

Chart 1

**Summary of Policy Context
for Cemetery Use in Oak Ridges Moraine**

Provincial:

ORMC Plan

Designates site "Countryside Area", "Natural Linkage Area", and "Key Natural Heritage Feature".

The "Countryside Area" designation does not permit cemeteries in prime agricultural areas.

Cemeteries are not permitted in "Natural Linkage Areas".

The "Key Natural Heritage Feature" designation prohibits development in KNHF and requires a natural heritage evaluation to confirm, among other things, the size of the buffers around the KNHF.

Provincial:

Greenbelt Plan

Designates the portion of the site that is Little Rouge Creek and associated valley system as "Natural Heritage System".

The "Natural Heritage System" designation prohibits development or site alteration except for forest, fish, and wildlife management, conservation and flood control, and infrastructure.

Provincial:

Provincial Policy Statement

Goal - To ensure the Prime Agricultural Area is protected for long term use for agriculture.

The applicant has not demonstrated that the tests of the Provincial Policy Statement have been met.

Regional:

Regional Official Plan

Site is designated ORM - "Countryside Area". Underlying designation is "Agricultural Policy Area".

The "Countryside Area" designation in the ROP is more restrictive than the ORMCP and does not permit institutional uses. Agricultural Policy directs institutional uses to Hamlets, Towns and Villages, and Urban areas.

Local:

Markham Official Plan

Site is designated "Agriculture 1", "Hamlet", "Hazard Lands" and "Oak Ridges Moraine".

The Town staff report, dated April 22, 2008, concludes that "the Town is not able to consider any Official Plan amendment that is contrary to the ORMC Plan".