

The King Official Plan 2019, as proposed to be modified, is consistent with the recently enacted Provincial Policy Statement, 2020

The Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 (PPS 2020) provides policy direction on matters of Provincial interest, related to land use planning and development. This overarching planning document provides for appropriate development while protecting resources of provincial interest, public health and safety and quality of the natural environment. The PPS 2020 supports an efficient use of land within settlement areas where growth and development are focused and the provision of sufficient land for residential, commercial, industrial, recreational, open space and institutional uses. The PPS 2020 directs the provision of an appropriate range and mix of housing, supported by the use of active and public transportation.

Further, the PPS 2020 provides direction related to the creation of “efficient land use and development patterns which support sustainability by promoting strong, liveable, healthy and resilient communities, protecting the environment and public health and safety and facilitating economic growth” (Section 1.0). The King Official Plan 2019 (King OP) contains policies that address the broad themes, including: building strong communities and healthy communities, wise use and management of resources, and protecting public health and safety.

Policy updates in the PPS 2020 focus on: 1) Increasing Housing Supply and Mix; 2) Protecting the Environment, including the Greenbelt, and Public Safety; 3) Reducing Barriers and Cost; 4) Supporting Rural, Northern and Indigenous Communities; and, 5) Supporting Certainty and Economic Growth. A number of modifications are proposed to the adopted King OP 2019 to reflect the updated policy directions and defined terms in the recently updated PPS, particularly related to sensitive land uses, excess soil reuse, employment, housing, public service facilities, hazard lands human made hazards, lot creation, mineral aggregate and petroleum resources, waste management systems, stormwater management, climate change and various other definitions.

The King OP, as modified, is consistent with the goals and intent of the PPS 2020.

As proposed to be modified, the King Official Plan conforms to the Provincial Growth Plan, 2019

The Growth Plan 2019 is the Provincial framework for managing growth to the identified planning horizon. While the in force Growth Plan 2019 currently identifies a planning horizon to 2041, the purpose of the King Official Plan review is to bring it into conformity with the York Region Official Plan, 2010 (YROP) which provides growth targets to 2031. Conformity with the Growth Plan 2019 growth forecasts will be undertaken as part of, and following the completion of the Regional Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR) currently underway.

The Growth Plan supports a vision of building compact, vibrant and complete communities that promotes a range and mix of housing options while promoting efficient use of land and infrastructure, and supports transit viability. The Growth Plan is also premised on the principles

of developing a strong and competitive economy and optimizing the use of infrastructure while protecting natural resources.

The King OP includes population and employment forecasts in Tables 1 and 2 consistent with the YROP. The King OP also includes policies that direct forecasted growth and intensification to the Villages of King City, the urban area of the Village of Nobleton, and the Village of Schomberg. Policies have been added or strengthened to ensure infrastructure and community facilities, such as roads, water and wastewater, schools and parks are integrated planned efficiently and as envisioned. Transportation policies have been included with a focus on a safe and an integrated transportation system that provide a range of mobility choices and supports active transportation. There are policies for protecting natural heritage systems, prime agricultural and specialty crop areas, conservation of water, energy, air quality, waste management and cultural heritage, in accordance with the Growth Plan.

To ensure conformity, minor policy modifications are required as outlined in Attachment 1. These proposed modifications are related to settlement boundary expansions, the provincial agricultural system, servicing, infrastructure, and various definitions.

The King Official Plan, as proposed to be modified, conforms with the Greenbelt Plan, 2017

The Greenbelt Plan, 2017 identifies where urbanization should not occur in order to provide permanent protection of the agricultural land base and ecological and hydrological features, areas and functions occurring within its Plan area. The Greenbelt Plan identifies settlement areas (Towns/ Villages and Hamlets) with supporting policy direction for achieving complete communities that are healthier, safer, more equitable and more resilient to the impacts of climate change. It also provides for a diverse range of economic activities associated with rural communities, agriculture, tourism, recreation and resource uses which King Township encompasses. The Greenbelt Plan provides protection of these resources from urban development.

The vast majority of Township of King is within the Greenbelt Plan Area. The King OP is the Township's first conformity exercise with the Greenbelt Plan and contains appropriate policies supportive of the natural heritage and agricultural system that make up the identified Protected Countryside. Minor modifications are outlined in Attachment 1 to address conformity with the Greenbelt Plan regarding natural heritage, servicing, infrastructure and various definitions.

The King Official Plan, as proposed to be modified, conforms with the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, 2017

The Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, 2017 (ORMCP) is an ecologically based plan that provides land use and resource management direction and establishes a policy framework for protection of the ecological integrity of the Oak Ridges Moraine. A large portion of the Township is located within the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan Area. The King OP carries forward the ORMCP's four land use designations: 1) Natural Core Area; 2) Natural Linkage Area; 3)

Countryside Area; and, 4) Settlement Areas, and their associated policies. The ORMCP also sets out other restrictions and policies regarding environmental protection, agricultural system, infrastructure, landform conservation, groundwater protection, natural resources, and cultural, recreation and tourism, which are reflected in this new Official Plan.

Modifications to the adopted King OP are proposed in Attachment 1 to provide clarity and further address conformity with the ORMCP related to secondary residential units, site alteration and tree by-laws, vegetation protections zones servicing, infrastructure.

As proposed to be modified, the new King Official Plan conforms with the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan, 2009

The northern portion of King Township is located within the Lake Simcoe watershed. The Lake Simcoe Protection Plan, 2009 (LSPP) is a comprehensive plan to protect and restore the ecological health of Lake Simcoe and its watershed. The LSPP addresses long term environmental issues in the Lake Simcoe watershed by promoting actions that address threats to the ecosystem, such as excessive phosphorus, invasive species, and climate change. The LSPP includes policies to protect and restore natural areas including the Lake Simcoe shoreline, its tributaries and wetlands in addition to restoring the health of fish and other aquatic life. The King OP was updated to address storm water management requirements and the Designated Policies of the LSPP. It also includes the applicable policies related to water quantity and quality, and natural heritage. However, minor modifications are proposed, as outlined in Attachment 1, to provide further clarity with respect to the LSPP.

The Official Plan, as proposed to be modified, conforms with the York Region Official Plan, 2010

The York Region Official Plan, 2010 sets out policies that will guide economic, environmental and community building decisions and manage growth within York Region to the year 2031. The YROP also includes policies to guide land use planning at a regional level, consistent with the provincial policy direction when it was approved. It emphasizes growth management by providing direction on city building, complete communities, and where intensification should occur, protecting agricultural areas and employment lands, and identifying servicing and infrastructure needs. Healthy communities, providing a mix of house options, including affordable housing, natural heritage protection, cultural heritage resource conservation, source water protection, sustainability, a transit-first approach, active transportation and infrastructure efficiency all are key component of the YROP.

The King OP, as proposed to be modified, reflects the general policy direction of the YROP. Policies are included that protect the Regional Greenlands system utilizing a systems approach, and that provide the framework for sustainable growth management. The Plan places importance on its rural area and Hamlets, and agricultural protection. Some areas of the YROP are more restrictive than the policies of the Provincial Plans, like prohibiting “Major Development” in Hamlets. The King OP is required to conform to the applicable policies of the YROP-2010.

The modifications included in Attachment 1 to this report are provided for the purposes of clarity and to address conformity with the YROP. These proposed modifications are related to growth management, the employment growth forecast, sustainability, natural heritage, archaeological resources, source water protection, wellhead protection, Hamlets, agricultural and rural area policies, mineral aggregate and petroleum resources, waste management systems, servicing, infrastructure, transportation, Community Energy Plans, utilities, community Improvement Plans and various definitions.