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Meeting - Jan 13/04 re: OPA 34

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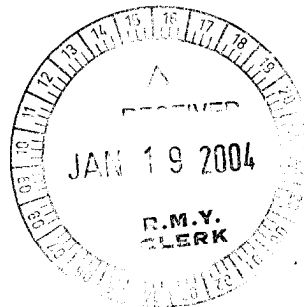
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January 20, 2004

File C03/04-02

Denis Kelly, Regional Clerk
Region of York
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Dear Mr. Kelly:

Re: Item 7 - Memo from the Director of Planning
Re: Town of Aurora Official Plan Amendment #34 considered at
the Regional Planning Committee Meeting of January 7, 2004

Please be advised that this matter was referred to Council for consideration at its meeting held on January 13, 2004. In this regard, Council adopted the following resolutions:

Moved by Councillor West

Seconded by Councillor Hogg

THAT the memo from the Director of Planning be received and forwarded to Regional Council requesting that OPA #34 be modified to include the following paragraph in the Introduction Section 1.1 after the last sentence:

"It is noted that the lands subject to this Official Plan Amendment are also governed by Official Plan Amendment #48, regarding the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan in accordance with the provisions of Sections 15 and 17 of the *Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Act*."

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The above is sent for your information and any attention deemed necessary.

Yours truly,

for Bob Panizza
Director of Corporate Services/
Town Clerk

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Copy: Director Planning
James Stiver – York Region Planning Dept.

AGENDA ITEM #**7****Town of Aurora
Planning Department**

Memo

To: Mayor and Members of Council
From: Sue Seibert, Director of Planning
Date: 1/9/2004
Re: Regional Planning Committee Meeting of January 7, 2004

On January 7, 2004 Regional Planning Committee considered a report and recommendation from Regional Planning Staff dealing with Aurora Official Plan Amendment # 34. By way of background, OPA # 34 is the Secondary Plan dealing with the Yonge Street South area. OPA # 34 underwent an extensive and effective public consultation process resulting in the neighbourhood largely agreeing with its recommendations. OPA # 34 was adopted by Aurora Council in July of 2000. Later in 2000, two OMB challenges for development applications in the neighbourhood were successfully defended based on the policies of the yet unapproved OPA # 34. The two OMB decisions dealing with lands within OPA # 34 upheld the concepts and policy approaches of OPA # 34 but in the process of the Hearings some policies were refined.

This resulted in Aurora Council approving some proposed modifications to OPA # 34 to effectively consolidate the two Official Plan Amendments approved by the Ontario Municipal Board with the original Secondary Plan. These refinements were included in Council's January 2003 request for modifications which was submitted to the Region of York, the approval authority for such Official Plan Amendments.

The staff report under consideration by Regional Planning Committee recommended approval of OPA #34 with some minor modifications. The report was adopted by the Regional Planning Committee, the recommendations of which will be considered by Regional Council on January 22, 2004.

Two residents have filed letters with the Region concerning the amendment. Both express concern that there is no connection made in either the Regional Staff Report or suggested modifications to the fact that the area is governed by Official Plan Amendment # 48, the Oak Ridges Moraine conformity Official Plan Amendment. While strictly speaking there is no need to reference this fact, it may be helpful to readers and those attempting to ensure compliance, for Official Plan Amendment # 34 to reference that the area is also under the policy requirements of OPA # 48. We therefore suggest that correspondence be forwarded to

Regional Council requesting that OPA # 34 be modified to include the following in the Introduction Section 1.1 after the last sentence:

"It is noted that the lands subject to this Official Plan Amendment are also governed by Official Plan Amendment # 48, regarding the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan in accordance with the provisions of Sections 15 and 17 of the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Act."

Reference to the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Act transition policies is intended to clarify that some applications in the Secondary Plan Area will be transitional files and therefore not subject to OPA # 48 provided that applications were submitted before November 17, 2001.

At the same meeting Regional Planning Committee considered staff reports concerning Regional Centres and Corridors. Town Staff have been involved for some time in discussions concerning a proposed Regional Official Plan Amendment on this topic and were of the understanding that further local consideration was to take place on the matter before any approvals were considered at Regional Council. The Town of Richmond Hill as well as a number of residents of the region including some from Aurora appeared at the Regional Planning Committee meeting to express concerns about this initiative. As a result, further consideration was deferred for three months to provide for further input including that of local Councils. Staff will keep Council informed respecting this matter and will request that Regional staff make a presentation to Council and interested residents.

Yours truly,



Sue Seibert, MCIP, RPP
Director of Planning

c.c. Susan Walmer, R.A.Y.S., Evelina MacEachern

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