

**Proposed Amendment
60
to the
Official Plan
for the
Regional Municipality
of York**

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AMENDMENT 60
TO THE OFFICIAL PLAN
FOR
THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

PART A - THE PREAMBLE

1. Purpose of the Amendment:

This amendment incorporates Community Improvement Plan policies into the Regional Official Plan to enable the Region to adopt Regional Community Improvement Plans and participate in local municipal Community Improvement Plans.

2. Location:

This amendment applies to the entire Regional Municipality of York area.

3. Basis:

With the passing of Bill 51 *The Planning and Conservation of Land Statute Amendment Act, 2005*, in October 2006, the *Planning Act* has been amended to permit upper-tier municipalities to adopt Community Improvement Plans (CIPs), and designate Community Improvement Project Areas in addition to participating in lower-tier municipal Community Improvement Plans. The permissions under Section 28 of the *Planning Act* are available for “prescribed” upper-tier municipalities for specific purposes defined in the *Act* and in the Regulation.

On April 19, 2007, Regional Council passed a resolution requesting that the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing “prescribe” the Regional Municipality of York for the purposes of Section 28 of the *Planning Act*. On June 6, 2007, Ontario Regulation 221/07 was passed which prescribes York Region.

Upper-tier municipalities are restricted to the adopting Community Improvement Plans for the purposes of:

1. Infrastructure that is within the upper-tier municipality’s jurisdiction.
2. Land and buildings within and adjacent to existing or planned transit corridors that have the potential to provide a focus for higher density mixed-use development and redevelopment.
3. Affordable housing.

In order for the Region to exercise this authority, the *Planning Act* requires that enabling policies relating to Community Improvement be included in the Regional Official Plan.

The permissions for upper tier community improvement are aligned with a number of Regional priorities and existing Regional Official Plan policies including Section 4.3 policies on affordable housing; Sections 5.3 to 5.6 on Regional and Local Centres and Corridors, and Section 6.0 on Regional Infrastructure.

Given the legislative and regulatory permissions in place, and the alignment with existing Regional Official Plan policies, it is considered appropriate to provide the requisite Official Plan policies to enable the future designation of a Regional Community Improvement Project Area by by-law and the enactment of a Regional Community Improvement Plan, in addition to Regional participation in lower-tier municipal CIPs.

PART B - THE AMENDMENT

All of the Amendment entitled PART B – THE AMENDMENT, consisting of the following text constitutes proposed Amendment No. 60 to the Official Plan for the Region of York.

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

1. Section 7.2 – THE PLANNING PROCESS is amended as follows:
 - a) By the addition of the following paragraph to the preamble section:

“Community Improvement Plans are an effective tool for achieving Regional strategic goals. Where appropriate, York Region will designate Community Improvement Project Areas, and adopt Community Improvement Plans, or participate in area municipal Community Improvement Plans.”
 - b) By the addition of the following new policy to section 7.2:
 11. That York Region utilizes the Community Improvement Provisions of Section 28 of the *Planning Act* to implement the policies of the Regional Official Plan. In doing so, the Region may:
 - Designate any part of the Regional Municipality of York as a Community Improvement Project Area.
 - Enact a Regional Community Improvement Plan which utilizes incentive programs.
 - Participate in a Community Improvement Plan of an area municipality.

As prescribed by Regulation, York Region may use Community Improvement Plans for:

- a) Regional Infrastructure as defined by the *Planning Act*.
- b) Land and buildings within and adjacent to existing or planned transit corridors that have the potential to provide a focus for higher density mixed-use development and redevelopment.
- c) Affordable housing.