



July 27, 2020

The Honourable Steve Clark

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
17th Floor, 777 Bay St.
Toronto, ON M5G 2E5

RE: [CITY OF MARKHAM COMMENTS ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT 1 TO A PLACE TO GROW: GROWTH PLAN FOR THE GREATER GOLDEN HORSESHOE, 2019 AND PROPOSED LAND NEEDS ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY \(10.0\)](#)

Dear Mr. Clark;

This will confirm that at a meeting held July 14 and 16, 2020, the Council of the City of Markham adopted the following resolution:

1. That the report entitled, “City of Markham Comments on Proposed Amendment 1 to A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2019, and Proposed Land Needs Assessment Methodology”, dated July 13, 2020, be received; and,
2. That this report be forwarded to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and York Region, as the City of Markham’s comments on proposed Amendment 1 to A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2019 and proposed Land Needs Assessment Methodology; and,
3. That the Province reconsider the extension of the Growth Plan forecasts to 2051 or provide municipalities with the ability to carefully phase urban boundary expansions to ensure that development happens in a comprehensive, logical manner; and,
4. That the Province be advised that in order to maintain the integrity of the Growth Plan as a comprehensive framework for sustainable growth management, the City does not support the proposed changes to policies 2.2.1 and 5.1.4 which would allow the use of higher growth forecasts than those contained in Growth Plan Schedule 3; and,
5. That the Province be advised that the City does not support the proposed changes to policy 2.2.5.10 c) that would allow the conversion of employment lands in a Provincially Significant Employment Zone located within a Major Transit Station Area until the next Municipal Comprehensive Review; and,

6. That the Province clarify that employment area conversions that can be undertaken “until the next Municipal Comprehensive Review” includes a Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR) that is in-process (e.g. York Region’s 2041 MCR). An alternate solution is to include a specific date for when the policy is no longer operative such as the date of conformity for upper- and single-tier municipalities (July 1, 2022); and,
7. That the Province provide specific guidance and support to municipalities regarding required engagement with indigenous communities; and,
8. That the City work with the Province and the Region to improve coordination of development approvals and identify tools and strategies to support the provision of affordable housing, through measures such as:
 - a. expand inclusionary zoning to apply more broadly throughout the municipality; and
 - b. clarify or revise the Community Benefit Charge framework so it that it does not apply to ‘affordable units’ but continues to apply to ‘market units’ within a proposed development that is subject to inclusionary zoning; and further,
9. That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the resolution.

Should you have any questions, please contact Darryl Lyons at 905.477.7000 ext. 2459.

Yours sincerely,



Kimberley Kitteringham
City Clerk

ATTACHMENTS:

[Appendix A](#)

[Appendix B](#)

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