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**Subject:** Refuse the Premature Staff Report from the City of Vaughan Requesting a REGIONAL PLANNING TRANSITION PLAN

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**York Region Council.**

I find myself once again very concerned that my lower-tier planning staff and Council are enabling a planning process that doesn't conform with in effect planning legislation, the provincial policy statement or growth plan. This undermines York Region's Official Plan (re-enforced as being in effect by the announcement of the Official Plan Amendment Act, 2023) as well as approved master plans for transportation, water and wastewater supported by York Region's 10-year capital budgets. I can not express my disdain strongly enough that Vaughan staff brought forward this report and that it has somehow appeared on York Region's agenda in a manner that provides direction but doesn't. **By accepting this lower-tier staff report are York Region staff being directed by Vaughan Council to develop a Regional Planning Transition Plan in the absence of a formal vote from all of York Region Council or feedback, input from York Region staff?** At this point, it seems like anything is possible with the manipulation of decisions and agendas that I've witnessed at municipal councils.

I respectfully ask **that York Region Council refuse to accept the 'resolution' from the City of Vaughan brought forward to the Nov 9, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting requesting development of a Regional Planning Transition Plan** because it is premature, brought forward in the absence of determining how regional representation of our publicly elected council members should also be transitioned to reflect this change in regional government legislated planning responsibilities. Further, Section 70.13 is not yet proclaimed and it is not clear to me that the province's direction to combine the Provincial Policy Statement and Growth Plan have been officially approved and implemented by the province. The [ERO posting](#) remains as a proposal, no decision has been communicated officially to the public and the [2020 Office Consolidation](#) of the Growth Plan appears the current version posted on the province's website. I suspect it is the same for the Provincial Policy Statement.

**If Council is unwilling to do this then I request a recommendation be passed formally directing York Region staff to take no action as requested in this staff report until there is certainty surrounding the proposed planning legislation, the Provincial Policy Statement, and the Growth Plan and/or formal direction from the province/Minister MAH.**