

Additional York Region Comments on Amendment 1 to the Growth Plan and updated Land Needs Assessment Methodology

Amendment 1 to the Growth Plan

| Policy / Topic Area | Comment |
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| Policy 2.2.5.10 – Policy with criteria for assessing conversion of employment land outside of a municipal comprehensive review. | If this policy is maintained, the Province should clarify in writing that policy 2.2.5.10 applies on a one time basis between now and the next Municipal Comprehensive Review, not between Municipal Comprehensive Reviews beyond the 2022 conformity date. |
| Section 4.2.8 – Policies dealing with Mineral Aggregate Operations, wayside pits, and quarries | The Province should not remove the existing prohibition on new mineral aggregate operations in habitats of endangered and threatened species. Concern that this policy seems to imply that mineral aggregate operations are already permitted within key natural heritage and key hydrologic features. It is precisely in the urban/near urban areas where habitats of endangered and threatened species should be protected. |
| Section 4.2.8 - Policies dealing with Mineral Aggregate Operations, wayside pits, and quarries | Recommend that a requirement be added for municipalities carrying out source protection programs under the Clean Water Act to be directly engaged by the Ministry on license/permit applications for an aggregate site that could pose a significant drinking water threat. Municipalities should have input into the conditions of these instruments to ensure drinking sources are not adversely impacted and protect public health. |
| Schedule 3 Forecast Mock A and B – two potential options for presentation of Schedule 3 forecasts. Option A contains 2031, 2041, and 2051 which Option B shows only 2051. | Recommend proceeding with Mock B of Schedule showing only the 2051 end point and not the 2031 and 2041 interim years as York Region staff understand that these no longer need to be achieved. |