

Feedback – Town of Newmarket



- There is a need for high speed internet access in all parts of the Region – what is being done?
- One concern is the issue of sewage capacity in the YDSS – the capacity constraints have affected the rate of growth – how does that affect the growth projections? – if growth is constricted in urban centres and there are environmental issues related to additional services, then growth projections may not be met
- Issue of Quality of Place – we should endorse and accept the principle that we need to build communities where individuals *choose not to have to own cars*



Towards A Sustainable Region
Creating Strong, Caring, Safe Communities

Feedback



- In the North Leslie OMB hearing, eastern 1/3 should be employment. I want people to be aware that is necessary to improve live/work relationship - When OMB hearings come up residents should be aware of the issues and submit ideas to the OMB at public sessions
- Don't want hydro lines to be located in our backyard – Concerned about need for food, water, air – issue about adding 500,000 persons in next 25 years, but concerned that the growth is not a good thing – it's a bad thing
- Concern we all have over NIMBY – don't mind development in our backyard as long as it is within all municipalities.



Towards A Sustainable Region
Creating Strong, Caring, Safe Communities

Feedback



- Need to put Region in connection with Toronto – we need a strong spine up Yonge Street, 400, 404 and intensify and locate multi-storey buildings along corridors for commercial residential multi-use buildings – this would allow more jobs within communities with accessibility to rapid transit and make for more vibrant communities that are more European in context make spines true urban areas, not suburbs
- We should be storing excess electricity generation to conserve our need for additional energy at and use technology currently in the marketplace to mitigate demand.
- Transit stops need to have shelters in this climate
- Better designed commercial and residential areas – need true urban areas



Towards A Sustainable Region
Creating Strong, Caring, Safe Communities

Feedback



- When we came to this country we chose to live in Markham because we could be within walking distance of amenities – GoTrain, day care, shops and hospital and we were also concerned about the way the community looked. But instead of living in Cornell, where intensification works and looks good, we chose to live across the street from Cornell because there were older homes with more trees – there needs to be choice in housing even with the additional amenities and intensification. There are other examples in Canada, such as Vancouver where intensification has been carried out really well.
- In Vancouver to model the impact of growth they used non linear dynamic modeling to see what would happen with the variables that interact – Suggest that we use this as an option here as well.



Towards A Sustainable Region
Creating Strong, Caring, Safe Communities

Feedback



- In practice energy has to come from somewhere – every time we purchase energy we are sending away our \$\$ - therefore we need to invest in energy efficiency and new technologies. New units must be part of that problem or the solution – we can do better – in Copenhagen – can use train to go to north part of the country – future must be different from present with different solutions –e.g. wind and solar, biomass energy, ground source generation to power developments – adaptation is required, such as in Denmark. We need to use new technology for renewable energy
- We need to frame the discussion for the conservation culture. The new Federal government talks about *made in Canada* solutions – in partnerships with other players Natural Resources Canada, Ontario Power Generation, to provide future needs



Towards A Sustainable Region
Creating Strong, Caring, Safe Communities

Feedback



- Will this growth respect the already built neighbourhoods and not put 15 storey buildings in established areas?
- Will we allow our farmers to continue to grow food in York Region?
- Not sure of the assumption about where immigration should go, should be accepted– is Region thinking about questioning Province about where immigration should go? There are other communities where growth is needed
- Assuming that population will come to this country, I don't understand why Province is proposing this growth in York Region in the face of Greenbelt and ORMCP in the area? And why should 60% of the growth go on greenfields that about the ORM?



Towards A Sustainable Region
Creating Strong, Caring, Safe Communities

Feedback



- In terms of 73% increase in population, given this, what will the pressure be on the roads with the number of workers commuting into and out of the Region? As well, while multi-use developments are a good idea it's not reasonable to assume that everyone will be able to work in same location over the length of their careers
- Issue with transit is that we seem to be upgrading roads and highways to accommodate transit. I feel the focus should be not on roads. It should be more difficult to take car . Therefore we need to expand subways and trains
- Mentioned how much water saved through Water for Tomorrow – do new houses require these water saving facilities?



