

The background of the slide is a photograph of the York Region's main building. It is a modern, multi-story structure with a curved facade and large glass windows. Two prominent, cylindrical clock towers rise from the building, each featuring a large, round clock face. The sky is blue with some light clouds.

# Draft York Region Official Plan

Presented to  
Agriculture and Agri-Food Advisory Committee

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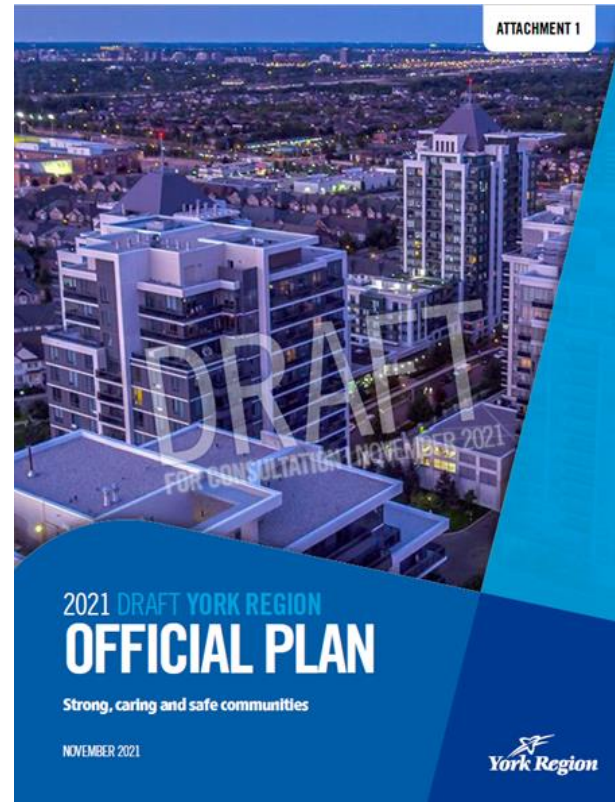
# OUTLINE

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



# Draft ROP updated following Nov Council Meeting

- Updated Draft ROP reflects Council's decisions on Alternate 2051 Forecast and Land Needs Assessment
- Updated to reflect Council's Nov 25, 2021 direction



# DRAFT ROP IS THE CULMINATION OF KEY COUNCIL DIRECTION

## Ongoing engagement with Council

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





# AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PROVIDE VALUABLE PERSPECTIVES

- Provincial Agricultural System mapping refinement and implementation
- Non-agricultural uses on Agricultural lands
- Agricultural Impact Assessment
- Agricultural lands in the Greenbelt Fingers
- Agri-food network
- Forecast and Land Needs Assessment

# EARLY INPUT ENHANCES POLICY DEVELOPMENT

- **Local Municipal and Conservation Authority input**
- **Committees of Council input**
  - Accessibility Advisory Committee
  - Agriculture and Agri-Food Advisory Committee
  - Human Services Planning Board
  - Planning Advisory Committee
- **Development industry collaboration through BILD forums**
- **Agricultural community engagement through YRFA**
- **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

