

Comments on the Proposed York Region Official Plan

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Table 1 - Regional Council Deputations & Communications

Council Agenda ID	Name, Consultant or Agency Name	Address/Location	Comment	Response
May 19 - Special Committee of the Whole				
E.1	C2 Planning (1163919 Ontario Limited, 1888836 Ontario Limited, 1211612 Ontario Limited)	212, 220-222, 228 and 434-480 Steeles Avenue West, Vaughan	AWIN intends to submit planning applications to the City of Vaughan to facilitate mixed-use development. We request that no restrictions are applied to the AWIN lands that would prevent the existing auto dealerships to continue to operate, and to expand.	No change – further determination/flexibility to be addressed in a Local Official Plan
E.2	Humphries Planning Group Inc. (Block 66E Landowners)	Block 66 East, Vaughan	Lands in Block 66E, City of Vaughan to be designated as future Community Area and not assigned an Employment Area designation.	No change - request not supported following comprehensive assessment
E.3	Kim Empringham (York Region Federation of Agriculture)		Comments regarding staff's response to York Region Federation of Agriculture comments.	No change - adequately addressed with existing content
E.4	SGL Planning & Design Inc. (Upper Markham Village Landowners Group)		Letter of support on the draft York Region Official Plan on behalf of the Upper Markham Village Landowners Group and development plan for Upper Markham Village.	Acknowledged
E.5	Peter Miasek		With the unfortunate directive from Council to limit intensification to 50/55%, rather than the more prudent 60%, it is important that phasing policies are strong enough to properly control growth. The proposed policies (4.2.2) seem reasonable, but must be applied without weakening amendments.	No change - adequately addressed with existing content
E.6	Joe Goode		Comments on behalf of Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition to delay adoption of the ROP, natural environment policies have gaps and do not conform to Provincial plans, address housing equity for marginalized communities.	No change - adequately addressed with existing content
E.7	Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP (Kennedy Road GK Holdings)		Continued opposition to expanding the urban boundary into the Greenbelt/Oak Ridges Moraine.	Acknowledged
E.8	Carol Davidson	Yonge Street – 19th Avenue to Industrial Parkway	To discuss the Baif development site specific request (to identify Yonge Street as a Regional Corridor).	No change – further determination/flexibility to be addressed in a Local Official Plan
E.9	Humphries Planning Group Inc. (Iron Construction and Development Inc.)	3501 King Road, King	Request for site specific policy for Hamlet of Laskay in Section 5.4.	No change – would conflict with Provincial conformity
E.10	KLM Planning Partners Inc. (1539253 Ontario Inc.)	10951 Kipling Avenue, Vaughan	Request to maintain the "Rural Area" designation on the Subject Lands.	No change - request not supported following comprehensive assessment
E.11	Susan Sheard		Discrepancies between policy stated in YROP and Council decisions, and comment on the response to public input into the YROP.	No change - adequately addressed with existing content
E.12	Josie Rose (Affordable Housing Coalition of York Region)		The Affordable Housing Coalition of York Region wishes to speak to the definition of affordable rental housing in the draft official plan and to propose the adoption of a right to housing framework for regional housing policy.	Acknowledged – to be addressed through implementation and/or implementation plans
E.13	MHBC Planning (Maple Industrial Landowner Group)	10351, 10431 and 10475 Keele Street, Vaughan	Request that certain Employment Lands (the 'employment triangle') continue to be recognized as an Employment Area on Map 1A of the Official Plan and not converted to permit non-employment uses as part of York Region Official Plan Review.	Request Supported – mapping changes recommended
E.14	Goodmans LLP (Baif Developments Ltd.)	1577-1621 Major Mackenzie East, Richmond Hill	Requesting modifications to the designations applicable to Baif's lands on Map 1A and Appendix 1 to be consistent with the land use permissions set out in the MZO issued for Baif's lands in January 2022.	Request Supported – mapping changes recommended
E.15	Claire Malcolmson (Stop Sprawl York Region)		Feedback on the draft ROP through a petition. Comments on delaying adoption of the ROP, hold in-person consultation, no costing provided on the draft ROP, greenhouse gas emission impacts and impacts of the Richmond Hill/Markham transit oriented communities (TOCs).	Acknowledged
E.16	Irene Ford		Express concern on York Region's sprawling, climate driving, fiscally and legally irresponsible draft Official Plan, 2051.	Acknowledged
E.17	Malone Given Parsons (IBM Canada Ltd.)		WITHDRAWN	Acknowledged
E.18	Phil Pothen (Environmental Defence)		Official Plan provisions bearing on the maintenance or removal of exclusionary zoning, increase the DGA targets in the southern municipalities, remove expansion into settlement areas, policies not compatible with Provincial plans.	No change - adequately addressed with existing content
E.1.1.1	Oak Ridges Residents (91 Submissions)	Yonge Street – 19th Avenue to Industrial Parkway	Concerns about the potential higher density development along Yonge Street in Oak Ridges with the introduction of a continuous Regional Corridor.	No change – further determination/flexibility to be addressed in a Local Official Plan

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F.1.1.2	Elena Smith	Yonge Street – 19th Avenue to Industrial Parkway	Concerns about the potential higher density development along Yonge Street in Oak Ridges with the introduction of a continuous Regional Corridor.	No change – further determination/flexibility to be addressed in a Local Official Plan
F.1.1.3	Mplan Inc. (North Elgin Centre Inc.)		Draft ROP comments on chapters 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7 concerning housing and key development areas (Bernard KDA).	No change – further determination/flexibility to be addressed in a Local Official Plan
F.1.1.4	Gloria Marsh (York Region Environmental Alliance)	Yonge Street – 19th Avenue to Industrial Parkway	Concerned about development in environmentally sensitive areas on the Oak Ridges Moraine, especially for Baif lands.	No change – further determination/flexibility to be addressed in a Local Official Plan
F.1.1.5	City of Richmond Hill	Bayview/19th Ave, Elgin Mills/Newkirk Road	<p>March 23, 2022 motions:</p> <p>i. Amend Map 10 Rapid Transit Network by removing the proposed GO Station at Bayview and 19th Avenue and adding a proposed GO Station at Elgin Mills and Newkirk, to service residents and business along the Yonge Corridor, the Yonge and Bernard Key Development Area, and the Newkirk Business Park; and</p> <p>ii. Amend Draft ROP policy 2.3.2.3 to require a minimum of 35% of residential units in each new development application located within a Regional Centre or MTSA [other than the MTSA 48 (the Gormley MTSA)] to be affordable, in response to the Region's declared affordable housing crisis and to ensure that the Region's target is achieved through the approval of applicable applications.</p>	<p>i - Request Supported – mapping changes recommended</p> <p>ii - No change – further determination/flexibility to be addressed in a Local Official Plan</p>
F.1.1.6	City of Richmond Hill	Gormley GO, Richmond Hill	<p>1. Requests York Region provide a wholesome approach in its 30 year MCR to provide a passive and active recreation and parks plan which should include the allowance of an expansion of walkable and integrated trails, where feasible within the lands in the Gormley Go Station area. This would include amending where appropriate Oak Ridges Moraine (ORM) designations prior to adoption of the York Region Official Plan (City Plan 2041); and 2. Requests York Region during its 30 year MCR plan provide for parks, transit and growth needs of the Gormley Go Station area and where possible enhance Natural Linkage and Natural Core of the environment; and</p> <p>3. Requests, the Province of Ontario to assist wherever possible to link designations and consider collaborative approaches including creating a provincial park and all assistance to create a linear park system within the Oak Ridges Moraine and Greenbelt using all Provincial Assets where feasible and appropriate which could include;</p> <p>i. Metrolinx lands ii. York Region lands iii. Toronto Regional Conversation Lands (TRCA) iv. York Region School Boards (YRDSB and YRDCSB); and v. City of Richmond Hill lands; and</p> <p>4. Requests, the Province of Ontario to take the input from the City of Richmond Hill and York Region MCR's and carry out an evaluation of the Greenbelt, and Oak Ridges Moraine policies to ensure strong, consistent and updated approaches assuring the long term commitment in its plans to enhance and protect Natural Linkage and Natural Core classifications in the Greenbelt and Oak Ridges Moraine policies going forward consistent with all Provincial policies</p>	Acknowledged
F.1.1.7	Gloria Boxen		Concerned with loss of ag lands, climate change, and missing middle.	Acknowledged
F.1.1.8	Mplan Inc. (Leslie Stouffville Landowners Association)	Northeast Richmond Hill	Long range planning in the Leslie/Stouffville area, further expand the Gormley GO MTSA boundary.	No change – would conflict with Provincial conformity
F.1.1.9	Weston Consulting (Dev-West Properties Inc.)	7600 Weston Road, Vaughan	Confirm that the subject property is wholly located within the Urban Area; remove the 'Active Commuter Parking Lot' overlay from this site.	Acknowledged - adequately addressed with existing content
F.1.1.10	LAND LAW	7951 Yonge Street, Markham	7951 Yonge St. development should be prioritized and fast tracked.	No change – further determination/flexibility to be addressed in a Local Official Plan
F.1.1.11	WSP Canada Inc. (CN Rail)	CN MacMillan Yard, Vaughan	<p>Current and future operations of freight rail facilities in York Region need to be protected from encroachment by sensitive land uses. Concern with intensification in MTSAs nearby to these facilities, especially MacMillan yard. Add major goods movement facilities and corridors to a schedule.</p> <p>Designate the pullback track associated with MacMillan Yard north of Rutherford Road as Employment Area.</p> <p>Remove Langstaff Road crossing of MacMillan Yard from the draft York Region Official Plan and the 2022 Transportation Master Plan Update.</p>	No change - adequately addressed with existing content

