
Draft Criteria For Building New Communities In York Region

Presentation to the
York Region Accessibility
Advisory Committee

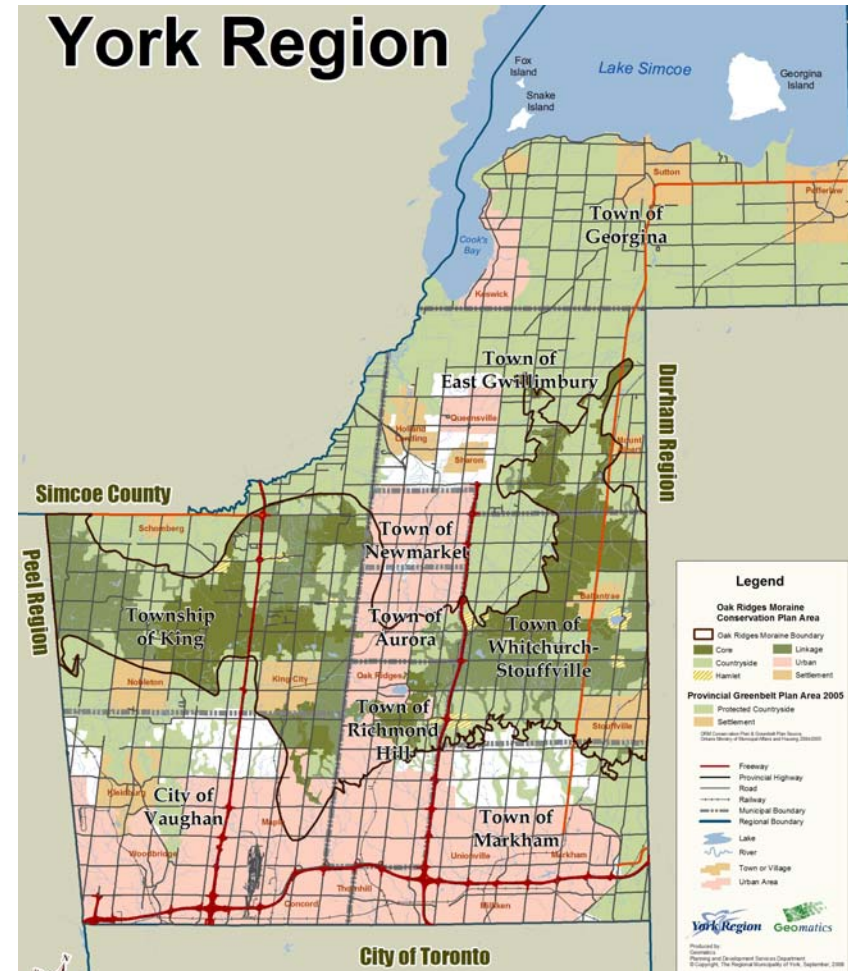
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Background & Planning Context

GROWTH IN YORK REGION

- ❑ A population of 1.5 million people by 2031;
- ❑ Approximately 800,000 jobs by 2031;
- ❑ Minimum 40% intensification within the built-up area;
- ❑ Minimum densities of 50 people and jobs per hectare in new communities; and
- ❑ 200 people and jobs per hectare in the Regional Centres.



New Communities

- ❑ New communities will be needed to accommodate growth
- ❑ New approach to planning
- ❑ Creating more compact complete communities:
 - ❑ *Communities which meet the needs for daily living throughout an entire lifetime by providing convenient access to an appropriate mix of jobs, local services, a full range of housing, and community infrastructure including affordable housing, schools, recreation, and open space for their residents. Convenient access to public transit and options for safe non-motorized travel is essential.*

Best Practices Discussion Paper Stimulated Dialogue on Criteria

- ☐ Released in December 2007.
- ☐ Workshop held in December 2008.
- ☐ Feedback from Workshop and Best Practices report used as basis for draft criteria.
- ☐ Builds on sustainability initiatives.

Draft Criteria

- ☐ Fulfills a component of the Planning Department Accessibility Plan by including accessibility planning in New Community developments

Criteria Themes:

- ☐ Community Design
- ☐ Energy & Green Buildings
- ☐ Water Management
- ☐ Transportation
- ☐ Greenspace

Community Design

- ☐ Density: 20 uph
- ☐ Community Core Areas
- ☐ Mixture of housing types and sizes
- ☐ Mixed-use
- ☐ Creating quality communities for people

Energy & Green Buildings

- ❑ Community Energy Plans

- ❑ maximizes energy efficiency and the use of renewable technologies

- ❑ Green building standard phase-in:

- ❑ LEED® or alternative equivalent

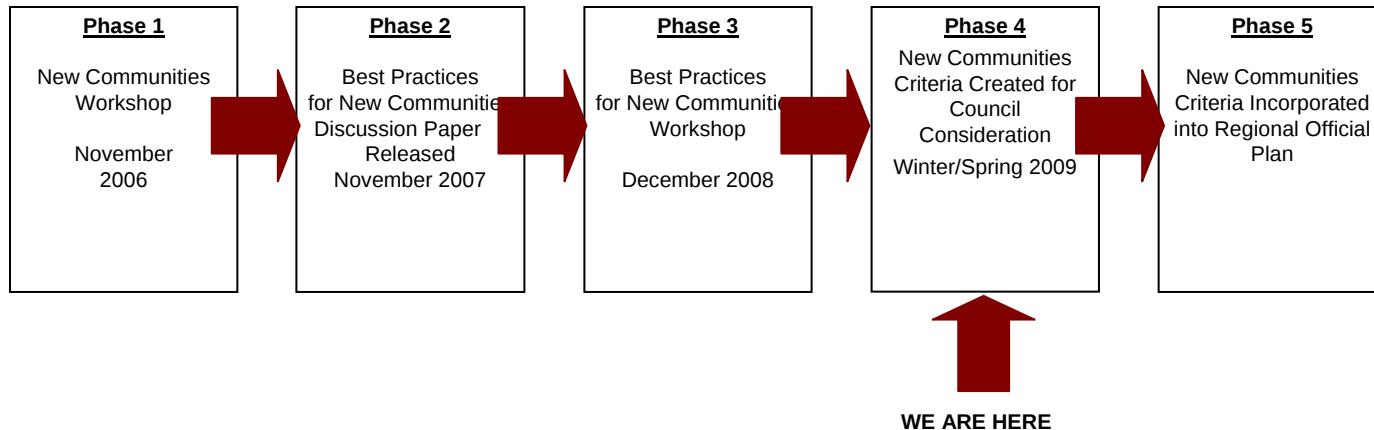
Transportation

- ❑ Integrated mobility systems
 - ❑ prioritize mobility; walking, cycling, transit
 - ❑ ensure interconnected and accessible mobility systems
 - ❑ ensure that transit is provided in the initial stages of development

Greenspace

- ☐ Integrate active recreational facilities and people related meeting places.
- ☐ Enhanced, linked natural heritage system be integrated into the design of the community.
- ☐ Reduce urban heat island effects.

Phase 4 of the New Communities Strategy is Complete



Next Steps:

- ☐ Consult further with local municipalities, BILD and implementation partners.
- ☐ Ensure criteria are complementary and compatible with local standards.
- ☐ Incorporate as policy into updated Regional Official Plan.
- ☐ Implementation will follow through the development of secondary plans at the local level.