

**Proposed Amendment
48
to the
Official Plan
for the
Regional Municipality
of York**

AMENDMENT 48
TO THE OFFICIAL PLAN
FOR
THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

PART A - THE PREAMBLE

1. Purpose of the Amendment:

The purpose of Regional Official Plan Amendment No. 48 is to add a policy to the York Region Official Plan to provide for the extension of municipal servicing to the Sibbald Point Provincial Park in the Town of Georgina.

2. Location:

This Amendment applies to those lands within the Town of Georgina, and within the limits of the Sibbald Point Provincial Park, as shown on Schedule J1 to Amendment No. 94 to the Town of Georgina Official Plan and identified as the “Sibbald Point Provincial Park Service Area Boundary”. A map showing the location of the subject lands is attached to this amendment for information purposes and does not form part of this amendment.

3. Basis:

In 2002, the Province of Ontario passed the *Safe Drinking Water Act* to protect human health through the control and regulation of drinking water systems and drinking water testing. Subsequently, Ontario Parks retained engineering consultants to evaluate different options for upgrading the private water treatment system of the Park to comply with these new regulations. The preferred option is to connect Sibbald Point Provincial Park to York Region’s municipal water system in Sutton, through an extension along Black River Road.

Ontario Parks is also considering an eventual upgrade to their private wastewater treatment system. Their engineering consultants identified that the preferred solution is to decommission the existing waste stabilization pond and connect the Park’s system to the municipal sanitary sewers in Sutton, through an extension along Black River Road.

The proposed water and sewer connections are intended to address the environmental and health concerns by providing municipal servicing to an area currently reliant upon private wells for drinking water and an individual private sewage disposal system for waste water. The extension of municipal servicing into the Park would be consistent with Section 2.3 – Water, of the Regional Official Plan which sets out the following objective:

“To maintain and improve water quality and flow of lakes, rivers, streams and groundwater and to protect headwater areas from land use that many have the potential to contaminate downstream water systems.”

Section 2.3 of the Regional Official Plan also contains the following policies which support the proposed Sibbald Point Park connection:

- “2.3.17 To protect and enhance aquatic habitat, including fish and wildlife habitats associated with watersystems in the Region in cooperation with Ministries of the Province of Ontario and the conservation authorities.”
- “2.3.18 That the Region will work with the Town of Georgina to develop strategies to balance community development, environmental protection in accordance with the Lake Simcoe Environmental Management Strategy and year-round business development for the Lake Simcoe shore.”

The Town of Georgina has adopted Amendment No. 94 to the Town of Georgina Official Plan, which is intended to allow the extension of municipal water and sewer servicing outside of the current servicing boundary, into Sibbald Point Provincial Park. An amendment to the Regional Official Plan is required to ensure conformity between the Town of Georgina’s Official Plan and the Regional Plan. Subsection 6.7.1. of the Regional Plan states that the extension of sewer and water services beyond the Urban Areas identified in the Plan, will require an amendment to the Plan. The proposed servicing of the Park does not currently comply with the policies of the Regional Official Plan.

Within Section 6.7 – Water and Sewer Strategies of the Regional Official Plan, Subsection 6.7.4 requires an Amendment to the Regional Official Plan for the expansion of sewer and water services beyond the defined Urban Areas on Map 5 and those identified in Subsection 6.7.1. of the Plan. An Amendment to the Plan, as detailed in PART B – THE AMENDMENT, is required for the proposed servicing of Sibbald Point Provincial Park.

PART B - THE AMENDMENT

All of the Amendment entitled PART B - THE AMENDMENT, consisting of the attached Policy changes, constitutes Amendment 48 to the Official Plan for the Regional Municipality of York.

The Official Plan for the Regional Municipality of York is hereby amended by the following:

1. Section 6.7 – Water and Sewer Strategies, is amended by adding Policy 6.7.1.c) that reads as follows:
 - “6.7.1. c) The extension of full municipal water and sewage treatment services to the area identified in the Town of Georgina Official Plan as the “Sibbald Point Provincial Park Service Area Boundary”

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Service Area Boundary