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F.1.1.12	Gatzios Planning (Markham MMM North/South Development Corp.)	Northeast corner of McCowan Road and Major Mackenzie Drive, Markham	<p>Focus on all aspects of potential solutions to the goal of affordable housing and not only on housing purchase price considerations.</p> <p>Significant impediments exist and require all levels of government to cooperate to ensure that implementation of additional dwelling unit permissions is possible and practical. Matters such as additional parkland dedication, additional development charges, additional parking, additional zoning restrictions, etc. are all critical and must be comprehensively addressed by the region and the local municipalities if these policies are to succeed in delivering additional units.</p> <p>Logical and progressive phasing does not have to restrict development in one concession block in order to complete development in another. Rather, the logical extension of infrastructure and the planned development of a concession block should be the goal.</p> <p>We urge the Region to not create conditions upon approval of secondary plans, but rather create conditions or criteria upon the occurrence of development itself.</p> <p>Criteria b. in 4.2.2.4 would restrict development in one area of the City of Markham and for one new community IF development in another area of the City in a different community did not occur for whatever reason.</p>	No change - adequately addressed with existing content
F.1.1.13	Dentons Canada LLP (TORCA 1 Inc.)	11861 and 12045 McCowan Road, WS	Mapping error with respect to the lands: Town Council voted to endorse a staff recommendation to have the Lands brought into the Town's municipal boundary	Request Supported – mapping changes recommended
F.1.1.14	City of Markham	Langstaff & Longbridge, MTSA 14; Markham Centre	<p>That Council requests that:</p> <p>a. The delineations of the Langstaff GO and Royal Orchard Subway Major Transit Station Areas (MTSA) in Appendix 2 of the draft Regional Official Plan (ROP) be revised to add adjacent lands from the Langstaff-Longbridge Subway MTSA, that has been moved from Yonge Street to a new Bridge Station in the selected Yonge North Subway Extension alignment, as shown in Figure 1; and,</p> <p>b. All MTSA's in Markham be identified as protected Major Transit Station Areas to enable implementation of inclusionary zoning; and,</p> <p>c. Map 1A be updated to reflect Regional Council approved employment area conversion request M3 1628740 Ontario Inc. and 1628741 Ontario Inc. (Tucciarone) in the Cathedral Employment Area, from Employment Area to a Community Area; and,</p> <p>d. The Markham Centre employment area mapping west of Warden Avenue in the draft ROP be amended to reflect the in-effect employment designations of Official Plan Amendment (OPA) 21 to the 1987 Markham Official Plan as shown in Figure 4; and,</p> <p>e. That the draft Regional Official Plan be amended to define purpose-built rental and request York Region to provide programs and incentives to support achievement of the targets. f. The affordable housing targets be further reviewed in consultation with local municipalities and supported with Regional programs and incentives; and, g. The new definition of affordable housing be revised to provide municipalities the flexibility to use local average market rent, where available, and if there are local official plan policies to support this to be more reflective of local market conditions; h. The two parcels shown in Figure 3 be removed from the new community area designation in Map 1C of the draft ROP; and, i. The following changes be made to the draft Regional Official Plan policies to further strengthen phasing in existing and new community areas: i. Policy 2.2.5 be updated so that infrastructure required to support growth to 2051 be phased based on the direction in the Region's intensification hierarchy; ii. Policy 4.2.2.4 be revised so that local municipal population and intensification targets as identified in Tables 1 and 6 of the draft ROP be used in the criteria for approval of secondary plans in new community areas; iii. Policy 4.2.2.4 (h) i. be deleted given the uncertainty on how the policy will be implemented; iv. Policy 6.2.3 be revised to clarify the Region will work with local municipalities to co-ordinate the required Regional transportation and servicing infrastructure, especially for new community areas and including the approved Minister's Zoning Orders. j. Regional staff work with City staff to address the matters highlighted from the November 9, 2021, Markham Council resolution on the Region's Water and Wastewater Master Plan Update; and, k. The Future Urban Area lands identified in Markham in Map 1B of the draft ROP be removed and maintained as agricultural system in Map 1, as these lands are not needed to accommodate growth to 2051; and, l. A new policy be added, or an existing policy be revised, to encourage area specific community energy plans to be developed for secondary plans and major development; and,</p> <p>3. That the Region review the potential implications of the 2021 Census on the forecasts being assigned to local municipalities in the draft Regional Official Plan; and,</p> <p>4. That Markham Council not support the request by Cornell Rouge Development Corporation, Varlese Brothers et al to convert 17.0 hectares north of Highway 7 and west of Reesor Rd (M4), and the request by Norfinch Group (M7) to convert 0.75 hectares at the southwest corner of Highway 7 and Reesor Rd from employment area to non-employment area uses</p>	<p>Acknowledged - Refer to May Staff Report Attachment 1</p> <p>d. IBM lands at 8000 Warden Avenue will maintain an employment area designation</p>
F.1.1.15	City of Vaughan	-	That this report and Attachment 1 be forwarded to York Region as the City's comments on the Draft York Region Official Plan.	Acknowledged

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F.1.1.16	Bill Foster (Forbid Roads Over Green Spaces)	-	<p>1. We question why the Interchange Considerations were only available for consideration for such a short period. Would a 30 day review period have been that problematic for your team?</p> <p>2. The public has little or no knowledge about the design and implementation of various interchange configurations. This is the only issue you were apparently consulting on. This type of consultation may permit you to "tick" a box on a consultation checklist but it otherwise serves little real purpose.</p> <p>3. The real question you should be consulting on is: Should we add interchanges at 10th Sideroad and 2nd Concession? And if we do add interchanges there, are there other interchanges, such as Leslie St, where a proposed interchange can or should be removed?</p>	Acknowledged - Beyond Regional planning jurisdiction
F.1.1.17	D.J.K. Land Use Planning (Fifth Avenue Group)	26346 Park Road, Georgina	<p>1. Minor policy wording be included in the Official Plan with regard to infrastructure.</p> <p>2. Remove Greenlands designation from 26346 Park Road.</p>	<p>1. Acknowledged - adequately addressed with existing content;</p> <p>2. Acknowledged - mapping best on best available data</p>
F.1.1.18	Tamara Al-Kasey		As a stakeholder in the Green Belt and the region, and a resident of Toronto, the construction or expansion of roadways is against our best interests	Acknowledged
F.1.1.19	City of Vaughan	Huntington Road and Highway 50, south of Highway 7, Vaughan	That the City of Vaughan Council requests the Region of York approve the corresponding revision to employment conversion request V25 to include the portion of lands legally described as Parts 2, 5 and 12 on Plan 65R-39517, Parts 2, 5 and 12 on Plan 65R-39517 and Part of the Original Road allowance between Concessions 9 and 10 as shown on Attachment 1.	Request supported – Council motion of May 2022
F.1.1.20	City of Vaughan	55 Sovereign Court, Vaughan	That the City of Vaughan Council requests the Region of York approve the corresponding revision to employment conversion request V30 to include 55 Sovereign Court.	Request supported – Council motion of May 2022
F.1.1.21	D.J.K. Land Use Planning (Fifth Avenue Group)		Disagrees with response for ID 805 on Attachment 1. Policy exception to Section 6.4 to allow a municipal water and/or sanitary connection outside of urban service boundaries.	No change – policy or mapping is consistent with Council direction
F.1.1.22	John Zipay and Associates (YRCC 945)	201 Millway Avenue, Vaughan	Confirm the inclusion of the subject property within MTSA 68 – Vaughan Metropolitan Centre ("VMC").	Request Supported – mapping changes recommended
F.1.1.23	Armland Group (Western Point Builders)	11421, 11455 Weston Road, Vaughan	Redesignate 11455 Weston Road from Employment to Community area.	Request supported – Council motion of May 2022
F.1.1.24	Infrastructure Ontario (IBM Canada Limited)	8000 Warden Avenue, Markham	IO has concerns with the City of Markham's recommended adjustments to the Regional Employment Areas west of Warden Avenue in the Draft ROP, as it will downgrade the employment permissions on provincially owned properties by redesignating the lands to Open Space. We hope that the Region of York maintains the current iteration and direction for the property as illustrated in the current draft of the Draft ROP, which shows the lands as Employment Area.	Request Supported – Recommend employment designation remain
F.1.1.25	Bill Foster (Forbid Roads Over Green Spaces)		<p>We are respectfully requesting and recommending York Region Council postpone its approval of this proposed Official Plan. Our primary concern is that this entire plan and its very significant proposed population growth is dependent upon phantom waste water servicing infrastructure.</p> <p>What will we do if something currently inconceivable occurs, such as Ford not winning a majority on June 2 and the Bradford Bypass is permanently killed? How will this effect our Official Plan considering all the employment areas planned in the vicinity of this highway?</p>	Acknowledged
F.1.1.26	Angela Grella		Form letter to delay the OP.	Acknowledged
F.1.1.27	Infrastructure Ontario (IBM Canada Limited)	8000 Warden Avenue, Markham	We hope that the Region of York maintains the current iteration and direction for the property as illustrated in the current draft of the Draft ROP, which shows the lands as Employment Area.	Request Supported – Recommend employment designation remain
F.1.1.28	Liberty Development		We encourage the region to include policies within its impending ROP to enable local municipalities to reduce Parkland dedication payments to promote sustainable development while simultaneously tackling the issues of housing affordability and the housing supply shortage	No change – further determination/flexibility to be addressed in a Local Official Plan
F.1.1.29	Davies Howe LLP		Some of the policies and underlying assumptions, particularly those related to growth planning in the Major Transit Station Areas ("MTSA") and Regional Centres do not reflect the level of growth and density that is planned for the TOCs. In addition, the Draft YROP would benefit from revisions to more closely reflect the Province's intentions for the development of these TOCs.	Acknowledged
F.1.1.30	BILD		<p>Letter of support. Also one policy comment:</p> <p>We recommend that the Region consider including the existing provisions outlined in the Planning Act (Section 42 (6.2 & 6.3)) which provide parkland credit for sustainability design. At a time when climate change demands attention, the Region may be missing this opportunity to respond in a concrete manner as contemplated by the Planning Act.</p> <p>Further, we support that when the Region receives local municipal official plans for approval, it does not consider moving forward unless local municipalities have made the same accommodation.</p>	Acknowledged
F.1.1.31	Zelinka Priamo Ltd. (Choice Properties REIT)		Comments on policies 2.3.11, 2.3.19, 2.3.2.2, 4.4.2.9, 4.4.2.10, Map 11.	Acknowledged - Refer to May Staff Report Attachment 1
F.1.1.32	Catherine Wellesly		Delay adoption	Acknowledged
F.1.1.33	Victor Doyle		Delay adoption	Acknowledged
F.1.1.34	Weston Consulting	684 Henderson Drive, Aurora	The modification proposed for policy 3.2.5.a does not acknowledge this and is not sufficient to ensure that the subject property's historic zoning rights are recognized.	No change – further determination/flexibility to be addressed in a Local Official Plan
F.1.1.35	Susan Lloyd Swail		Delay adoption	Acknowledged

