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Dear Chair and Council:

I support the calls to defer making a decision on the draft Official Plan until after the municipal elections.

The 22 month window the provincial Government provided to undertake this extremely important planning was insufficient in order to undertake sufficient public education, awareness raising and consultation - particularly given we have been in the throes of a historical pandemic where people's focus has been on health, safety and making ends meet.

There is no penalty for not meeting the timeframe and other municipalities won't and are not planning to. This is the same as with the first round of Growth Plan conformity.

Allowing the public conversation to unfold in a more informed and engaged fashion through the municipal elections would be a reasonable and warranted approach.

This is particularly true since the extension of the Growth Plan horizon to 30 years - unprecedented in Ontario's history - means any decisions made today will lock in this planning and prevent future generations and municipal leaders from making decisions as to how planning should occur - particularly for the 2041-2051 decade - as time and events evolve.

When coupling the extended horizon (a 33% increase from 20 to 30 years) with the significant lowering of the the intensification and greenfield density targets - the latter of which reflect densities less than those being used for planning urban expansion in the early 1990s - the effect is to seemingly force conversion of the Region's entire whitebelt - which was designed to last toward the ends of the 21st century.

The Region's response to this development industry agenda the provincial government has orchestrated will mean future generations have virtually no land for urban expansion other than into the Greenbelt and Oak Ridges Moraine - events that already unfolding via proposals in Whitchurch-Stouffville and Richmond Hill.

To protect their ability to plan their future, York should assume that all development will occur via intensification for the 2041-2051 decade and develop an alternative plan for discussion through the municipal elections that reflects this scenario. This is completely in keeping with the discretion the

Growth Plan and Land Needs Assessment provide to municipalities. There is also ample time to assess if alterations are needed over the next 10-20 years.

Yours truly,

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