



Regional Official Plan UPDATE

**Regional Council Workshop
May 28, 2009**

Regional Official Plan Update



- ❑ Planning Act requires Official Plan review every 5 years
- ❑ Planning context has changed over past 14 years since the ROP was first approved
- ❑ *Planning for Tomorrow* ongoing over past 3 years
- ❑ Regional Official Plan Update appropriate and timely

Provincial and Regional Planning Context has changed since 1994

□ Provincial Planning Context

- Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan
- Updated Population & Employment forecasts
- Greenbelt Plan
- Places to Grow Plan
- Source Water Protection
- Metrolinx
- Lake Simcoe Plan

□ Many Regional Successes

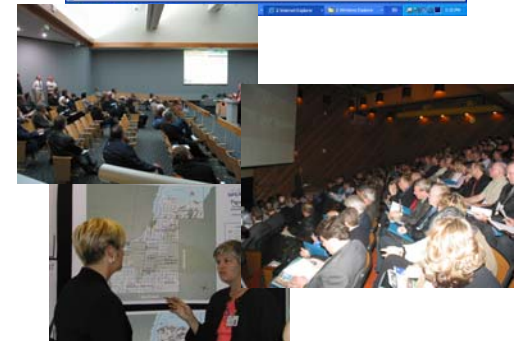
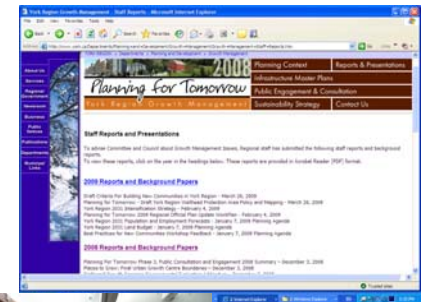
- Sustainability Strategy
- VIVA
- Water for Tomorrow
- Master Plan Updates
- Greening Strategy



Planning for Tomorrow sets stage for the ROP Update



- ❑ Extensive series of technical reports since 2004 – on website
- ❑ Three phase consultation program
- ❑ Coordinated with Master Plan Updates
- ❑ Brings ROP into conformity with Places to Grow Plan and Greenbelt Plan conformity



2009 Key Reports



Forecasts

January



Land Budget

January



Intensification

February



New Communities Best Practices

March



Greenbelt/Wellhead

March



Centres & Corridors

April



Updated Greenlands System

April



Master Plans and Fiscal Impact

May/June

Agriculture/LEAR Review

June

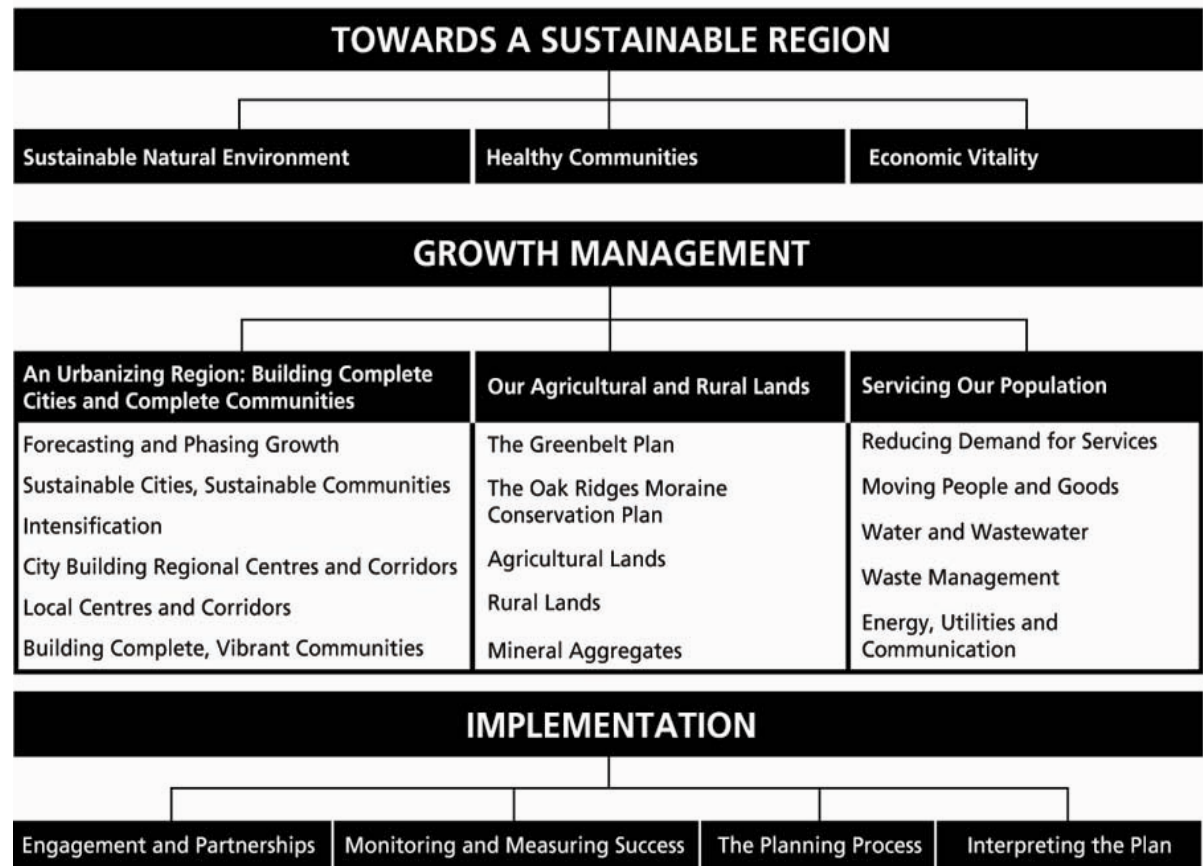


ROP Structure



- ❑ 1994 Structure was based on sustainability
- ❑ Forward looking – Has stood the test of time

YORK REGION OFFICIAL PLAN SUSTAINABILITY FRAMEWORK



Sustainability

Sustainable Natural Environment

- ❑ Emphasis on a “linked” natural heritage system
- ❑ Significant Woodlands added
- ❑ New section on Greenbelt

Healthy Communities

- ❑ Stronger emphasis on human health and services
- ❑ Promote production of affordable housing
- ❑ Archaeological Master Plan

Economic Vitality

- ❑ Conversion of employment lands not permitted
- ❑ Identify and protect strategic employment lands beyond 2031



Growth Management



- ❑ Places to Grow Conformity
- ❑ New Forecasts – 1.5 million population, 800,000 jobs
- ❑ Local Municipal Intensification Strategies
- ❑ Stronger Centres and Corridors Policy – City Building
- ❑ Criteria for building New Communities
- ❑ Land Budget – New Urban Areas
- ❑ Updated Agricultural Classification

Servicing our Population



- ❑ Updated Master Plans
- ❑ Emphasis on reducing demand
- ❑ Active transportation and transit
- ❑ Identification of 400 series interchanges
- ❑ Waste Management policies
- ❑ New emphasis on reduced energy and water use

Next Steps & Timing



Drafting and Review of Policies	January to March complete	✓
Special meeting of Council on 5-year Review	April 2009	✓
Provincial Ministries and Conservation Authorities Area Municipal Planners and EDO's School Boards BILD	Review with Key Stakeholders Mid to late April	✓
Draft Updated ROP for Committee and Council Agenda	June 2009 release	
Stakeholder Consultation	summer /fall 2009	
Council Workshop	October 1, 2009	
Statutory meeting –	October/November 2009	
Report back to Committee and Council	December 2009	

