

Appendix 'A'

Consolidated Recommendations from Staff Report “City of Markham Comments on Proposed Amendment 1 to the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2017”, dated Feb 25, 2019 (in response to ERO 013-4504, 013-4505, 013-4506, 013-4507)

Recommendation 1: That the proposed Regional residential intensification target of 60% for York Region be revised to 50%.

Recommendation 2: That policies be included that provide municipalities with the ability to phase growth in line with delivery of infrastructure, and that a predictable program of transit funding be provided to ensure delivery of the higher order transit that is critical to support intensification in Markham (i.e., Yonge subway extension, remainder of Highway 7 BRT, Major Mackenzie Drive Rapid Transit Corridor, Highway 407 Transitway).

Recommendation 3: That DGA density targets should be consistent throughout the GGH, particularly for municipalities within Groups A and B.

Recommendation 4: That proposed policy 2.2.2.3 c) encouraging intensification generally throughout the delineated built-up area should be revised as follows: “to encourage intensification generally throughout the delineated built-up area in accordance with local municipal intensification strategies”.

Recommendation 5: That the following proposed higher order transit corridors in Markham be identified as Priority Transit Corridors on Schedule 5 Moving People –Transit:

- a. Yonge Subway extension to the Richmond Hill Centre/Langstaff Gateway Urban Growth Centre;
- b. Highway 7 Rapid Transit Corridor east of Markham Centre;
- c. Major Mackenzie Drive Rapid Transit Corridor; and
- d. The full extent of the Highway 407 Transitway.

Recommendation 6: That the Province not allow urban expansions outside of a municipal comprehensive review, except where such expansions are initiated by a local municipality, are minor and are contiguous to an existing urban area with full servicing.

Recommendation 7: That proposed policy 2.2.5.10 regarding the one-window opportunity to consider conversion outside the MCR be removed.

Recommendation 8: That rather than including the proposed provincially significant employment zones in the Growth Plan, the current level of protections in the 2017 Growth Plan with respect to upper-tier official plans should be maintained, including the prohibition of institutional and sensitive land uses in employment areas that would have qualified as ‘prime employment areas’.

Recommendation 9: That in the event provincially significant employment zones remain in the Growth Plan it is requested that, prior to providing recommendations on mapping changes, Markham staff be provided the opportunity for further discussion with Provincial staff regarding the criteria for selection of the mapped employment areas, the intent and use of the PSEZ, and refinement to the mapping to reflect local planning considerations.

Recommendation 10: That staff support the inclusion of provincially significant employment zones in MTSAs.

Recommendation 11: That proposed policy 2.2.5.8 be amended to remove reference to ‘major office uses’ and to clarify what is meant by ‘encroachment’.

Recommendation 12: That proposed policy 2.2.5.13 d) be amended by removing the reference to “...and zoning by-laws”.

Recommendation 13: That the intent behind proposed policy 2.2.5.14 regarding the redevelopment of employment lands outside of employment areas, and the Province’s definition of employment lands, be clarified.

Recommendation 14: That proposed policy 2.2.9.7 providing for the minor rounding out of rural settlements outside of an MCR be removed.

Recommendation 15: That the Province continue to provide policy incentives (e.g., inclusionary zoning) and appropriate financial incentives for Regional and local municipalities to work with the private sector to implement affordable housing targets.