

Employment Area Conversions

PROCESS UPDATE

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Presentation Outline

1. Key Messages
2. Update on evaluation process for Employment Conversion requests
3. Next steps for Employment Conversion process

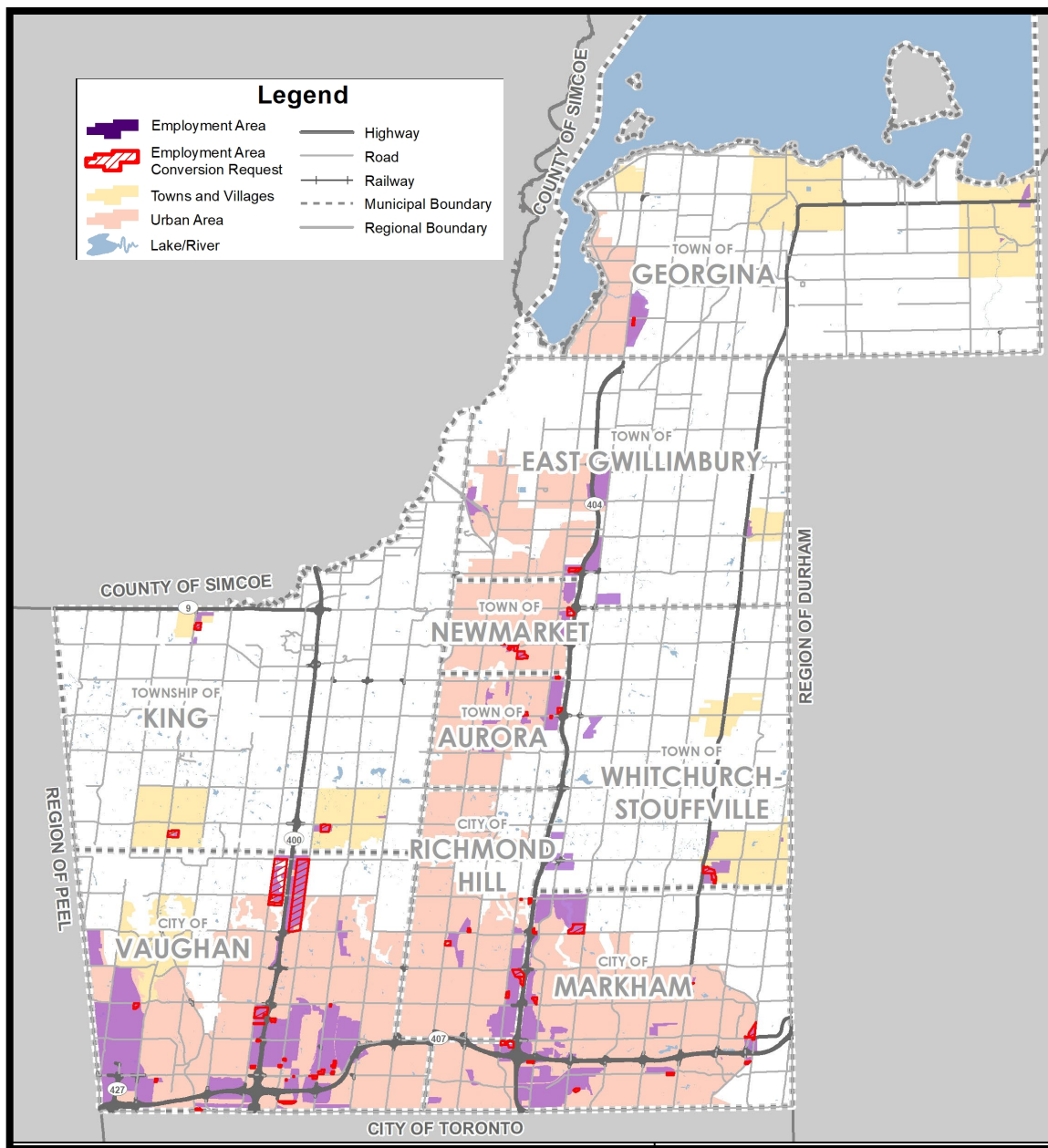
Employment Conversions — Key Messages

- Legislative changes have changed how employment areas are designated
- Conversions are a sensitive and important topic
- Staff value local municipal input and knowledge