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F.1.1.36	Overland LLP		It is our expectation that the site-specific applications and the proposed developments thereby advanced by our clients will continue to be considered on the basis of the York Region Official Plan as it applied to their respective lands on the date of their respective applications. Comments on intensification, housing, MTSA policies.	Acknowledged
F.1.1.37	Malone Given Parsons (Buttonville Airport)	Buttonville Airport (2833 16th Avenue, Markham)	We kindly request that the Region confirm in writing its intent in proposing the amended site-specific policy in the Draft YROP and confirm our understanding that a secondary plan process led by the City will determine the futures uses on the Buttonville Airport lands and that an employment area conversion request and Regional Official Plan Amendment will not be required.	Request Supported – policy changes recommended
F.1.1.38	Weston Consulting	Southwest Quadrant of Martin Grove and Highway 7, Vaughan	Looking for more explicit land use permissions.	No change – further determination/flexibility to be addressed in a Local Official Plan
F.1.1.39	Dentons Canada LLP (CN Rail)	CN MacMillan Yard, Vaughan	Further comments to policies 2.3.1.11, 4.2.6 , 4.3.4 , 4.4.3, 6.3.4.2.	Acknowledged - adequately addressed with existing content
F.1.1.40	Land Law (North Elgin Centre Inc.)	Northeast corner of Yonge Street and Bernard Avenue, Richmond Hill	It is not appropriate to approve Staff's proposed changes to the ROP and give Staff the green light since fundamental issues relating to planning policy and implementation remain to be addressed by Regional Council. The Region is in a housing crisis. It has not met its 2010 growth targets. Significant DC increases and other charges will continue to impact the supply of new housing, including housing affordability and housing attainability. Appropriate technical work has not been undertaken by the appropriate public authorities, including the TRCA to support the proposed changes to the ROP. The location of the Greenlands system remains an issue.	Acknowledged
F.1.1.41	Yvonne Kelly (Affordable Housing Coalition of York Region)		Affordable Housing	Acknowledged – to be addressed through implementation and/or implementation plans
F.1.1.42	COLLECDEV (COLLECDEV (8868 YONGE) LP & GP)	8868 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill	Request to include site within the Richmond Hill Centre/Langstaff Gateway Urban Growth Centre.	No change – would conflict with Provincial conformity
F.1.1.43	KLM Planning Partners Inc. (Yonge Steeles Landowners Group Inc.)		Draft ROP policy comments 2.3.12, 2.13 i., 2.3.2.3, 4.4.19, 4.4.23, 4.4.24, 4.4.26, 4.4.2.9	Acknowledged - Refer to Table 2
F.1.1.44	Malone Given Parsons (Markham Whitebelt Lands)		We respectfully request that Regional Council direct staff to reflect the Regional Greenlands System as shown on the current/in-force YROP (Map 1 – Regional Structure and Map 2 – Regional Greenlands System) which does not include the local Greenway System. This solution will allow for more detailed refinements to occur at the local level, consistent with Regional staff's response and Draft YROP Policies 3.2.2, 3.4.7, 3.4.1.5 and 3.4.2.7.	No change – Map based on best available information at Regional scale/ROP policies allows for more detailed refinement through local plans and studies
May 26 - York Regional Council				
E.1	Yeesha P.	19th Avenue, Markham	Concern with proposed widening of 19th Avenue and wondering why the Donald Cousens Parkway extension was cancelled	No change - adequately addressed with existing content
E.2	Liberty Development		Comments on development charges bylaw and background study addressing outstanding items not addressed in the Bylaw Section 42 (6.2)	Acknowledged - Beyond Regional Official Plan jurisdiction
F.3.1	Millford Development Limited	55 Eagle Street, Newmarket	Requesting that Regional Greenlands System be updated to reflect site specific studies	Request Supported – mapping changes recommended
F.3.2	KLM Planning Partners Inc. (Block 42 Landowners Group Inc.)	Block 42 (Pine Valley Dr. & King-Vaughan Road to Kirby Road & Weston Road), Vaughan	Requesting that Regional Greenlands System be updated to reflect site specific studies and concerns with the core and supporting employment areas policy framework	No change – further determination/flexibility to be addressed in a Local Official Plan
F.3.3	KLM Planning Partners Inc. (Block 66 West Landowners Group Inc.)	Block 66W (Nashville Road & Highway 50 to Major Mackenzie Drive West & Highway 50), Vaughan	Concerns with the core and supporting employment areas policy framework and an interest in providing further input on Regional Greenlands System	No change – further determination/flexibility to be addressed in a Local Official Plan
F.3.4	Malone Given Parsons (IBM Canada Limited)	8000 Warden Avenue, Markham	Concern with change from Employment to Community Area	Request Supported – Recommend employment designation remain
F.3.5	Donato & Franca Panacci	19th Avenue, Markham	Concern with proposed widening of 19th Avenue	No change - adequately addressed with existing content
F.3.6	Yeesha P.	19th Avenue, Markham	Concern with proposed widening of 19th Avenue and wondering why the Donald Cousens Parkway extension was cancelled	No change - adequately addressed with existing content

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F.3.7	Weston Consulting	6910 Roe Road, Vaughan	Requesting designation from Employment to Community Area	No change - adequately addressed with existing content
F.3.8	Sherry Draisey	Laskay Hamlet, King	Does not support any request to broaden Laskay	Acknowledged
F.3.9	Brookvalley Project Management Inc. (Bakerhill Holding Inc.)	9174 & 9184 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill	Requesting increasing densities in MTSA 40 (to 200 p+/ha) and MTSA 42 (to 300 p+/ha)	No change – policy or mapping achieves a balanced approach addressing a range of interests
F.3.10	Mathany & Higgs Law (2621484 Ontario Ltd)	12041 Woodbine Avenue, Whitchurch Stouffville	Support shift Whitchurch-Stouffville whitebelt growth to South Gormley Employment Area lands including proponent lands.	Acknowledged
L.1	City of Vaughan	Huntington Road and Highway 50, south of Highway 7, Vaughan	Employment Conversion - V25: It is recommended: 1. That the Region of York approve the corresponding revision to employment conversion request V25 to include the portion of lands legally described as Parts 2, 5 and 12 on Plan 65R-39517 and Part of the Original Road allowance between Concessions 9 and 10 as shown on Attachment A.	Request supported – Council motion of May 2022
L.2	City of Vaughan	55 Sovereign Court, Vaughan	Employment Conversion - V30: It is recommended: 1. That the City of Vaughan Council requests the Region of York approve the corresponding revision to employment conversion request V30 to include 55 Sovereign Court.	Request supported – Council motion of May 2022
L.3	City of Vaughan	10951 Kipling Avenue, Vaughan	10951 Kipling Avenue: Be it resolved that: 1. Regional Council approve the refinement of the Regional Official Plan mapping implementing the 2018 Provincial Mapping to maintain the in-force designation of the Subject Lands by designating the Subject Lands "Rural Area" within the new Region Official Plan.	Acknowledged - Council Decision Pending
L.4	City of Vaughan	11455 Weston Road, Vaughan	11455 Weston Road: It is recommended that: 1. That the property located in Block 34 West, municipally known as 11455 Weston Road in the City of Vaughan, be redesignated to the same land use designation as that of 11421 Weston Road, in the City of Vaughan, being that of "Community Area", given that both parcels are under one ownership.	Request supported – Council motion of May 2022
L.5	City of Vaughan	Block 66 East, Vaughan	Block 66 East: It is recommended that: 1. Specific lands identified on the attached schedule and further described below be designated Community Use Area. a) Huntington Acres Limited - 10436, 10450 Huntington Road excluding the woodlot area as shown on the attached schedule; b) Giampaolo Investments Limited - 10480, 10540 Huntington Road; and, Vincenzo Gagliardi - 10600 Huntington Road.	Acknowledged - Council Decision Pending
L.6	City of Vaughan	11333 & 11641 Dufferin Street and 11490 Bathurst Street, Vaughan	11333 Dufferin Street, 11641 Dufferin Street, 11490 Bathurst Street: Be it resolved that: 1. Staff be directed to enter into a Minutes of Settlement with the landowner, Rizmi Holdings Limited and Lucia Milani, to resolve all remaining disputes in their appeals of the Region of York Official Plan concerning the subject lands as identified in attachment 1 as parcels 1, 2, 3 AND 4 in accordance with the City of Vaughan settlement. 2. The policies and maps in the draft York Region Official Plan be amended to include the above-described lands in the Region's urban settlement area before submitted for Provincial approval.	Acknowledged - Council Decision Pending

