

City Initiated Official Plan Amendment for the Milliken Centre Secondary Plan

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Development Services Committee

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Purpose

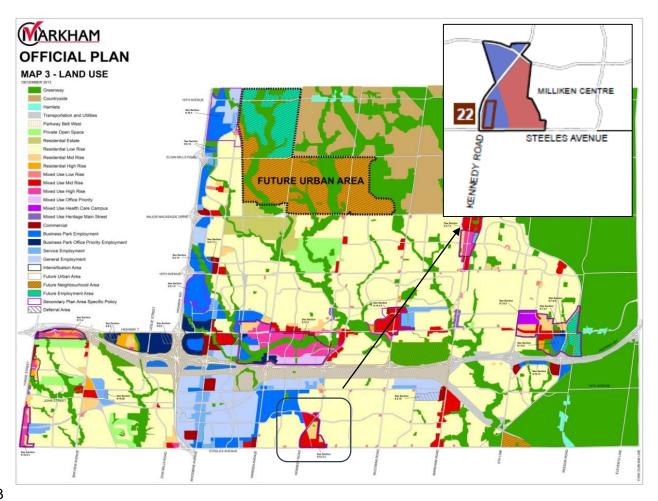
 Provide an update on the Milliken Centre Secondary Plan process since the November 2023 Statutory Public Meeting; and

 Recommend adoption of the City initiated Official Plan Amendment for the Milliken Centre Secondary Plan.





Secondary Plan Area Context

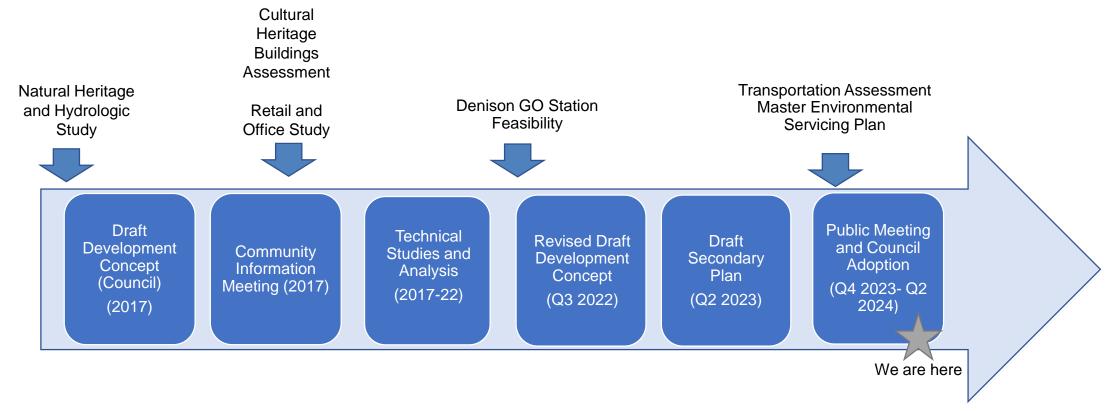


- 2014 Markham Official Plan identifies the need to update the existing Secondary Plan
- Milliken Centre Secondary Plan Area is located north of Steeles Ave. at Kennedy Road
- New Secondary Plan area is over 70
 hectares and larger than Main Street Milliken
 Secondary Plan (OPA 144) ("Blue" illustrates
 additional area)
- A portion of the Milliken Go Station Major Transit Station Area (MTSA) is within the Secondary Plan Area





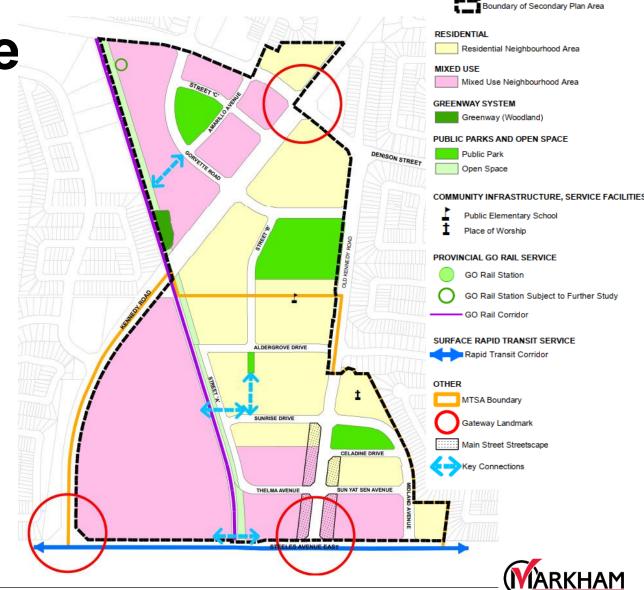
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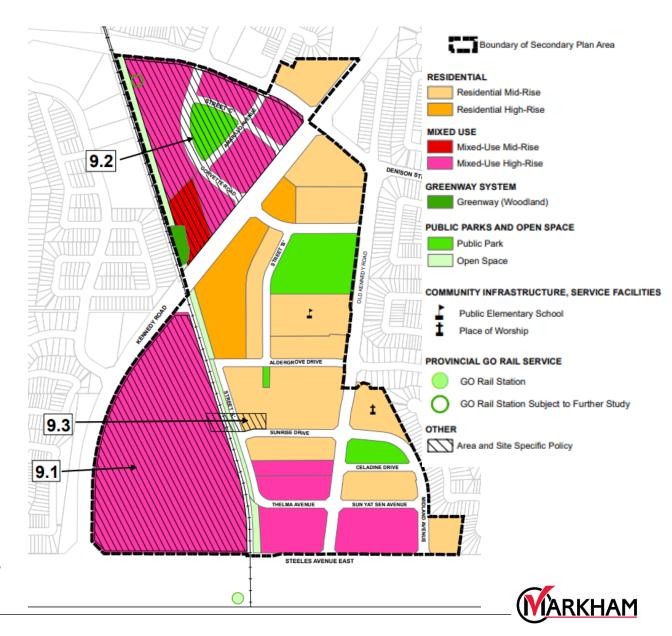
Community Structure