- Preliminary staff evaluation and landowner letters caused confusion regarding process
- Numerous factors will inform staff recommendations to Council
- Staff recommendations on each conversion request will be reported in Q1-2020

Local Municipal Council Input is Encouraged

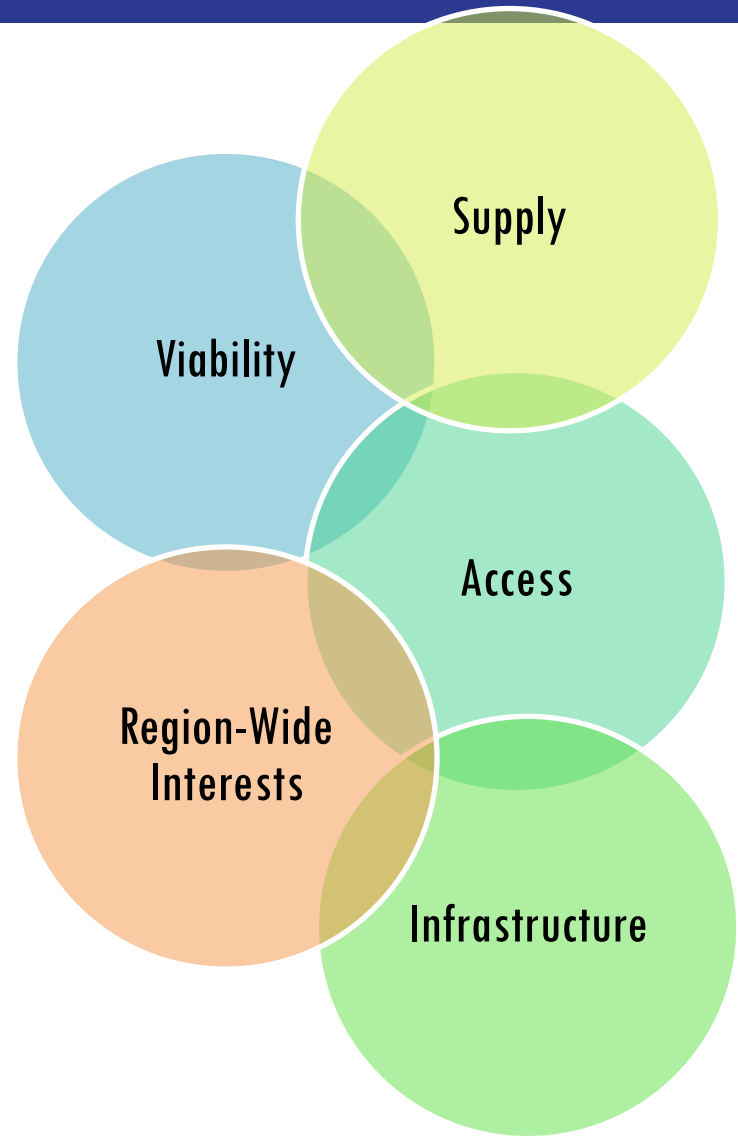
EMPLOYMENT CONVERSION REQUESTS

Municipality	# of Requests
Aurora	6
East Gwillimbury	1
Georgina	1
King	3
Markham	13
Newmarket	3
Richmond Hill	8
Vaughan	21
Whitchurch-Stouffville	2
Total	58