Table 2 - Post March 31st Comments

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1	2	2.3.12	2.3.12	KLM Planning Partners Inc.	2.3.12 - Add "d. designed in a compact form integrated within multi-storey, mixed use buildings, where appropriate". - This addition would encourage urban format schools as may be appropriate Regional Centres or MTSA areas where the highest levels of intensification are envisaged.		No change – further determination/flexibility to be addressed in a Local Official Plan
2	2	2.3.13 i.	2.3.13 i.	KLM Planning Partners Inc.	2.3.13 i. - Add next sentence "These spaces and/or facilities should take the form of publicly owned land, stratified public ownership, or with right of use established by means of public easements (i.e. Privately Owned Publicly-accessible Space) as appropriate". - This addition would encourage municipalities to use a broad range of tools and solutions to secure public open space and facilities, particularly in urbanized settings such as Regional Centres or MTSA's.		No change – further determination/flexibility to be addressed in a Local Official Plan
3	2	2.3.2	2.3.39 - 2.3.45	Gatzios Planning + Development Consultants Inc.	Section 2.3.2 policies: - The goal of affordable housing for everyone is common to all of us – within and beyond the land development and building industry. It is our opinion that this goal can not be met by focusing only on the price of a new residential unit as set by building industry for its introductory sale into the market. - We believe that the matter of housing affordability requires a broad and all-encompassing approach - considerations such as the price of the subsequent sale once the 1st purchaser sells the unit, household income rates, measurements and fluctuations, increased costs of development and other development considerations - We urge the Region to ensure it focusses on all aspects of potential solutions to the goal of affordable housing and not only on housing purchase price considerations		Acknowledged – to be addressed through implementation and/or implementation plans
4	2	2.3.2.3	2.3.41	KLM Planning Partners Inc.	2.3.2.3 - This policy has significant implications, at the Regional, Municipal, and private levels. The word "minimum" should be replaced by "targeted" to allow for flexibility for municipalities given strategy details require further development at the municipal level.		Acknowledged – to be addressed through implementation and/or implementation plans
5	2	2.3.2.6	2.3.44	Gatzios Planning + Development Consultants Inc.	2.3.2.6 - Significant impediments exist and require all levels of government to cooperate to ensure that implementation of additional dwelling unit permissions is possible and practical. - Matters such as additional parkland dedication, additional development charges, additional parking, additional zoning restrictions, etc., are all critical and must be comprehensively addressed by the region and the local municipalities if these policies are to succeed in delivering additional units.		Acknowledged – to be addressed through implementation and/or implementation plans
6	3	3.4.2	3.4.2	KLM Planning Partners Inc.	Section 3.4 Table - Section 3.4 Table, page 49, identifies what are considered "Key Natural Heritage Features". One of these, "Significant Wildlife Habitat", is noted to include "habitat of special concern species", which deviates from Provincial Policy. That policy is intended to protect significant habitat, not any habitat, which may for example be artificial and inconsequential (such as a roadside). This is an important point, as many special concern species are widespread and common. - We recommend that the notation within the Table be revised as follows: "including significant habitat of special concern species".		Request Supported – policy changes recommended
7	3	3.4	3.4	Humphries Planning Group Inc.	Section 3.4 Table identifies a number of Key Natural Heritage Features in the Greenbelt Plan, Oak Ridges Moraine, LSPP and Growth Plan, one of which is characterized as "Significant Wildlife Habitat" including "habitat of special concern species" It is our understanding that the intent of this policy is to protect for "significant" habitat which, in accordance with Provincial policies can be assigned into 4 distinct categories: - seasonal concentration areas, - rare vegetation communities or specialized habitats for wildlife - habitats of species of conservation concern, excluding habitats of endangered and threatened species, and - animal movement corridors As such, the policy should be updated to make this important distinction and remove any potential for confusion or misunderstanding		No change - adequately addressed with existing content
8	3	3.4.13	3.4.13	KLM Planning Partners Inc.	Table 3 - Minimum Buffer/Vegetation Protection Zone of the Draft OP specifies minimum buffers to features for Settlement Areas within the area subject to the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan (the "ORMCP") of 30 metres, whereas s. 21.4 of the ORMCP allows considerable flexibility to determine appropriate buffers. The Draft OP goes much further than the ORMCP. - We recommend that the Draft OP be revised to conform with the ORMCP per the above.		Request Supported – policy changes recommended
9	3	3.4.13	3.4.13	KLM Planning Partners Inc.	Table 3 - For "Other Evaluated Wetlands" (i.e. non-Provincially Significant Wetlands) that are retained, a minimum buffer of 15 metres is required, whereas the Toronto Region Conservation Authority requires a minimum buffer of 10 metres - We recommend that the Draft OP be revised to identify that for "Other Evaluated Wetlands", minimum buffers will be "As determined by an Environmental Impact Study", rather than a pre-established minimum.		No change - adequately addressed with existing content

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10	3	3.4.13	3.4.13	Humphries Planning Group Inc.	Table 3: - The draft ROP directs that a vegetative buffer of 30m is required, whereas the ORMCP allows considerable flexibility to determine appropriate buffers based on the preparation of environmental studies which evaluate the feature and apply an appropriate buffer corresponding to that feature - The draft ROP language should reflect the intent and considerations contained in the ORMCP		Request Supported – policy changes recommended
11	3	3.4.13	3.4.13	Humphries Planning Group Inc.	Table 3: - Table 3 also identifies for "Other Evaluated Wetlands" (i.e., non- Provincially Significant Wetlands) and applies a min buffer of 15m to these features. - It is noted that in accordance with the TRCA policies for development interference with wetlands and alterations to shorelines and watercourses regulation establishes a buffer requirement of 30m from Provincially Significant wetlands and wetlands on the Oak Ridges Moraine and 10m for all other wetlands. - The draft ROP should generally follow the guidance of the TRCA - Further, additional language should be included to add flexibility which establishes setbacks through the preparation of EIS which provides an assessment of function and analysis of buffer and setbacks that are relevant to protect the type of feature being affected.		No change – policy or mapping is consistent with Council direction
12	3	3.4.2.6	3.4.30	Humphries Planning Group Inc.	3.4.2.6 (a. ii.) - It is unclear whether the exception for Butternut trees also applies to other Ontario endangered species, including, but not limited to protected species habitat. - When species are listed as endangered or threatened, their general habitat is automatically protected. - Additional clarity should be included into the policy framework as it pertains to the verification of significant woodlands and the potential inclusion of additional terminology which identifies permitted processes under the Endangered Species Act.		No change – policy or mapping is consistent with Council direction
13	3	3.4.2.6 a)	3.4.30	KLM Planning Partners Inc.	Policy 3.4.2.6 (a. ii.) is unclear with respect to whether the exception cited for Butternut trees extends to other species for which an Endangered Species Act permit may be issued. The specificity of this exception is likely to be an issue for small, wooded patches with bats, where a permit (or future exemption) could be granted, but the 0.5 hectare woodlot would still be deemed to be significant. - We recommend that policy 3.4.2.6 a. ii. be revised by removing the reference to Butternut trees, and replacing with a general phrase such as, " except where permitted by a process under the Endangered Species Act. "		No change – policy or mapping is consistent with Council direction
14	4	4.2.2.1	4.2.26	Gatzios Planning + Development Consultants Inc.	4.2.2.1 - This requirement must be carefully implemented so that it is kept at a high and broad level to ensure that the City is not burdened with a very large, diverse, lengthy and difficult to complete study required to cover such a large geographic area.		Addressed in part – policy changes recommended
15	4	4.2.2.2 d)	4.2.27 (N/A)	Gatzios Planning + Development Consultants Inc.	4.2.2.2 d) - One must be cautious to not allow this policy to preclude development in any or all concession blocks if development is stalled for some reason in another concession block. - Logical and progressive phasing does not have to restrict development in one concession block in order to complete development in another. - The logical extension of infrastructure and the planned development of a concession block should be the goal. Interdependence with the timing of a different concession block is not required and in fact could be detrimental to the delivery of housing in the entire area.		Addressed in part – policy changes recommended
16	4	4.2.2.4	4.2.29	Gatzios Planning + Development Consultants Inc.	4.2.2.4 - We urge the Region to not create conditions upon approval of secondary plans, but rather create conditions or criteria upon the occurrence of development itself. - The secondary plan approval process is already a long and difficult one. - Approval of a secondary plan should not await the items listed in this proposed policy, but rather it should provide the framework for development to take place with the appropriate criteria to be met in subsequent development approvals. - We suggest that this policy be revised to provide criteria which may be applied to the approval of development, not to the approval of secondary plans		Addressed in part – policy changes recommended
17	4	4.2.2.4 b)	4.2.29 (N/A)	Gatzios Planning + Development Consultants Inc.	4.2.2.4 b) - this policy would restrict development in one area of the City of Markham and for one new community IF development in another area of the City in a different community did not occur for whatever reason. - This linkage is not appropriate as it would stop development in one area if another area is subject to any sort of delay causing issues to matter like servicing, soils, construction, groundwater, market conditions etc. - This policy will negatively impact housing supply in Markham - we urge the removal of this criteria		Addressed in part – policy changes recommended
18	4	4.2.2.4 c)	4.2.29 (N/A)	Gatzios Planning + Development Consultants Inc.	4.2.2.4 c) - this policy would also restrict development on certain communities and housing forms in an artificial manner and should be removed		Request Supported – policy changes recommended
19	4	4.2.2.4 h)	4.2.29 (N/A)	Gatzios Planning + Development Consultants Inc.	4.2.2.4 h) i. - reconsider this policy. Delays or difficulties in developing one particular area should not cause a delay in development of other communities. - Policies such as these serve to further exacerbate housing shortages and constrain the market such that demand exceeds supply causing delays in housing delivery and potential increases in housing prices.		Request Supported – policy changes recommended

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20	4	4.4.2	4.4.2	Public	I support a much higher intensification percent over 70% than proposed to try to meet York Regions growth and I would stop taking more Farming Whitebelt prime lands as we need local farmers and their farmlands. - I think York Region should protect the Greenbelt such as the Oak Ridges Moraine and the wetlands that are close to our Gem, LAKE SIMCOE AND ITS TRIBUTARIES. - I think York Region should revisit the plan and think of the Environmental and Human Health impacts; the existing plan would cause for deforestation and wiping out white and greenspace. - York Region should follow other communities (i.e. Hamilton area) that recognizes the importance of protecting the rural surroundings, white and greenbelts, and put more effort into intensification and a higher number of persons per hectare with growth objectives.		Acknowledged
21	4	4.4.19	4.4.19 (N/A)	KLM Planning Partners Inc.	4.4.19 - Suggesting "all new buildings" be replaced by "new developments" as current wording could suggest internal buildings in larger multi building developments will not conform.		Policy deleted - addressed through other content in the Plan
22	4	4.4.23	4.4.21	KLM Planning Partners Inc.	4.4.23 - The word "minimum" should be replaced by "targeted" to allow for flexibility for municipalities given strategy details require further development at the municipal level.		Acknowledged – to be addressed through implementation and/or implementation plans
23	4	4.4.24	4.4.22	KLM Planning Partners Inc.	4.4.24 - The word "minimum" should be replaced by "targeted" to allow for flexibility for municipalities given strategy details require further development at the municipal level.		Acknowledged – to be addressed through implementation and/or implementation plans
24	4	4.4.26	4.4.24	KLM Planning Partners Inc.	4.4.26 - While it is agreed minimum heights and densities are critical in Regional Centres and MTSA's for the purpose of compliance with Provincial policy, the word "maximum" as it relates to heights and densities should be removed to ensure that appropriate opportunities for growth are not limited by general Official Plan policies. - Where appropriate, maximum heights and densities may be identified through the rezoning process following a qualitative review of the subject site and surrounding context		No change - adequately addressed with existing content
25	4	4.4.2.9	4.4.40	KLM Planning Partners Inc.	4.4.2.9 - The word "maximum" as it relates to heights and densities should be removed, and the word "minimum" should be replaced by "targeted".		No change - adequately addressed with existing content
26	4	4.5.2 & (NEW) 4.5.3	4.5.2 & 4.5.3	Township of King & Town of Georgina	Township of King - This policy requires revision to allow the appropriate local planning to occur, subsequent to the ongoing MCR and that any revisions to the Urban Area of Nobleton be at the sole request of the Town/Township during the conformity exercise. Town of Georgina - Add reference to the community of Keswick to policies 4.5.2 and 4.5.3		Request Supported – policy changes recommended
27	5	5.1.7	5.1.7 (N/A)	MHBC Planning	Based on policy 5.1.7, it is our interpretation of the draft Official Plan Policies, that a Regional Official Plan Amendment is not required for new mineral aggregate operations. We would appreciate if staff could confirm this interpretation.		Acknowledged
28	5	5.1 (NEW)	5.1 (NEW)	Town of Georgina	Proposed new policy wording by York Region LRP staff for the Serviced Lakeshore Residential Area within the Town of Georgina: 5.1.X That within the Serviced Lakeshore Residential Area in the Town of Georgina additional permissions as outlined in the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan and local municipal official plan apply. Town of Georgina Comments: - Add "designation" after Serviced Lakeshore Residential Area - In addition to the Serviced Lakeshore Residential Area designation, the Lakeshore Residential Area designation is also applicable. - It mentions Lake Simcoe Protection Plan, but the permissions for development come from the Greenbelt Plan, Sec. 4.1.3, Developed Shoreline Area Policies. This section directs the reader to Policy 4.2.4.5 of the Growth Plan which permits infill development, redevelopment and resort development in developed shoreline areas. The LSPP only speaks to minimum vegetation protection zones in shoreline built-up areas and acknowledges that shoreline built-up areas may only be expanded to provide for minor rounding out of the area in accordance with provincial plans and the PPS. So the GBP is more applicable for this purpose.		Addressed in part – policy changes recommended
29	5	5.5	5.5	MHBC Planning	We suggest revising the following sentence in the intro of Section 5.5 to: "The majority of Within York Region These resources may be also be subject to the applicable provisions of the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, Lake Simcoe Protection Plan, Greenbelt Plan, and Growth Plan."		Request Supported - Sidebar and/or preamble created/updated
30	5	5.5.7	5.5.7 (N/A)	MHBC Planning	The Region's policies cannot be more restrictive than provincial policy relative to mineral aggregate operations. We suggest that this policy be deleted as it is not consistent with the Growth Plan, Greenbelt Plan, or Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan. This is explicitly outlined in the Greenbelt Act (Section 6(2)(e)) and the Greenbelt Plan (Section 5.3).		Request Supported – policy changes recommended
31	5	5.5.17	5.5.16	MHBC Planning	To be consistent the terminology through the draft Official Plan, and for clarity, we suggest that the word "Prime" be added before the term Agricultural Areas.		No change - adequately addressed with existing content
32	5	5.5.20	5.5.20	MHBC Planning	This policy needs to be consistent with the Growth Plan and Greenbelt Plan policies which permit expansions to mineral aggregate extraction in key natural heritage features. - In addition, this policy could be reworded to make it clear that this policy does not apply to components of the Regional Greenlands System that are located outside of a Provincial Plan Natural Heritage System (i.e. local natural heritage systems).		No change - adequately addressed with existing content

