York Region's Draft Climate Change Action Plan

Agriculture and Agri-Food Advisory Committee
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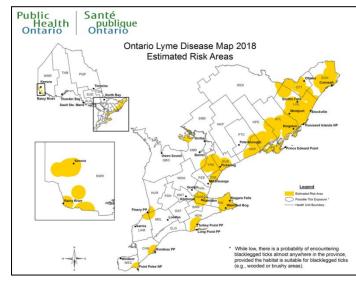
Climate change is here



Transportation Services



Transit Ridership

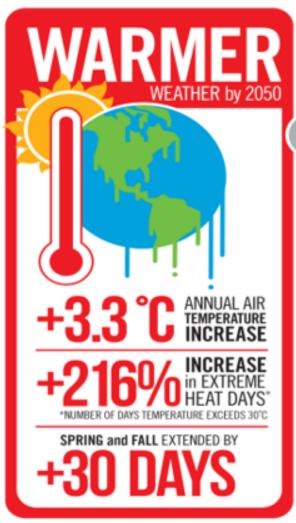


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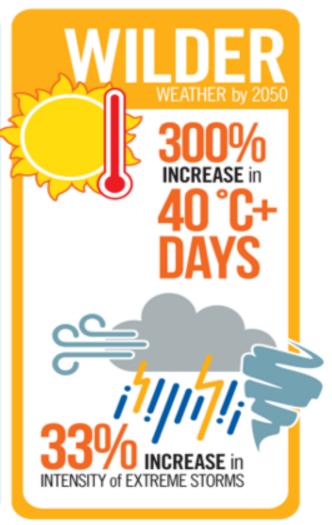
All York Region services are impacted by the changing climate

And it will continue to change

What are the Future Climate Trends for York Region?







Action to adapt and mitigate risk to Regional services

Significant costs due to infrastructure damage

Higher demand for emergency shelter, housing, medical and social supports

More disruptions to critical services The need to manage and educate the public about invasive species and loss of biodiversity

Greater and more complex demands on emergency services

Increased liability risks, insurance costs and borrowing costs

What York Region is already doing



and more!

Opportunity to integrate and build cross-cutting actions

What is the Climate Change Action Plan

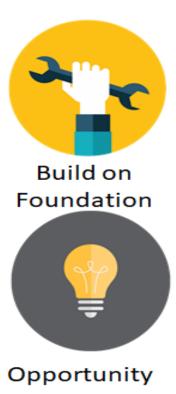
CORPORATE Mitigation

COMMUNITY **Mitigation**



COMMUNITY **Adaptation**





Action Plan Structure



RES	LIENT	Comm	unities
and	INFRA	STRUC	TURE

- > Robust Infrastructure
- > Land Use Planning
- » Natural Systems

LOW CARBON LIVING

- > Emissions Reduction
- > Food Systems
- > Circular Economy

SUPPORTING an EQUITABLE TRANSITION

- > Prepared and Responsive Region
- > Economic Vitality
- > Vulnerability and Equity

Community Energy and Emissions Plan



Baseline Energy Use and GHG Emissions (Baseline)



Future Forecast (Business and Usual)



Options to Achieve Targets (Actions)

Impacts of Climate Change on Agriculture and Agri-food Sector

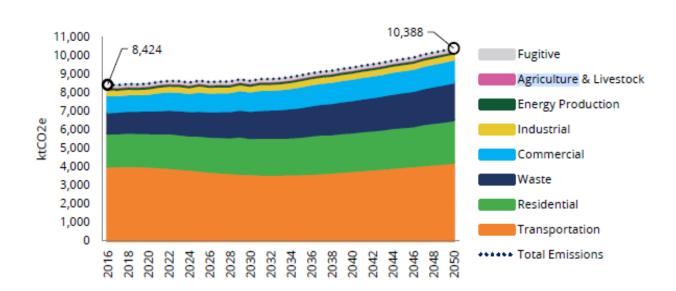
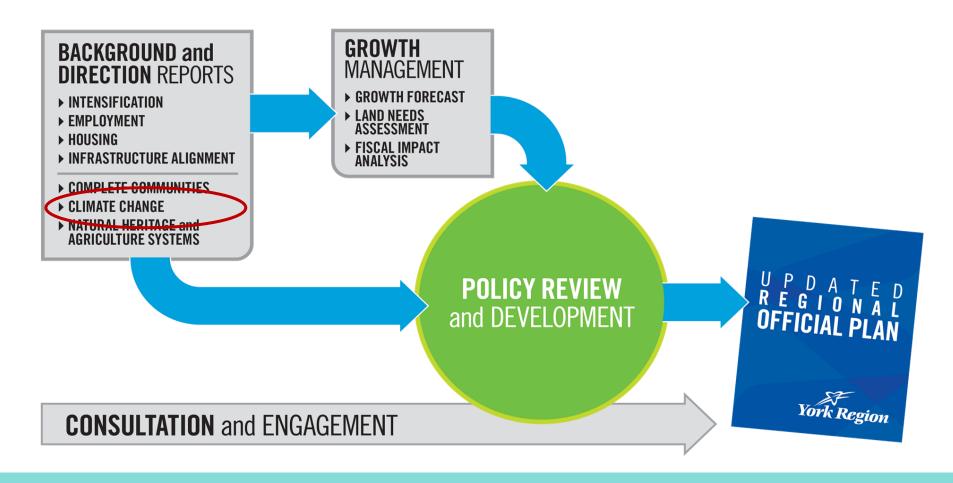


Figure: 'Business As Usual' scenario, community GHG Emissions, by sector, 2016 - 2050



A component of the Official Plan Update



Council endorsed development of a climate change action plan in Q4 2017

Regional Official Plan Update

- Prepare for climate change impacts
- Design climate change resilient communities
- Develop climate change action plan
- Maximize active transportation and transit
- Make use of renewable and alternate energy systems options
- Establish GHG reduction targets



Next Steps

Q1 2021	Q2 – Q3 2021	Q4 2021	Q2 2022
 Housing Policy Directions Report Council Education Session Policy Directions Report #2 Draft Forecast and Land Needs Assessment to Council 	MCR Update Report	Draft Regional Official Plan	Anticipated Regional Official Plan Adoption

QUESTIONS?

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