



RESOLUTION OF THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

Subject: Fully Include East Gwillimbury Whitebelt Lands in the
2051 Timeframe

Date: September 16, 2021

Moved by: Mayor Hackson

Seconded by: Mayor Lovatt

WHEREAS East Gwillimbury Council has unanimously supported and requested that the Region include all whitebelt lands in East Gwillimbury as urban settlement for future residential and employment area for the 2051 timeframe; and

WHEREAS The East Gwillimbury community has over 75% (46,170 acres) of land under permanent environmental protection through the Greenbelt legislation, Oak Ridges Moraine and Conservation Authority regulations; and

WHEREAS Our planned urban area will provide for multi-generation family-based housing that will be ground oriented and affordable. In addition, we are currently servicing our highway 404 employment area and the inclusion of additional employment lands will facilitate a balanced and complete live-work community; and

WHEREAS The East Gwillimbury Whitebelt Landowner Group is actively in discussions with York Region to ensure the UYSS (or alternative) is fully funded and financed within the East Gwillimbury community; and

WHEREAS All additional residential and employment growth in East Gwillimbury will contribute to the future York Region subway extension and all other future regional growth related capital costs.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That recommendation #1 be amended by adding the following clauses:

That Council direct staff to increase the contingency in the Land Needs Assessment to mitigate market risk by including all the remaining Whitebelt lands in the Town of East Gwillimbury into the Urban Settlement Area boundary as requested by the Town, and further, that staff be directed to include appropriate phasing policies in the Regional Official Plan to manage growth in East Gwillimbury in an orderly fashion; and,

That the Chief Administrative Officer report to the November Special Council meeting with recommendations for appropriate developer front-funding financing to implement the Upper York Sewage Solution and contribute to York Region's financing requirements, including the Yonge Street Subway extension.