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33	7	7.3.15	7.3.14	Gatzios Planning + Development Consultants Inc.	7.3.15 - Once a plan of subdivision is registered and developed and housing is built it would be extremely odd and unfair to the lot owners / residents for this to occur, and it is unclear why this policy has been included in this draft of the Plan. - Many plans of subdivision which have been registered (and built) more than 8 years ago may not meet the policies of this pending new Plan, however, to suggest that the Region is going to identify whole existing communities full of developed lots or even existing residents and deem their subdivision lots to not be a registered plan of subdivision is not logical. - Perhaps this proposed policy was not worded as intended and therefore its language should be revisited.		No change - adequately addressed with existing content
34	Maps	Map 1	Map 1	Public	Support for designating Beacon Hall Golf Course Lands as Greenlands. Suggestion for a walking or bike path across the south and east boundary of the property, separated by a fence for safety, connecting Yonge Street to the newly built bike and cycling path on Bayview that runs from Bloomington to Vandorf.	400 Beacon Hall Drive, Aurora	Acknowledged
35	Maps	Map 1	Map 1	Dentons Canada LLP	Lands are subject to a MZO (O. Reg. 770/21) which are to be designated Urban Area.	11861 & 12045 McCowan Road, Whitchurch-Stouffville	Request Supported – mapping changes recommended
36	Maps	Map 1A	Map 1A	Cosmopolitan Associates Inc.	Previously confirmed with the Region the following changes to the Glenview Memorial Gardens site: - Identify the cemetery portion of AMI's property as "Community Areas" and not as "Employment Areas" (Existing cemetery identified as Private Open Space in the Vaughan OP)	7541 Highway 50, Vaughan	Request Supported – mapping changes recommended
37	Maps	Map 1A	Map 1A	Dentons Canada LLP	There is a mapping error in the proposed Draft ROP Map 1A for these lands. - 2010 YROP has the lands designated as Rural Area in Map 8. The 2021 Draft ROP designates the lands as Agricultural Area. - Canadian Sports is proposing a soccer facility and new employment "infill" of approximately 72 acres, in addition to the proposed employment uses on the west side of the Lands, in the Vandorf Secondary Plan. - The proposed application has received positive support from Town staff, the Mayor and Councillors. - These lands should be shown as Rural Area and not Agricultural Area in draft ROP Map 1A.	15451 & 15517 Woodbine Avenue, Whitchurch-Stouffville	No change – policy or mapping is consistent with Council direction
38	Maps	Map 2	Map 2	Cosmopolitan Associates Inc.	Previously confirmed with the Region the following changes to the Glenview Memorial Gardens site: - Remove the incorrect identification of non-existent environmental features as areas of Regional Greenlands System designation (email and map from TRCA provided)	7541 Highway 50, Vaughan	Request Supported – mapping changes recommended
39	Maps	Map 2, Map 5	Map 2, Map 5	Weston Consulting	Request to remove the Regional Greenlands System and Woodlands overlay from 7533 Islington Avenue & 150 Bruce Street. Disagree with staff's position to not reconsider the identification of the Subject Lands within the Regional Greenlands System and Woodlands layers. Identifying the Subject Lands within the Regional Greenlands System and Woodlands is premature at this time pending the conclusion of the active OLT hearing.	7553 Islington Avenue & 150 Bruce Street, Vaughan	No change – Map based on best available information at Regional scale/ROP policies allows for more detailed refinement through local plans and studies
40	Maps	Map 4	Map 4	Cosmopolitan Associates Inc.	Previously confirmed with the Region the following changes to the Highland Hills Funeral Home & Cemetery site: - Remove the incorrect identification of "Lakes", which are man-made storm water management ponds – designed and developed as part of an approved site master plan (original site plan agreement and approved site plan provided).	12492 Woodbine Avenue, Whitchurch-Stouffville	Request Supported – mapping changes recommended
41	Maps	Map 11	Map 11	Public	There are problems related to traffic congestion due to single lanes on along 14th Avenue east of Markham Road. - Local Councillor support regarding this issue was obtained and the City of Markham (December 6, 2018) blamed York Region for not taking priority to the 14th Avenue expansion. - Please consider making 14th Avenue 2 lanes, each way, east of Markham Road to solve the problem. We can't request for Steeles to be expanded because it is owned by the City of Toronto and we are Markham residents.		Acknowledged – to be addressed through implementation and/or implementation plans
42	Appendices	Appendix 2 - MTSA 51	Appendix 2 - PTMSA 50	Markets on Main Street Inc.	Request to include 189 Centre Street East in the MTSA 51 - Richmond Hill GO Station boundary. Key points: - The site is within 500m walking distance of Richmond Hill GO Station - It is served by existing bus transit on Centre St E. - It is vacant and ready for development. - The narrow width of the land makes low density residential development (as anticipated by the current Neighbourhood designation very inefficient and may be economically prohibitive. - Higher density residential development would allow for the construction of a noise, vibration and crash wall along the edge of the CN ROW and make development of the land feasible.	189 Centre Street East, Richmond Hill	No change – policy or mapping is consistent with Council direction
43	Appendices	Appendix 2 - MTSA 51	Appendix 2 - PTMSA 50	Markets on Main Street Inc.	MTSA 51 - Richmond Hill GO Station area - The BRT station is located on Major Mackenzie Drive on the map, however the existing GO Station building is actually located well north of Major Mackenzie and any future BRT station is also likely to be located north of Major Mackenzie. - The mapping should therefore be seen as conceptual rather than specific, but Richmond Hill is treating it as specific and has also defined the MTSA based on Regional mapping		No change – policy or mapping is consistent with Council direction

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44	General	-	-	Statutory Open House	What provision has been made to articulate that cemeteries should be considered part of a complete community?		Response provided at the Open House meeting: Cemeteries are not explicitly mentioned in the draft ROP. Cemeteries are permitted as institutional use, based on a needs analysis conducted in approximately 2015. This analysis showed that we do require them and many are making them differently to be more within communities.
45	General	-	-	Statutory Open House	Instead of requiring lower municipalities to have "consideration of inclusionary zoning", York Region should require lower municipalities to have and implement inclusionary zoning policies.		Response provided at the Open House meeting: There are various levels of success with inclusionary zoning, and it is hard to mandate at the Regional level. This is not the only thing to address affordability; sometimes there is more success negotiating affordable units in a development. The Region didn't want to mandate this for local municipalities, but instead let them use what is successful.
46	General	-	-	Statutory Open House	Can you please outline the taxpayer implications of maintaining new infrastructure for the housing plan?		Response provided at the Open House meeting: Taxpayer implications will be included in the fiscal impact analysis as part of the June adoption report.
47	General	-	-	Statutory Open House	What policies do you have for "gentle intensification"?		Response provided at the Open House meeting: The ROP contains policies around these and for the missing middle which are both defined differently. Gentle density is more subtle regarding what is existing in the neighbourhood, whereas the missing middle gets at low rise apartments and townhouses. The policies in the ROP plan for local municipalities to look at areas to accommodate this type of housing, which could help with the housing affordability issue.
48	General	-	-	Statutory Open House	If the infrastructure is not available for growth projections in East Gwillimbury, how can development proceed?		Response provided at the Open House meeting: The Upper York Sewage System completion in approximately 2029 is an assumption used in the forecast work. East Gwillimbury is one of 3 local municipalities that will accommodate a larger share of ground related growth through singles, semis and row townhouses.
49	General	-	-	Statutory Open House	In view of the extreme weather that adversely affects food production in the U.S., Canada, and other parts of the world. I am concerned about any lands in York Region that are still in food production or designated as agricultural/rural are taken out of production. They also play a significant part in CO2 uptake.		Response provided at the Open House meeting: The Region is finalizing the Climate Change Action Plan to address greenhouse gas emission reduction and climate change resiliency. One of those actions is to work with the agricultural community to understand climate change impacts in their sector. We are also finalizing the Community Energy and Emissions Plan, which have interim targets and review how we can work towards net zero in 2050.
50	General	-	-	Statutory Open House	Are there projections in the trash intake? With the growth projections, the landfill should be filling up quickly.		Response provided at the Open House meeting: We work closely with our Environmental Services department for their Smart Living Plan (similar to a master plan for managing waste). This looks at how the region can advance the circular economy to reduce waste.
51	General	-	-	Statutory Open House	I appreciate York Region recognizing the needs for building "15-mins communities". But how does this apply to existing built areas where you cannot go anywhere except by driving. What policies are proposed in the Official Plan to make existing communities a "15 mins community"?		Response provided at the Open House meeting: The ROP includes policies around this, around more permeable existing areas, making them more walkable with connections. If there is re-development, looking at opportunities to add missing components, and make connections to amenities. The draft ROP has more on this than the 2010 ROP.
52	General	-	-	Statutory Open House	While the Draft Official Plan has strong language on requiring "transit supportive" communities, there is a lack of commitment in the Official Plan policies to actually provide transit services in coordination with development.		Response provided at the Open House meeting: The timing of infrastructure including transit is encouraged, in the draft ROP, to coincide with and support development. A challenge is that the Region does not directly control the funding or timing of all rapid transit construction. The Region coordinates with Metrolinx, the Province's Transit Agency, but is not the approval authority.
53	General	-	-	Statutory Open House	Could you please confirm the total amount for future Community Lands and Employment Lands for urban expansion?		Response provided at the Open House meeting: The total land budget for proposed urban expansion is approximately 2,075 hectares of community land (e.g. residential, shopping, etc.) and approximately 960 hectares of employment land (e.g. industrial, major office, etc.).