- Residential Neighbourhood Area
- Mixed Use Neighbourhood Area
- Public Parks and Open Space System
- Community Infrastructure and Service Facilities
- Transportation System
- Landmark Gateways
- Main Street Streetscape
- Milliken GO Major Transit Station Area



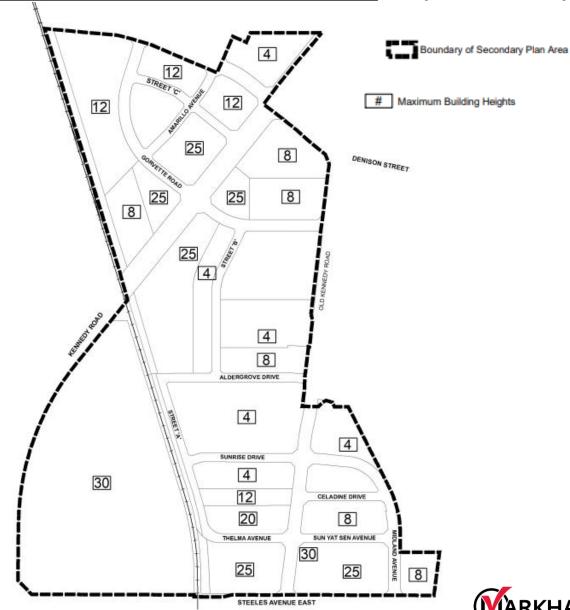
Land Use

- Minimum Population and Jobs: 17,000 people and 4,800 jobs
- Designations
 - Residential and mixed use
 - Greenway system
 - Public Parks and Open Space
- Overlays/Symbols
 - School
 - Place of Worship
 - Provincial Go Rail Service
- Area and Site-Specific Policies to allow flexibility for increased heights and densities at strategic, transit supportive locations



Heights

- Tallest buildings generally located along arterial roads (Steeles and Kennedy) followed by collector roads
- Building heights to transition downward towards established residential neighbourhoods and parks





Public Parks, Open Space and Natural Heritage

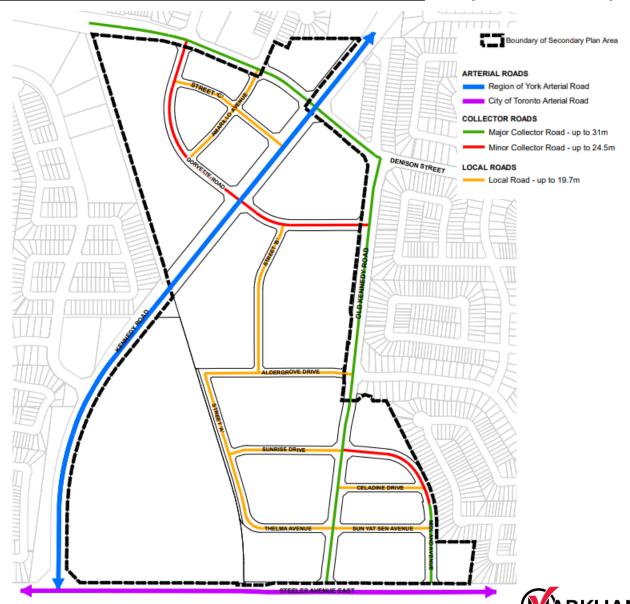
- Existing natural heritage features for protection and enhancement
- Public parks provide opportunities for walkable and diverse recreational and leisure activities
- 4.6 hectares are new parkland





