

Regional Official Plan



The Regional Official Plan incorporates policies to help guide economic, environmental and community-building decisions addressing growth management and the use of land. Other regional strategies, plans and guidelines, such as the Water and Wastewater Master Plan, Master Transportation Plan, Sustainability Strategy and human services plans will complement the Official Plan to provide a comprehensive framework for public-sector decisions by the Region. Local municipalities must have regard to the

Official Plan in preparing and administering all plans and capital works that affect the Region of York.

The policies in the Regional Official Plan help coordinate and set the stage for more detailed planning by the local municipalities. The Plan also provides a framework for coordinated planning with adjacent municipalities, and other jurisdictions in the Greater Toronto Area. These efforts can provide certainty regarding the form of development and provide for the protection of the environment in York. This balanced approach to growth will ensure that the Region remains an attractive place to live and work.

Markham is required to ensure conformity of the Town Official Plan with the Regional Official Plan and to act in accordance with the Region's planning policies. This includes the growth forecasts and targets established by the Region for the Town, and Regional requirements for managing growth.

Planning for Tomorrow



Planning for Tomorrow, undertaken in 2007 and 2008 was York Region's program to implement Provincial growth planning policy. Through Planning for Tomorrow the Region developed and confirmed its forecast growth, as established in the Provincial Growth Plan and determined the growth assignments for each local municipality to 2031. The Region also determined requirements for managing growth to meet minimum development density and intensification targets required by the Growth Plan, initial growth phasing, revisions to the Region's urban structure, and the anticipated requirements for additional urban land. This work was linked to other Regional initiatives addressing infrastructure, sustainability and the financial implications of future growth.

The Region has prepared a new Regional Official Plan to incorporate those elements of the Planning for Tomorrow exercise required to ensure conformity of the Plan with Provincial Plans and policies.

The Town will ensure that its Official Plan and development approval processes are in conformity with the Region of York Official Plan.

The Town will continue to work with the Region of York to develop policies and practices that address Town planning and growth management objectives, within the context of the Region's policy framework.