Table 3 - Indigenous Engagement Comments

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1	Land Acknowledgement	-	-	A clear acknowledgement of Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation as the indigenous people who are the traditional owners and continuing stewards of the lands, waters, and resources which make up what is the municipality's Official Planning area today;	ROP includes land acknowledgement which references Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.
2	Land Acknowledgement	-	-	Treaty territories of all the Williams Treaties First Nations should be mentioned here. The addition of following Land Acknowledgement is suggested: "We would like to acknowledge that many indigenous Nations have longstanding relationships, both historic and modern, with the territories upon which we are located. Today, this area is home to many indigenous peoples from across North America. We acknowledge that the York Region forms a part of the traditional and treaty territory of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, The Mississauga Nation. It is on these ancestral and treaty lands that we live. To honour this legacy, York Region commits to being stewards of the natural environment and undertakes to make protection of these lands a priority."	Request supported. Traditional Land Acknowledgement has been updated to reference the William Treaties First Nations.
3	1	Goals	Goals	Relating to goal number 3, it is important to focus on the need to sustain the natural environment for all relatives, not only humans. This point could be amended as follows: "To protect and enhance the natural environment for current and future generations so that it will sustain life, maintain health and provide a high quality of life for all living beings"	Acknowledged. This goal was intentionally left open ended so that 'high quality of life' can encompass the life of all living beings.
4	2	-	-	Appreciative of the Region's focus on affordable housing. Encourage the Region to consider partnerships with Indigenous housing agencies to ensure that culturally appropriate supports are available for community members that may be seeking affordable housing. Additionally, policies related to affordable housing should be focused on ensuring that this housing exists in perpetuity.	Acknowledged. Opportunity to address this through implementation - specifically can pass this information to staff responsible for the Affordable Housing Implementation Plan for engagement opportunities.
5	2	-	-	Housing - missing middle housing needs to be addressed	Request supported. Missing Middle housing is addressed in ROP policies as well as through development of the Affordable Housing Implementation Plan (AHIP).
6	2	2.2.7	2.2.6	This policy should be modified to recognize that Indigenous Nations are important partners in sustainable Regional growth, including the building of complete communities. A suggestion follows: 2.2.7 To continue to recognize the role of partners in building communities and to encourage greater coordination and information exchange with local municipalities, the development industry, conservation authorities, Indigenous communities and other interested stakeholders.	Request Supported. Policy 2.2.7 and 2.2.8 have been combined and revised to include Indigenous communities (new 2.2.6).
7	2	2.2.8	2.2.6	As noted above, the important role of Indigenous Nations has not been recognized in this policy. This language must be changed to include Indigenous Nations, who hold rights and interests throughout the Region. As suggested above, this policy could be revised as follows. This language should be carried throughout the plan: 2.2.8 To work with local municipalities, the development industry, conservation authorities, Indigenous communities, and other stakeholders to ensure:	Request Supported. Policy 2.2.7 and 2.2.8 have been combined and revised to include Indigenous communities (new 2.2.6).
8	2	2.3.13	2.3.13	Supportive of the increase of tree canopy, but encourages the Region to include a caveat in this policy that the goal is to increase the native tree canopy, thereby helping to restore natural heritage. A requirement for native planting should be carried throughout the ROP.	Acknowledged. Out of scope for the ROP but can be communicated to the Region's Forestry staff specifically.
9	2	2.3.1	2.3 - Sustainable and Resilient Communities	Can the Region please clarify why only targets for net zero by 2051 are included, when drastic emissions reductions are needed by 2030? Since this ROP is currently undergoing revision, documents like the IPCC Sixth Assessment Reports should be considered and evidence-based targets should be adopted with the required urgency.	Acknowledged. Opportunity to address this through implementation - specifically the implementation of the Climate Change Action Plan.
10	2	2.3.1.1	2.3.20	We appreciate the Region's support for low carbon energy alternatives, but would like to note that methane emissions must also be considered and greatly reduced. The federal government has put forth an at least 75% methane emissions reduction target by 2030. This will require action from all levels of government to achieve. Methane is a potent greenhouse gas that has already led to warming that Williams Treaties First Nations members have noted as having a noticeable affect on activities like hunting and fishing. Rapid climate action by settler governments is critical for reconciliation.	Acknowledged. Opportunity to address this through implementation - specifically the implementation of the Climate Change Action Plan.
11	2	2.3.1.4	2.3.23	As noted in previous comments, this policy is not inclusive of Indigenous communities. At minimum, this should be updated to state "Indigenous rightsholders, community stakeholders.	Request supported - proposed edits to include Indigenous communities to 2.3.23: 2.3.23 To establish greenhouse gas reduction targets and implement a reduction strategy in partnership with community stakeholders, Indigenous communities and local municipalities.

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12	2	2.3.1.6 & 2.3.1.8	2.3.25 & 2.3.27	Please reference the previous comment regarding the need to include Indigenous communities as a separate entity. As these are rights-holding communities, the grouping of "stakeholder" is not sufficient. Please carry this change throughout the ROP.	Request supported - propose edits to add Indigenous communities to 2.3.25 and 2.3.27: 2.3.25 To encourage and work with local municipalities, Indigenous communities, agencies, and stakeholders to... 2.3.27 To work with local municipalities, Indigenous communities, agencies, and stakeholders to...
13	2	2.3.1.12	2.3.31	The "may" in this statement is not in alignment with up-to-date climate change understanding, both from an Indigenous knowledge and western science perspective. There is consensus that climate change does increase risks associated with natural hazards, which disproportionately affects vulnerable communities and those that have contributed the least to climate change – including Indigenous communities.	Acknowledged.
14	2	2.3.3	2.3.51 & 2.3.52	With these policies [2.3.3.7 and 2.3.3.8], York Region holds an opportunity to lead on economic reconciliation with Indigenous Communities. We recommend the addition of an economic development policy that reflects the need for economic reconciliation. For example: York Region recognizes the importance of economic reconciliation with Indigenous communities. Economic Reconciliation includes collaborating with Indigenous partners in a manner that contributes to their economic wellbeing as York Region's economy grows. This includes attention to York Region's procurement policies to intentionally enhance the procurement opportunities available to qualified Indigenous rights-holding contractors. Economic development policies directly link to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Call to Action #92 (as follows). Point ii. is particularly relevant for York Region's economic development policies: 92. We call upon the corporate sector in Canada to adopt the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as a reconciliation framework and to apply its principles, norms, and standards to corporate policy and core operational activities involving Indigenous peoples and their lands and resources. This would include, but not be limited to, the following: i. Commit to meaningful consultation, building respectful relationships, and obtaining the free, prior, and informed consent of Indigenous peoples before proceeding with economic development projects. ii. Ensure that Aboriginal peoples have equitable access to jobs, training, and education opportunities in the corporate sector, and that Aboriginal communities gain long-term sustainable benefits from economic development projects. iii. Provide education for management and staff on the history of Aboriginal peoples, including the history and legacy of residential schools, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Treaties and Aboriginal rights, Indigenous law, and Aboriginal-Crown relations. This will require skills based training in intercultural competency, conflict resolution, human rights, and anti-racism Further, to quote from Carol-Anne Hilton's Indigenomics: Taking a Seat at the Economic Table, "Indigenous economic health and Canada's economic health are now intertwined."	Now 2.3.51 and 2.3.52 Acknowledged however, please note this is out of scope for the ROP. Some of the matters addressed by these Calls to Action are not capable of being implemented by York Region because they are not within the Region's jurisdiction, the services it provides or are matters more fully within the authority and capabilities of senior levels of government. As a result, staff have focused on Calls to Action that most directly relate to matters that could be implemented by York Region.
16	2	2.4	2.4	A brief history of York Region: It is problematic that this history implies that Indigenous peoples harvested plant and animal relatives in a manner that was "exploitative". Indigenous peoples have long lived in balance with other relatives, and this wording should be changed to reflect that fact. Additionally, there are competing narratives around the history of different Indigenous communities within York Region, meaning that it is essential that the Region cite their sources of this history if it is to be published in the Official Plan.	Request supported, propose edit to a Brief History of York Region to replace 'exploit' with 'people began to make use of the rich plant.....' It is believed that people first inhabited a tundra-like York Region about 11,000 years ago, hunting caribou and large animals, such as mastodon, at the end of the last ice age. When the climate warmed 9,000 years ago people began to make use of the rich plant and animal resources native to York Region today.
17	2	2.4	2.4	Interest in participating in and contributing comments to the update of the Region's Archaeological Management Plan (AMP) to provide historical context and input regarding practices and procedures through the archaeological process during development	Review of the Archaeological Management Plan will be considered after approval of the Draft ROP. If/when updating, the Region will engage Indigenous communities to continue the engagement undertaken with Indigenous communities when the AMP was created.