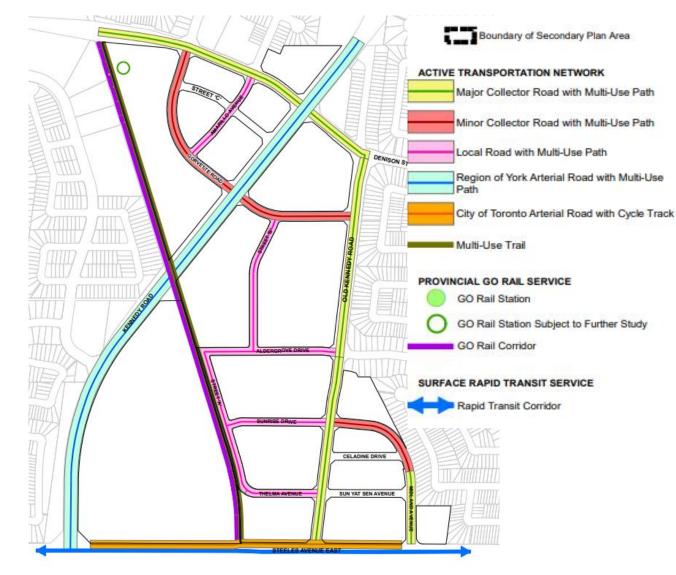
Road Network

- Road network consisting of arterial, collector and local roads to accommodate cycling, pedestrian, vehicular traffic.
- A grid of local roads to provide increased connectivity within and surrounding the secondary plan area.



Transit and Active Transportation Network

- An interconnected transit and active transportation network
- Multi-use paths, cycle track and a multiuse trail along the GO rail corridor
- GO rail station at Milliken and a GO Rail station subject to further study at Denison

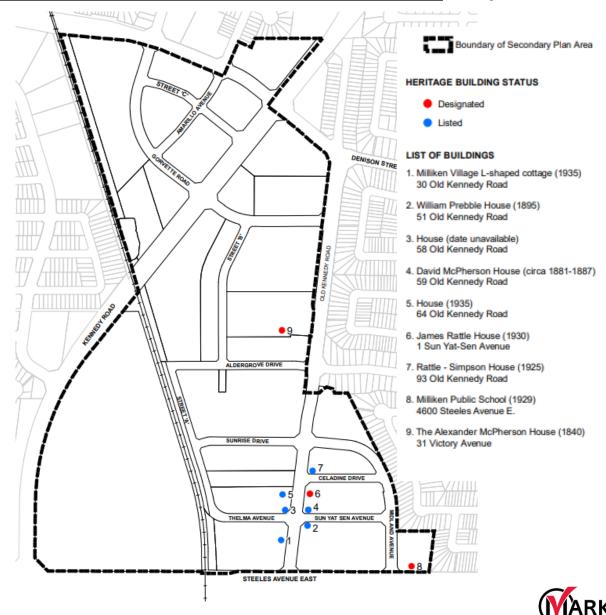






Cultural Heritage Resources

- 3 designated properties under Ontario Heritage Act
- 6 listed properties on Markham Register of Property of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest





Key Comments Received to Date

Prescribed Bodies

- Draft Secondary Plan supported by York Region, Metrolinx, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, and York Region District School Board.
- York Region staff advises the Draft Secondary Plan conforms to the 2022 York Region Official Plan.

Landowners and Developers

- General support of Draft Secondary Plan from Landowner Group
- More permissive approach to heights
- Flexibility in the following policy areas:
 - o parkland network
 - urban design criteria for all buildings
- Stronger language to require landowners to participate in developers' group agreements and master parkland agreement.







Staff Modifications

- More Permissive Approach to Densities
- Incentivizing Affordable Housing
- Updated Phasing Policies
- Site-specific permissions 35-51 Old Kennedy Road
- Minimum parkland requirement for Pacific Mall lands
- Permissive Urban Design Policies
- Additional uses in Mixed Use-High Rise Designation









Boundary of Secondary Plan Area

Development Applications

- 3 development applications endorsed by Development Services Committee (2,3,9)
- 2 are under review (1,4)
- 4 development applications at preconsultation stage (5-8)



DEVELOPMENT STATUS



LIST OF APPLICATIONS

- SU/ZA 18 149630
 W Garden Corporation
 186 Old Kennedy Road,
 31 and 51 Victory Avenue
- SC 18 172987 2753129 Ontario Inc. 168 Old Kennedy Road
- SC 16 138057
 2604967 Ontario Inc.
 146 Old Kenned Road
- SC 17 160401
 Neamsby Investments Inc.
 130 Old Kennedy Road
- PRCN 20 111103 5008830 Ontario Inc.
 Thelma Avenue and 58, 76 and 82 Old Kennedy Road
- 6. PRCN 21 116976 Bachar Al-Ghreiwati 30 and 46 Old Kennedy Road
- PRCN 21 135778 1933038 Ontario Inc. 4440 Steeles Avenue East
- 8. PRCN 21 104800 Kennedy Corners 7077 Kennedy Road
- PRCN 22 110245
 Dragon Gate (c/o Lance Gao)
 35 and 51 Old Kennedy Road





Next Steps

- Council Adoption of the draft Official Plan Amendment for the Milliken Centre Secondary Plan.
- Submission of the adopted Official Plan Amendment for the Milliken Centre Secondary Plan to Planning Authority for approval.





Thank you!