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





# 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

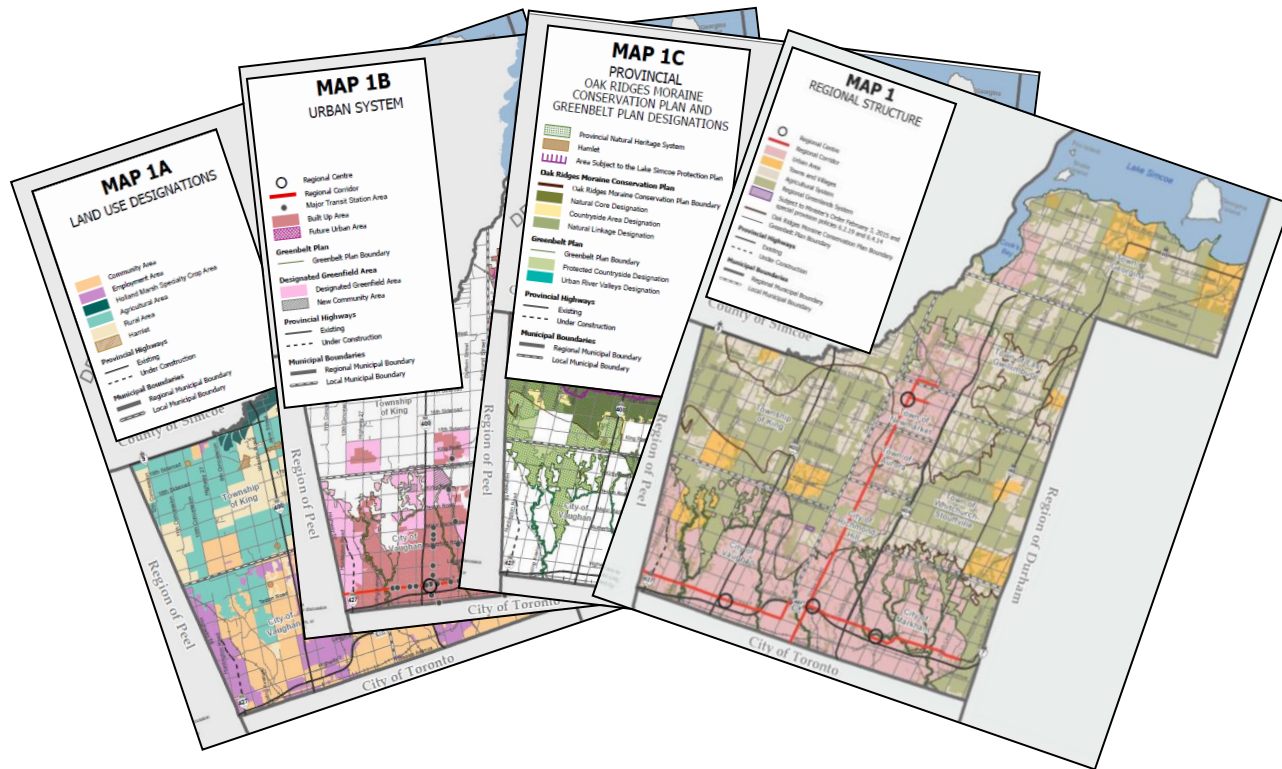


# KEY UPDATES TO AGRICULTURAL SYSTEM POLICIES

- Updated terminology and land use permissions to support on-farm diversified and agricultural-related uses
- Criteria for new and existing non-agricultural uses in agricultural areas
- Strengthened agri-food network policies

# REGIONAL STRUCTURE MAPS WORK TOGETHER FOR EASE OF IMPLEMENTATION

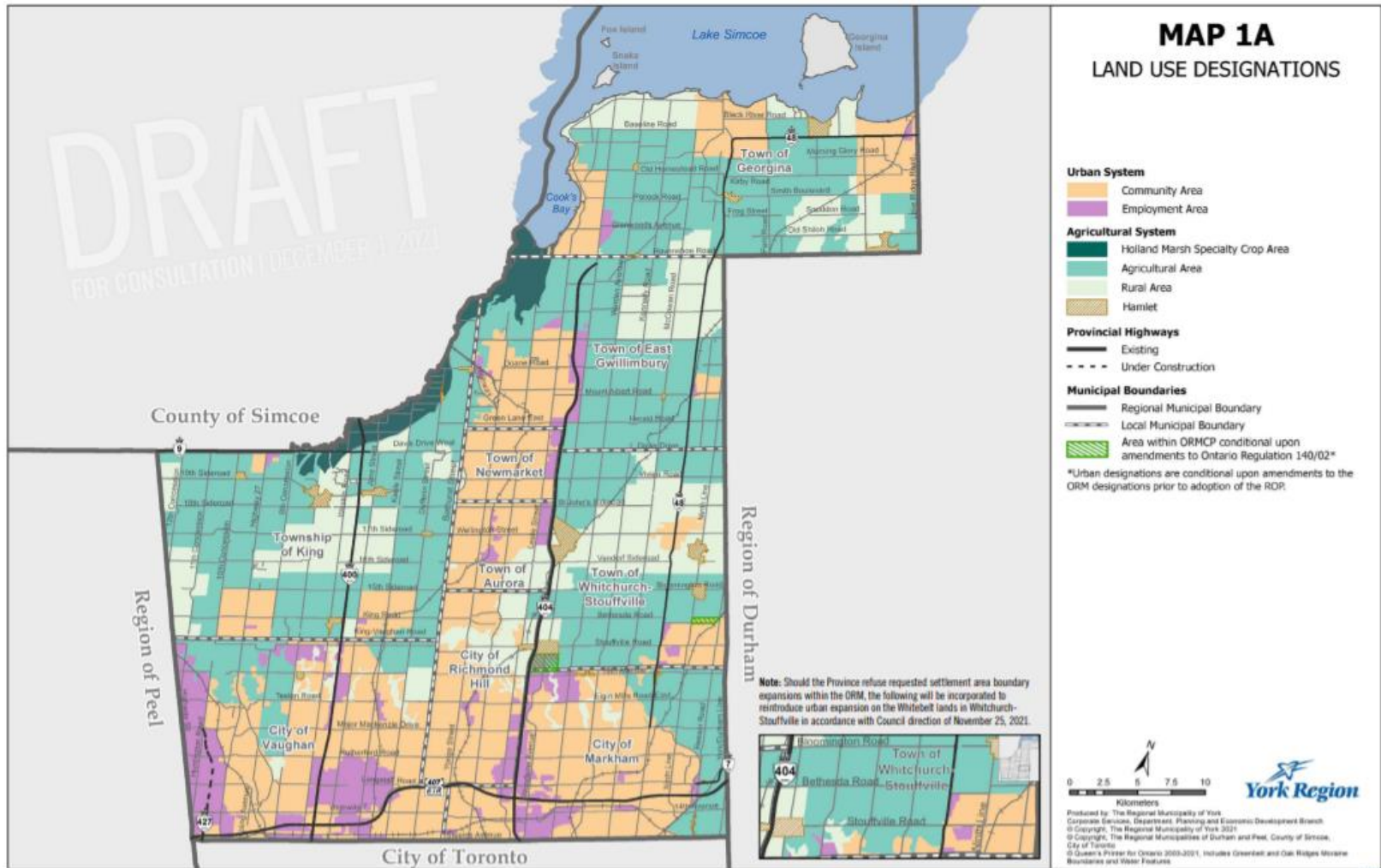
**Updated Provincial direction has necessitated a more detailed Regional structure**



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



# MAP 1A — LAND USE DESIGNATIONS





# NEXT STEPS

# TARGETED ADOPTION OF THE REGIONAL OFFICIAL PLAN

## **November 2021 - May 2022**

- Engagement on Draft ROP

## **March 31, 2022**

- Comments requested for consideration of the 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

# Questions and Comments

Please submit additional questions or comments to  
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