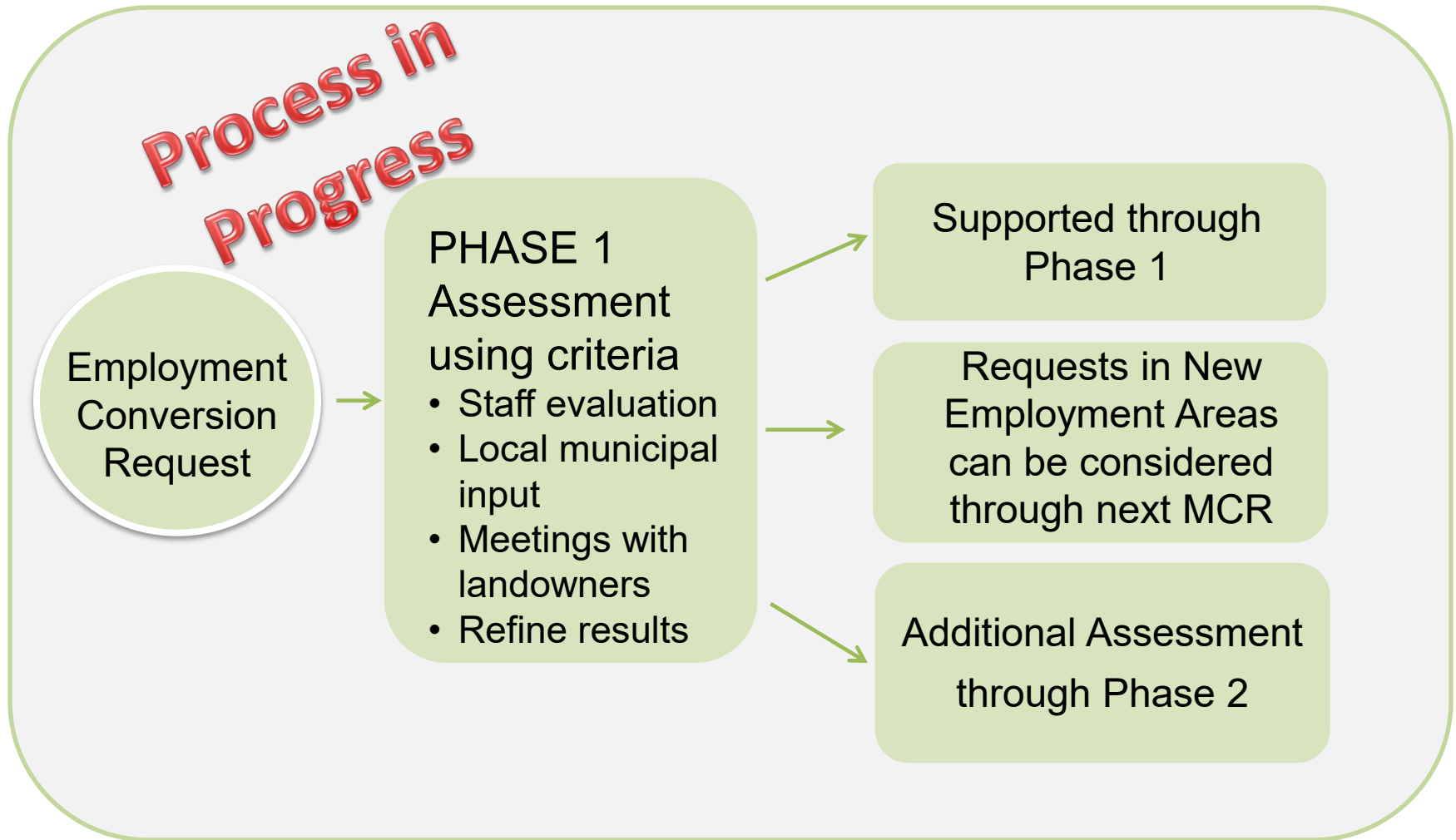
POLICY CONTEXT

- Employment lands now designated in the Regional Official Plan
- Regional and local planning and economic development staff are working closely together
- Regional and local context will inform recommendations on conversion requests



