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On November 25, 2021 Regional Council made the following decision. **Please note the request for action for local municipalities in clause 5 below:**

1. Council receive the draft York Region Official Plan (Attachment 1) for the purposes of ongoing public engagement and review.
2. Council's decision on the Forecast and Land Needs Assessment as considered on October 21, 2021 be reflected in a revised draft Regional Official Plan to be presented to Council November 25 2021; specifically including revisions to Table 1, Table 6 and applicable maps to implement Council's direction for the Phased 50-55% Intensification scenario, additional urban expansion in East Gwillimbury, shift of growth from King Township whitebelt growth to existing settlement areas, shift of Whitchurch-Stouffville whitebelt growth to Stouffville Bethesda Community Area lands and South Gormley Employment Area lands, and reflect the change of Employment Area lands identified south of the Almira Community in Markham to Community Lands.
3. **That the revised draft Regional Official Plan referred to in Clause 2 be further updated to reflect Council's November 25, 2021 reconsideration of its October 21, 2021 decision on the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville's whitebelt lands as follows:**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Regional Council direct staff, through the on-going Municipal Comprehensive Review, to:

**Include a settlement area boundary expansion to include the proposed South Gormley Employment Expansion Area; and**

**Include a settlement area boundary expansion to the Community of Stouffville to include the proposed Bethesda Lands.**

**That this be in lieu of the whitebelt lands identified in the September 16, 2021 report.**

**That staff be directed to seek an amendment from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to O. Reg. 140/02: Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan under the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Act to permit the proposed changes to the settlement area boundary.**

**That should the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing refuse the request for an amendment to O. Reg. 140/02: Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan under the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Act to permit the proposed changes to the settlement area boundary, the whitebelt lands identified in the September 16, 2021**

**report from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Planner be incorporated into the Regional Official Plan.**

4. Council direct staff to provide notice to hold an open house and public meeting in accordance with requirements under the Planning Act.
5. The Regional Clerk forward this report and attachments, **including a revised Attachment 1 that reflects Council's decisions on October 21, 2021 and November 25, 2021**, to the Clerks of the local municipalities for comments to be submitted to the Region by March 31, 2022.
6. The Regional Clerk submit this report and attachments, **including a revised Attachment 1 that reflects Council's decisions on October 21, 2021 and November 25, 2021**, to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing in accordance with requirements of the Planning Act to provide a copy of the proposed plan 90 days before giving notice of a public meeting.

The original staff report (November 11, 2021 - Item H.2.2. – Draft York Region Official Plan) is available at this [link](#). The related staff memorandum (November 25, 2021 – Item F.2 - Updated Draft Regional Official Plan Reflecting October 21, 2021 Council Growth Management Direction) is available at this [link](#). **Please note, the updated draft Regional Official Plan reflecting Council's decisions on October 21, 2021 and November 25, 2021, can be found here:**

- [2021 Draft York Region Official Plan](#)
- [2021 Draft York Region Official Plan Maps and Figures](#)
- **2021 Draft York Region Official Plan Appendices:**
  - [Appendix 1: Employment Area Zones and Densities](#)
  - [Appendix 2: Major Transit Station Areas \(MTSAs\)](#)
  - [Appendix 3: Urban Growth Centres](#)

**Please refer to the November 25, 2021 [Council minutes](#) to see the full record of the reconsideration process.**

Please contact Sandra Malcic, Director, Long Range Planning at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 75274 if you have any questions with respect to this matter.

Regards,

**Christopher Raynor** | Regional Clerk, Office of the Regional Clerk, Corporate Services

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