

The background of the slide is a photograph of the York Region building, a modern structure with two prominent, cylindrical clock towers. The building has a curved facade with large windows and is set against a clear blue sky with some light clouds. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

# Draft York Region Official Plan

Presented to  
**Committee of the Whole**

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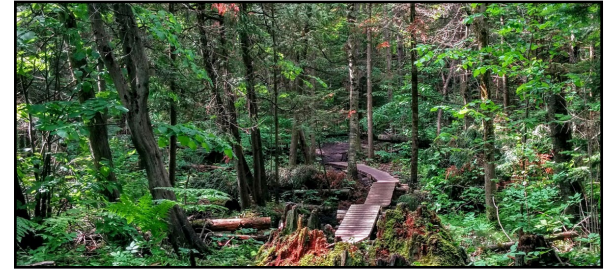
November 11, 2021

The logo for York Region, featuring a stylized white starburst or 'Y' shape above the text 'York Region' in a white serif font.

**York Region**

# OUTLINE

- Council, Partner, and Public Engagement
- Major Policy Updates
- Next Steps
- Recommendations



# DRAFT ROP TO BE UPDATED WITH COUNCIL'S DIRECTION ON LAND NEEDS ASSESSMENT

- Updated Draft ROP reflecting Council direction on Alternate 2051 Forecast and Land Needs Assessment Scenarios in Response to Consultation report, October 2021



# YORK REGION'S THIRD OFFICIAL PLAN IS A KEY MILESTONE

York Region Official Plan 1994 (first)

York Region Official Plan 2010 (current)

Draft York Region Official Plan 2021 (proposed)



# DRAFT ROP IS THE CULMINATION OF KEY COUNCIL DIRECTION

## Ongoing engagement with Council

- 3 Council Education Sessions
- Over 25 reports
- Presentations and memos



# COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL PROVIDE VALUABLE PERSPECTIVES

- Planning Advisory Committee
- Housing Affordability Task Force
- Agriculture and Agri-Food Advisory Committee
- Accessibility Advisory Committee

# PARTNER ALIGNMENT WILL SET THE STAGE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

## **Local Municipal and Conservation Authority input**

- MCR Local Municipal Working Group
- Frequent discussions to inform policy development
- Extensive feedback collected
- Presentations on the Forecast and Land Needs Assessment to majority of local municipal Councils
- Other local municipal staff forums

# EARLY INPUT ENHANCES POLICY DEVELOPMENT

## **Development industry collaboration through BILD forums**

- MCR Advisory Committee Meetings
- York Chapter Meetings
- Land Needs Assessment and Forecast Working Group

## **Proactive Indigenous community engagement**

## **Ongoing and extensive public engagement**

- Public and targeted information center meetings
- surveys
- e-newsletters
- videos
- interactive on-line tools