Towards A Sustainable Region
Creating Strong, Caring, Safe Communities

Feedback



- On hydro – why do commercial developments have to have lights on all night – don't need those on. Is there no way we can stop them from doing this?
- Waste Management – can't continue to send Waste to Michigan – e.g. In Sheffield England garbage incineration is used to produce heat – co-generation – why can't we look around to other jurisdictions for best practices?
- Several months ago - at Community Services and Housing there was a report on immigration – in 2010 100% of job increase will be from immigration – immigrations when they arrive are in lowest income bracket – census Canada – 11 % of population low income – majority don't live in York Region due to lack of affordable housing – economic sustainability tied to permitting affordable housing throughout entire Region - should be emphasized in current initiative



Towards A Sustainable Region
Creating Strong, Caring, Safe Communities

Feedback



- Three Provincial Plans (ORMCP, Greenbelt and the Growth Plan) have been developed by 3 different Ministries – is there one body – like Region overseeing implementation for co-ordination?
- Wants to see rapid transit along 404 to provide sooner rather than later to access to Markham along that north south corridor
- There is a need to ensure that businesses in the the Newmarket Area are within a local calling area to the balance of the GTA
- Seniors are leaving Region. When they want or need to downsize, they have to go elsewhere because it's too expensive in York, or they want bungalows or condos with balconies – which are not available here. We need affordable housing in Newmarket for first time buyers



Towards A Sustainable Region
Creating Strong, Caring, Safe Communities

Feedback



- Want to see more parkland associated with higher density developments. That is missing in any high density development in Toronto
- Transit should be planned for those in this Region
- Sustainable Natural Environment must be integrated with other elements in the community. Ideas and best practices, such as the Newmarket Sustainable Development subdivision, energy efficient development developments should be promoted



Towards A Sustainable Region
Creating Strong, Caring, Safe Communities

Feedback



- David Suzuki looks at the environment not as an externality that's an appropriate way to view the issue
- In regard to the development of the Stickwood Walker farm in Newmarket, that was a good process that resulted in Council approving it
- Regarding the Lake Simcoe Watershed – Windfall Ecology Centre is looking at State of the Watershed – The watershed is under great stress, and (even with the Assimilative capacity study) there is a need to look at climate change and its impacts on the Lake Simcoe watershed
- Need to participate in the development of clean renewable energy projects – The new Provincial program to develop projects and sell surplus energy back to grid should be viewed as an opportunity for the Region to take leadership role in these projects



Towards A Sustainable Region
Creating Strong, Caring, Safe Communities

Feedback



- Need to walk the walk as well as talk the talk vis à vis environmental actions - transit, walking. How many people walked or took transit to the meeting tonight?
- What are the next steps in this growth management process?
- How well is this exercise integrated with other sustainability efforts such as those in King Township?
- In the growth plan, when a community is going through a growth phase, there is a need to install infrastructure before growth. Is there any consideration of impact of this growth on taxpayers and other financial programs?



Towards A Sustainable Region
Creating Strong, Caring, Safe Communities

Feedback



- In terms of growth in York and Lake Simcoe watershed and additional growth in Simcoe County and other adjacent municipalities, there are huge pressures on all natural resources
- Concerned about future impacts on health with growth – immigration to this country has been turned into an industry
- The Development industry has too much say
- Ignoring basic human needs – planning to bring great number of people into an area without necessary services
- Not taking a progressive approach – area is close to the ORM and only 5% of agricultural land in the Province – 80% of agricultural lands in this area being paved over – can't be returned to agricultural uses



Towards A Sustainable Region
Creating Strong, Caring, Safe Communities

Feedback



- What kind of employment is being generated by this growth – shouldn't be just Wal-Mart and low paying jobs
- Honda has plans to locate in RH and devastate the land – what kind of land use will be generated – is it sustainable?
- We are all immigrants in this country, except for first nations people and we are all just borrowing this land from our children - therefore must be good stewards of the land



Towards A Sustainable Region
Creating Strong, Caring, Safe Communities

Feedback



- In Vancouver their plan for reducing Greenhouse gases started with a municipal task force. That should be created to develop really good plan – multi stakeholder – community based plan – then presented to residents for review
- Regarding hospitals and human services – Southlake Regional Health Centre should be supported as a Health Precinct
- With all the corridors and the growth plan will there be urban design guidelines and who will be responsible for developing and implementing them?



Towards A Sustainable Region
Creating Strong, Caring, Safe Communities