Current MCR is the process to address employment conversions

EMPLOYMENT CONVERSION REQUEST PROCESS

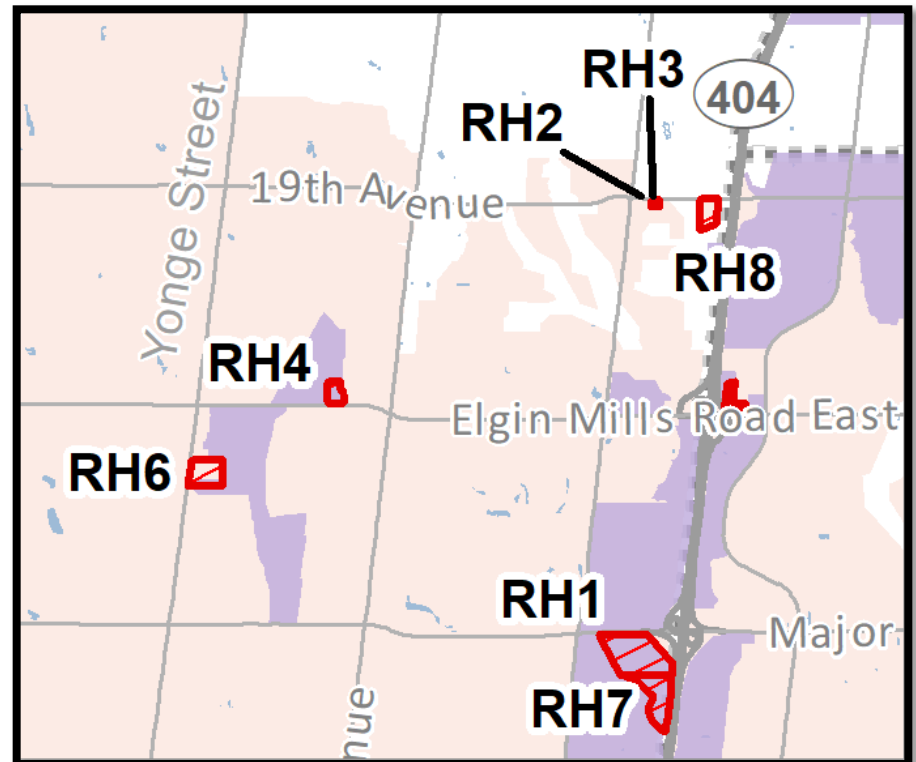
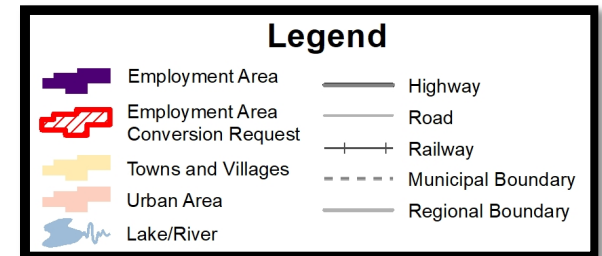


Consultation with local municipalities and stakeholders

BROADER CONSIDERATIONS ASSESSED THROUGH PHASE 2

Following the Phase 1 evaluation, conversion requests feed into a broader process considering:

- Regional structure and economic viability
- Local context and municipal objectives
- Employment trends
- Infrastructure availability
- Transit and transportation
- Market compatibility
- Potential for mixed-use



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NEXT STEPS FOR CONVERSION REQUESTS

1. Continue broader discussions and evaluation of employment conversions through Phase 2
2. Request any additional requests be submitted by November 29th
3. Local Municipal Consultation and Recommendations
4. Council Education Session Q1 2020
5. Report to Council Q1 2020:
 - Recommendations on each conversion request
 - Draft forecast and land budget
6. Employment Strategy Q2 2020
7. Draft Regional Official Plan Update

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

For more information

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