# MAJOR POLICY UPDATES

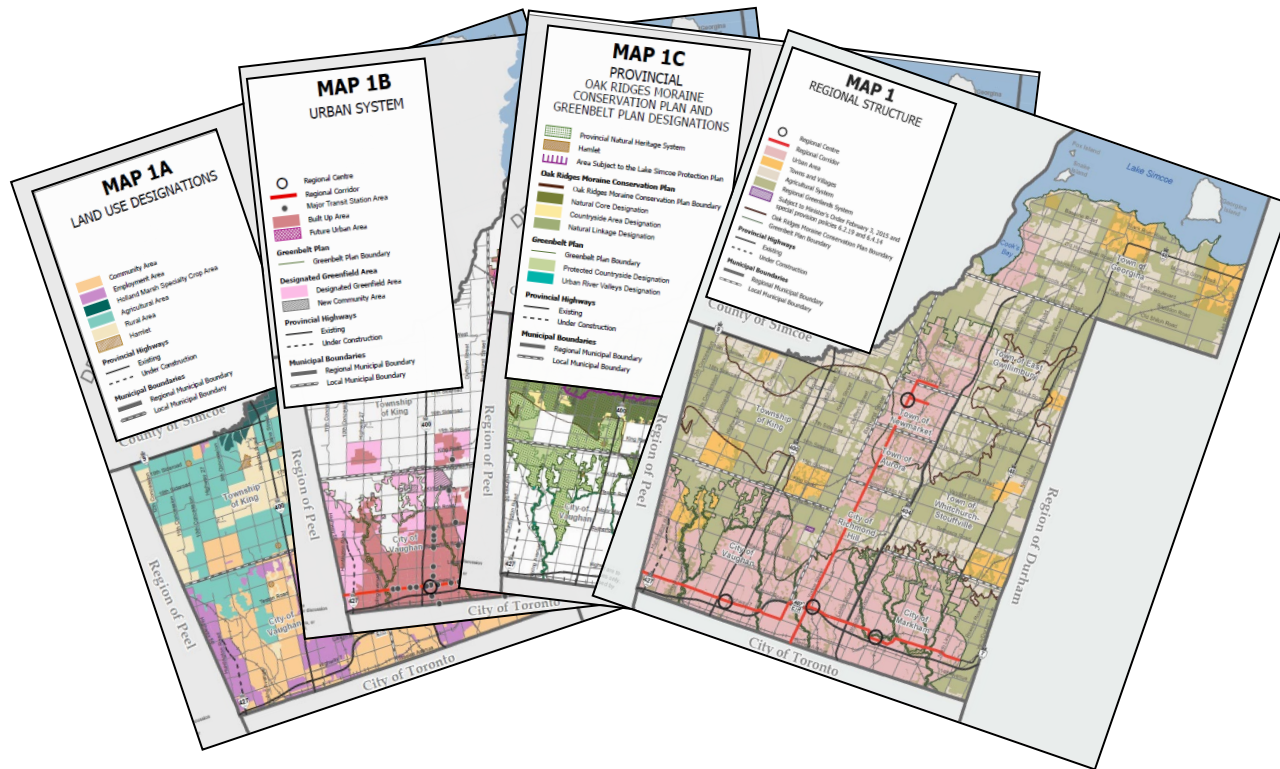
# UPDATED, STRENGTHENED AND CLARIFIED POLICIES

1. Accommodating growth to 2051
2. New urban designations and delineations, as required by the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe
3. Greater focus on a diversity of housing options
4. Protection of natural and agricultural systems



# REGIONAL STRUCTURE MAPS WORK TOGETHER FOR EASE OF IMPLEMENTATION

Updated Provincial direction has necessitated a more detailed Regional structure



Map 1 to the ROP has been updated to include four maps that provide enhanced technical detail and clarity

# URBAN POLICIES SET THE FOUNDATION FOR LOCAL MUNICIPAL CONTEXTS

- Extended planning horizon
- Updated intensification hierarchy
- Strengthened phasing policies
- Future Urban Area's
- Employment Areas and Major Transit Station Areas



# CONTINUED FOCUS ON STRONG NATURAL HERITAGE AND AGRICULTURAL SYSTEMS

- Implementation of Provincial natural heritage and agricultural systems
- Integrated and streamlined approach
- Updated mapping



# NEXT STEPS

# TARGETED ADOPTION OF THE REGIONAL OFFICIAL PLAN

## **November 2021**

- Draft ROP released

## **November 2021 - May 2022**

- Engagement on Draft ROP

## **May 2022**

- Statutory Public Meeting and Open House

## **June 2022**

- Draft ROP to Council for Adoption
- Submit Draft ROP to Province for final approval

## **July 2022**

- Provincial deadline for MCR

# SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Council receive the draft York Region Official Plan (Attachment 1) for the purposes of ongoing engagement and public review
2. Staff provide an updated version of the draft ROP to Council November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 reflecting decisions on the Forecast and Land Needs Assessment of October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021
3. Council direct staff to provide notice to hold an open house and public meeting
4. Report and attachments forwarded to local municipalities for comment by March 31, 2022
5. Report and attachments submitted to MMAH 90 days before giving notice of a public meeting



# Thank You