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18	2	2.4	2.4	<p>"York Region has a rich cultural heritage. It is believed that aboriginal hunting bands first arrived in the area approximately 11,000 years ago. The vibrant history of these and subsequent Indigenous communities, including First Nations and the Métis Nation are found in the Region's significant archaeological resources. Today, the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation is located both on and off the shores of Lake Simcoe on Snake, Fox and Georgina islands."</p> <p>In addition to the naming of the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, it is important for readers of the ROP to understand that York falls within the treaty territories of many other Indigenous Nations. Please ensure that text is included on the Williams Treaties First Nations presence within York Region.</p>	<p>Updated Land Acknowledgement mentioned Williams Treaties First Nations. Also will be including an Ontario Treaty Map in sidebar text</p> <p>Request supported to update preamble in 2.4 to move some language from Land Acknowledgement into this chapter, more specifically:</p> <p>Today, the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation is located both on and off the shores of Lake Simcoe on Snake, Fox and Georgina islands. York Region is located on treaty territories of the Haudenosaunee, Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and Williams Treaties First Nations.</p>
19	2	2.4.2	2.4.2	<p>In our review of various cultural heritage consultation reports, the discussion of Cultural Heritage Landscapes too often is focused only as far back as Euro-Canadian settler history. We recognize that the consideration of Indigenous use has been included in the ROP definition of a cultural heritage landscape. To ensure that this idea is immediately apparent, we encourage that any policies related to cultural heritage contain a caveat that includes specific recognition of Indigenous cultural heritage.</p>	<p>Acknowledged. Cultural heritage landscapes is Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) terminology, so to be consistent with the PPS the ROP must use that term. Request supported to include Indigenous cultural heritage within section 2.4 preamble as shown below:</p> <p>This diverse cultural heritage enhances quality of life and helps make York Region unique. The policies of this section are designed to promote and celebrate the cultural heritage activities and to conserve cultural heritage resources and archaeological sites, including those of Indigenous cultural heritage.</p>
20	2	2.4.6	2.4.6	<p>This should be amended to state that these activities will occur in consultation with Indigenous Nations, especially when it comes to Indigenous cultural heritage landscapes. If this is not done, there is a risk that cultural heritage will be approached from a euro-centric perspective.</p>	<p>Request supported. Proposed edit to the end of the policy shown below: and where appropriate engage with Indigenous communities':</p> <p>2.4.6 To support local municipal efforts in promoting heritage awareness, establishing heritage conservation districts and integrating identified cultural heritage landscapes into official plans.</p>
21	2	2.4.1.1	2.4.13	<p>This policy does not properly recognize the importance of treaty territory. It should be amended to direct the consultant archeologist to engage with Indigenous communities whose Treaty and traditional territories the archeological resource occurs within.</p> <p>This comment also applies to other archeological resource policies.</p>	<p>Acknowledged. There is an opportunity to further amend this section when reviewing and updating the Archeological Management Plan.</p>
22	2	2.4.1.5	2.4.17	<p>This policy should be amended to note that holding of artifacts in an interpretation centre would only be investigated with the consent of Indigenous Nations who have rights and interest related to the artifact.</p>	<p>The intent of this policy would be to communicate with appropriate First Nations and Indigenous communities, however, this can be further discussed through the Archeological Management Plan when updated.</p> <p>To investigate the potential for a secure re-interment site for human remains where preservation in their current location is not possible and an interpretation centre for Indigenous artifacts recovered from archaeological investigations in the Region.</p>
23	2	2.5	2.5	<p>Objective for Managing Excess Soil:</p> <p>As noted in previous comments, this objective does not recognize the importance of consulting with Indigenous communities on matters that impact the lands and waters. This statement should be amended to be inclusive of Indigenous communities that may be interested in working with Conservation Authorities and municipalities on policies related to excess soil.</p> <p>Further, this section on excess soil does not adequately address the potential negative impacts of invasive species spread through excess soil transport and re-use. A policy should be added to ensure that invasive species spread is of key consideration when managing excess soil.</p>	<p>Acknowledged. It may be difficult to identify or segregate invasive species depending on the circumstances at the time of moving soil (e.g., seed banks, outside growing season). However we acknowledge that invasive species are a concern and work closely with conservation authority staff on this matter.</p>

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24	3	3.4 - Typical Wetland	3.4 - Typical Wetland	<p>"Development in wetlands policy "</p> <p>Consent is needed from Indigenous communities if impacts to wetlands are to occur. These ecosystems are of key importance to our communities, but we are too often not consulted on plans that may impact or even remove part of them. This list should be amended to include "Consultation with Indigenous Communities" as an example of approvals that may be required in conjunction with Planning Act approvals.</p> <p>The following section on woodlands contextualizes the cumulative impacts of agricultural uses, development, and urbanization on tree cover and woodland fragmentation. This should also be done for the Wetlands section. An example statement could be that "the majority of wetlands have been lost to human activities since European settlement". Evidence of past and ongoing wetland loss is provided by various studies that cover York Region, including Ducks Unlimited Canada (2010), Snell (1987), and the Ontario Biodiversity Council (2021).</p>	<p>Request supported. This comment is referring to the sidebar text for typical wetland (below with proposed edits):</p> <p>For development in and around key natural heritage features, other environmental approvals and engaging with Indigenous communities may be required in conjunction with Planning Act approvals, or if works are proposed prior to receipt of Planning approvals. Examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Forest Conservation By-law Permits (Regional) - Tree By-law Permits (Local Municipal) - Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Permits (Conservation Authority) - Site Alteration or Fill Permits (Local Municipal)
25	3	3.0	3.0	<p>Appreciative of the Region's recognition of the critical importance of landscape connectivity for all living relatives. Given the threats that headwaters, wetlands, and watercourses are facing in southern Ontario and York Region more specifically, it is particularly important to ensure that protections for these features are provided and upheld. This is particularly important in the Greenbelt and Oak Ridges Moraine, where protections seem to balance on a fine line despite protective policies being in place.</p>	<p>Acknowledged. Agreed.</p>
26	3	3.1.1	3.1 - Watershed Planning	<p>Appreciates the Region's focus on ecological restoration, and encourages the Region to solidify this through ecosystem area and function-based restoration targets. The consultation office should be provided with restoration plans for commenting, and opportunities to participate in field work related to ecosystem restoration.</p>	<p>Noted. Areas of interest can also be reviewed through the engagement strategy.</p>
27	3	3.1.1	3.1 - Watershed Planning	<p>Watershed Planning:</p> <p>Appreciates the recognition of cumulative impacts at a watershed-scale, and encourages the Region to develop guidelines around cumulative effects assessment during development, as a potential component of the Environmental Impact Statement. Cumulative effects have impacted the lands and waters within our territory to the point that they are unrecognizable. It is only through the adequate assessment of cumulative impacts it will become possible to repair the damage that was done.</p>	<p>Acknowledged. Will relay this information to conservation authority staff as they provide the Region with comments on watershed impacts of development.</p>
28	3	3.1.5	3.1.5	<p>Partnerships with Indigenous communities are key to ensuring the success of environmental enhancement and restoration. Please amend this policy to encourage partnerships and consultation with Indigenous communities.</p>	<p>3.1.5 That enhancements to the Regional Greenlands System shall be the responsibility of all stakeholders and may include Regional and local greening initiatives, public and private sector partnerships, partnerships with Indigenous communities, land securement initiatives, ecosystem compensation/off-setting programs, education, stewardship promotion, remedial work, infrastructure projects and urban development to achieve ecological gains for the systems.</p>
29	3	3.1.7	3.1.7	<p>Appreciates the recognition of interconnected ecosystems through this policy, and encourages the Region to ensure that Indigenous communities are involved in these coordination efforts.</p>	<p>Acknowledged. Opportunity through implementation, specifically engagement strategy can identify this.</p>
30	3	3.1.1.2	3.1.9	<p>To date, watershed planning has not adequately involved Indigenous communities. The direction that the Region is giving through this policy makes it clear why there seems to be confusion among municipalities and conservation authorities as to when and how to engage with Indigenous nations on watershed planning. This policy must be modified to direct partnerships with Indigenous nations in the earliest stages of watershed planning.</p>	<p>Opportunity to address this through ROP implementation - primarily through the development of the engagement strategy.</p>
31	3	3.2.5	3.2.5	<p>Please note that if the Region is to consider future MZO's, Indigenous communities must be consulted early and with the provision of capacity supports to facilitate their full review of these projects. To date, Indigenous communities have either not been consulted on MZO's, or have been consulted too infrequently or too late in the process, meaning that Indigenous leadership has had little opportunity to influence the outcomes of MZO decisions.</p>	<p>Acknowledged, however MZO's are outside of the jurisdiction of the ROP.</p>

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32	3	3.3.12	3.3.11	As noted in previous comments, this policy does not recognize the Region's responsibility to work with Indigenous communities on matters that impact lands and waters. Please modify this policy to be inclusive of Indigenous communities, which do not simply fall under "other relevant agencies".	Request supported. Since this process would follow a municipal environmental assessment process, Indigenous communities would be circulated to within this process. Recommend addressing through revision to reflect this within now 3.3.11 3.3.11 To work with the Province, local municipalities, conservation authorities and other relevant agencies within the Permit to Take Water process to ensure the conservation, protection and wise use and management of the water resources in the Region
33	3	3.4.2.8	3.4.32	As noted in previous comments, this policy does not recognize the Region's responsibility to consult with Indigenous communities on matters that impact the lands and waters. Consultation must occur with interested Indigenous communities who have Treaty or traditional territory that is impacted by the proposal when a woodland compensation plan is to be considered.	Acknowledged. Through development of the engagement strategy, can add the woodlands compensation plan as a topic area of interest for circulation. The woodland compensation plan shall be prepared to the satisfaction of York Region in consultation with the conservation authority and the local municipality and shall demonstrate a net gain in woodland area.
34	4	4.4	4.4	The Region should develop an Indigenous procurement policy that encourages the inclusion of Indigenous art as a public benefit.	Out of jurisdiction of the ROP - opportunities to be explored through local and regional implementation.
35	4	4.6.3	4.6.3	Urban boundary expansions represent the use of Treaty and traditional Indigenous lands by municipalities, making it absolutely critical that Indigenous communities are meaningfully consulted on any urban boundary expansions. This policy and/or section must be updated to clearly provide guidance to municipalities on their responsibility to consult with Indigenous communities prior to passing any urban boundary expansions.	While this is a policy that is meant to conform to the obligations the Region has under the Growth Plan - any municipal comprehensive review initiated would include circulation of project initiation/notices to Indigenous communities as was completed this round. Through the engagement strategy, the Region can note interests of Indigenous communities and reach out on specific areas of interest.
36	6	6.1.2	6.1 - Water and Wastewater	Please note that comments on York Region's Water and Wastewater Masterplan under separate cover.	Acknowledged.
37	6	6.2.4	6.2.5	Growth of Regional infrastructure provides an opportunity for the Region to support Indigenous economies. Encourage York Region to develop an Indigenous procurement policy, which should include provisions for contracting related to civil works projects.	Out of jurisdiction of the ROP - opportunities to be explored through local and regional implementation.
38	6	6.3	6.3	Please note that comments on the Transportation Master Plan were provided under separate cover. In alignment with our comments related to art and regional infrastructure, we ask that the Region create an Indigenous procurement policy that has provisions for civil works contracting opportunities related to transportation projects.	Acknowledged.

