



October 22, 2019

Mr. Christopher Raynor
Regional Clerk
Regional Municipality of York

RE: [CITY OF MARKHAM COMMENTS ON THE PROVINCIAL POLICY STATEMENT REVIEW](#) (10.0)

Dear Mr. Raynor;

This will confirm that at a meeting held on October 16, 2019, the Council of the City of Markham adopted the following resolution (links to the report are provided):

1. That the staff report entitled “City of Markham Comments on the Provincial Policy Statement Review, dated October 15, 2019, be received; and,
2. That this staff report and recommendations be forwarded to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and York Region as the City of Markham’s comments on the proposed changes to the Provincial Policy Statement as part of the Provincial Policy Review; and,
3. That the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing be advised that whereas Markham Council supports the Provincial Policy Statement as a tool to establish high level Province-wide standards in land use planning, Markham Council does not support inclusion of detailed policy language regarding matters that are best dealt with at the local municipal level having regard for local priorities (e.g., identifying priority development applications); and,
4. That the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing be advised of the following specific recommendations:
 - i. That current Provincial Policy Statement 2014 policy 4.9 which identifies that the PPS policies represent minimum standards, remain as policy in the Interpretation and Implementation section under Part V: Policies;
 - ii. That the references to ‘market-based’ and ‘market demand’ in proposed policies 1.1.1, 1.1.3.8, 1.4.3 and 1.7 be clarified through definition and that a reference to both market-based and non market-based may be included to ensure planning authorities continue to plan for an inclusive, broad and responsive approach to addressing housing needs;

- iii. That the employment policies be revised as follows:
 - a. That the proposed additional references to ‘mixed uses’ and ‘consideration of housing policy’ be deleted from proposed policy 1.3.1;
 - b. That the prohibition of residential and institutional uses in proposed policy 1.3.2.3 apply to all employment areas, rather than only to those planned for industrial and manufacturing uses; and,
 - c. That the reference in proposed policy 1.3.2.3 to include appropriate transition within employment areas be revised to provide for appropriate transition between employment areas and non-employment areas, to be consistent with the Growth Plan;
- iv. That the Province provide guidance and clarification for municipalities with respect to the required method and level of engagement with Indigenous communities;
- v. That the Province provide municipalities with an opportunity to review any future modifications to ‘Hazard Lands’ policies resulting from the ongoing current review prior to incorporation in the Provincial Policy Statement;
- vi. That proposed policy 4.7 regarding streamlining of development approvals be removed, and instead the Province be advised that the intent of proposed policy 4.7 regarding streamlining development approvals would be more appropriately directed to the review and update of regulations, guidelines, standards and internal and external staffing levels to achieve the outcome of fast tracking applications;
- vii. That if proposed policy 4.7 regarding streamlining of development approvals remains, the Province provide criteria and guidance on identification of ‘priority’ applications for consideration of fast tracking;
- viii. That the Province review the process for approval of private communal water and wastewater services to require that private operators establish fiscally responsible life cycle and financial reserve practices, to ensure that these systems are designed to meet municipal design standards and to allow municipalities to recover all costs of taking over these services in the event of a default;

- ix. That the Province consider stronger policy wording in building strong healthy communities that requires land use planning to seek solutions to minimize and/or reduce climate change impacts; and,
5. Further that staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

If you have any questions, please contact Lilli Duoba at 905-477-7000 ext. 7925.

Kind regards,

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Kimberley Kitteringham
City Clerk