

DEPUTATION REQUEST

REGIONAL COUNCIL

OCTOBER 21, 2021

Subject: Planning for Growth to 2051- Motions

Spokesperson: Peter Miasek

Name of Group or person(s) being represented (if applicable):

Unionville Residents Association (Markham)

Brief summary of issue or purpose of deputation:

We support the 60% regional intensification target outlined by staff under Motion #5. The staff report does a good job in describing the benefits. The report describes the major risk is slow market take-up of largely higher density housing. This can be mitigated by closely monitoring market take-up (already underway) and adjusting the target, if necessary, at the next MCR in less than 10 years.

If, on the other hand, a lower intensification target is set, this will drive more land to be designated for community use. This land cannot be clawed back should the market strongly prefer higher density, leaving this land in limbo.

Going 60% now, with the potential to adjust in 10 years, is a "no regrets" approach.

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