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39	6	6.4.4	6.4.4	Although Indigenous communities could fall within the definition of "surrounding jurisdictions", the importance of water to these communities means that it would be beneficial for it to be specifically noted that coordination on these matters will occur in consultation with Indigenous communities.	Acknowledged. Any facility or infrastructure of this nature would undergo an environmental assessment process that would engage Indigenous communities as part of the assessment process. 6.4.4 That planning efforts for municipal water and wastewater treatment facilities and infrastructure are coordinated with surrounding jurisdictions and shall be in accordance with Provincial regulations, guidelines, standards and procedures and where possible minimize and mitigate any potential adverse affects from odour, noise and other contaminants.
40	6	6.5	6.5	Stormwater Management: Given the recognition of the need for innovative techniques, coupled with the need to protect and restore the natural environment, we recommend that the Region add a policy to encourage the creation of more naturalized forms of stormwater management facilities.	Acknowledged. This comment will be provided to the units responsible for review of stormwater management facilities/guidelines for consideration.
41	6	6.7.2	6.7.2	Since the noted GTA west corridor is subject to a federal Impact Assessment, it seems to be premature to plan for this route as a utility corridor. Greater consultation is needed with Indigenous communities on the final corridor. The official plans should include utility infrastructure alternatives and contingencies should the GTA West Corridor and the Bradford By-pass Corridor not materialize	The ROP is a long-term plan to 2051, policies like this one recognize that this plan sets out long-term land use planning objectives.
42	6	6.7.8	6.7.8	As noted in previous comments, this statement does not recognize Indigenous communities. There is a notable opportunity to collaborate with Indigenous communities on clean energy projects, thereby supporting the Indigenous economy and our shared environment. This policy should be amended to note the importance of Indigenous engagement and collaboration on the energy projects noted in the current policy.	(now 6.7.9) - consider adding Indigenous communities here. Alternatively mention that through the Region's engagement strategy it can highlight specific areas of interest when the Region is undertaking projects. 6.7.9 To engage and collaborate with local municipalities, local utilities and other stakeholders in the provision of energy conservation, demand management, district energy, alternative energy systems, renewable energy systems and local generation.
43	7	7.1	7.1	Appreciates the Region's recognition of the critical nature of engagement with Indigenous communities in the successful implementation of the ROP.	Acknowledged.
44	7	7.1.1 - 7.1.9	7.1.1 - 7.1.9	The direction to Municipalities on engaging with Indigenous communities is appreciated. It would be beneficial to note that this engagement should happen early in planning processes. Further, it is our experience that there is a lack of clarity among Conservation Authorities and Municipalities as to who is responsible for consulting on matters related to waterways, waterbodies, and wetlands. If the Region intends for this responsibility to be delegated to either Conservation Authorities or Municipalities, this should be specified in this section. Further dialogue with the Region on this issue would be appreciated.	Acknowledged. Opportunity through implementation, specifically engagement strategy can identify this.
45	Mapping	-	-	"New and updated spatial data from local municipalities, conservation authorities, the Province and within the Region have been used to update draft ROP map schedules." Nov 11 CoW Report Can the Region please clarify if information gathering was completed in consultation with Indigenous Nations? This text indicates collaboration with stakeholders on mapping exercises that led to changes in systems of great interest to rights holders. These systems include the natural heritage system, any mapping of natural and cultural areas of interest, and lands that could provide for economic reconciliation through business opportunities and partnerships.	Mapping changes were communicated through initial engagement, however we understand this is of great interest and would be interested in furthering this dialogue through the development of the engagement strategy.

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46	Mapping	Map 2	Map 2	<p>"The draft ROP builds on the existing comprehensive Regional Greenlands system framework Natural systems planning includes both the natural heritage and water resource system." Nov 2021 CoW Report</p> <p>While we appreciate that a focus has been placed on updating mapping of the Regional Greenlands system, it does not seem that the Region has considered information from Indigenous communities while updating this mapping. As the Greenlands system provides an important layer of protection for natural areas which are foundational to Williams Treaty First Nations (WTFNs) and the WTFNs Settlement Agreement, WTFNS and other potentially impacted Indigenous communities must be consulted early in any processes related to its mapping. If Indigenous communities are willing and able to provide any information, such as Indigenous knowledge, areas of cultural importance, or areas related to hunting, fishing and harvesting, these should be protected through the Greenlands system.</p>	Mapping comes from a variety of sources including conservation authorities, Province and the Region. Noted and would need to have discussions on what kind of data First Nations collect and have available to share with the Region.
47	General	-	-	Urban expansions take Indigenous treaty and traditional land into an urban envelope. The impacts of these activities are usually irreversible, and should not be taken lightly. Any proposed urban expansions require meaningful consultation with Indigenous communities, who may choose to provide or withhold their Free, Prior, and Informed consent, consistent with the United Nations Declaration on rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP).	During first round presentations of engagement - presentation provided how the Region maintains protection of the Regional Greenlands System, Greenbelt, ORM areas (covering 69% of the Region) while focusing any growth surround built up areas to make use of infrastructure investments.
48	General	-	-	<p>"The draft ROP defines a Regional structure that sets the foundation for future growth areas and protection of natural and agricultural systems and to plan for a population of 2.02 million and 990,000 jobs by 2051" Nov 2021 CoW report</p> <p>Appreciates this focus on the protection of natural and agricultural systems. Reciprocity with the living world is of key importance, and it would be appreciated if the Region went beyond protection, to the restoration of the living world.</p>	Acknowledged. This is addressed through other content within the plan, notably, Key Guiding Principle #9 A natural heritage legacy based on protection, enhancement and restoration of York Region's Natural Systems including the complementary Regional Greenlands System and water resource system.
49	General	-	-	Territorial Acknowledgement within the Official Plan should recognize traditional territories of Indigenous peoples	Land Acknowledgement now added and Ontario Treaty Map will be linked through Chapter 7 sidebar to Ontario Treaty Map.
50	General	-	-	Involve Indigenous communities where appropriate/requested in Official Plan Technical Working Groups	Proposed ROP contains policies that directs Regional and Local staff to include Indigenous communities on matters of planning interest in Chapter 7.
51	General	-	-	Recognize Indigenous peoples are not synonymous with other stakeholders within the Official Plan	Acknowledged. Throughout the text within Draft ROP and draft Waste Water Management Plan (WWMP) there is acknowledgement that Indigenous communities are separate from stakeholders and public
52	General	-	-	Ensure that Indigenous rights and perspectives are being acknowledged in areas of water and wastewater management	While out of the jurisdiction of the ROP this comment has been addressed through the WWMP.
53	General	-	-	Recognition of the sacredness of water	The Draft WWMP and ROP both include language that refers to the importance and sacredness of water, again these plans are in draft form and we are open to receiving comment on this.
54	General	-	-	Recognize and help mitigate environmental threats that may impact traditional Indigenous ways of life	Draft ROP has strong policies that protect Regional Greenlands, as well as promote the recognition and coordination of environmental planning across municipal boundaries.
55	General	-	-	Examine how growth may impact water quality and quantity and place emphasis on its protection	Draft ROP policies place emphasis on the protection of water resource systems throughout the Region. Draft WWMP includes language committing to sustainable management of water resources presently and long term for future generations.
56	General	-	-	Concerns related to the impacts to the watershed through development, particularly headwater protection	Acknowledged. Within Chapters 3 (Sustainable Natural Environment) and 4 (Urbanizing Region) the ROP contains policies that require development/secondary plans to be informed by subwatershed planning and to update watershed plans to guide decisions on designation of land for growth.

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57	General	-	-	Concerns related to developments on floodplains	Acknowledged. Chapter 3, Managing Hazards section contains policies that require local official plans to address floodplains and direct development outside of hazardous lands and sites.
58	General	-	-	Concerns related to invasive species and its impact on Indigenous people's ability to access and harvest sustenance species and traditional medicines	Acknowledged. Outside the scope of the ROP however conservation authorities within York Region do have programs that address invasive species.
59	General	-	-	Encourage the Region to include one to two pages on who the Treaty holders are within York Region to help with engagement. Consider creating an overlay map in the ROP to show treaty and traditional territories	Addressed in part. Proposed ROP contains a link to the Ontario Treaty Maps.
60	General	-	-	Particular interest in wetland protection	Acknowledged. Through the development of an engagement strategy can highlight wetlands as a particular area of interest for future engagement with Indigenous communities.
61	General	-	-	Interest in development a relationship framework to meet regularly and discuss interest in municipal projects	Acknowledged. Through the development of engagement strategy can highlight the need for regular meetings with Indigenous communities to flag projects and topics of interest.
62	General	-	-	Change land use planning process to make sure that First Nations are engaged early on	Acknowledged. This information will be useful for the engagement strategy.
63	General	-	-	A process for notification and ongoing engagement that reflects and respects our governance and decision-making role over land use planning and other decisions that have the potential to affect our Aboriginal and treaty rights or our Territory.	Acknowledged. This information will be useful for the engagement strategy.
64	General	-	-	Acknowledgement of our Aboriginal and treaty rights throughout our Territory, including: - Our ongoing stewardship of the lands, waters, and resources, and specifically our Aboriginal title to the waters, beds of waters, and floodplains within our Territory; - Our role in protecting MCFN's archaeological and cultural heritage resources including reference to our Archaeological Standards and Guidelines; - The importance of ensuring that our Territory can continue to sustain our people, spiritually, culturally, and economically, now and for generations to come	Acknowledged. This information will be useful for the engagement strategy.