of the Community of Stouffville Secondary Plan are to establish a responsive policy framework to ensure that compatible and appropriate residential development and redevelopment occurs in the future that protects the character of existing residential neighborhoods. The revisions are intended to ensure that policies are in place to ensure that appropriate land use compatibility issues and criteria are considered in evaluating proposals for development and redevelopment in existing residential neighborhoods.

The Amendment also proposes the re-classification, deletion and addition of certain collector roads in the Stouffville Community. These proposed changes result from the various functional servicing studies, land use plans and traffic studies undertaken over time in Stouffville. The proposed changes are intended to respond to the evolving transportation needs of the Stouffville Community.

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