

Local Plan Conformity Exercise Update

**Presentation to Planning and
Economic Development
Committee**

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Local Conformity Exercises

Progressing towards approval

- ❑ Some local conformity exercises have Regional approvals, or partial OMB approvals.
- ❑ Regional Plan and local Plan approval decisions moving forward in parallel; careful management of approvals to ensure coordination.
- ❑ Urban Expansion decisions for East Gwillimbury, Vaughan & Markham linked to ROPA 1, 2, & 3, 2031 population & employment.
- ❑ OMB proceedings underway: internal and external resources required; and coordination amongst all municipalities and appellants at OMB.

Each Conformity Exercise has had extensive consultation with stakeholders

Consultation is critical

- ❑ Regional staff engaged in each exercise from the beginning
- ❑ Consultation and documentation of landowner, public and consultant issues - mediation as requested
- ❑ Regional Planning staff working closely with local municipal planning staff; Regional focus on Provincial and Regional interests

Consistent Themes based on Provincial Plans and ROP (2010)

Key Conformity Considerations

- ❑ Provincial and Regional Urban Structure, including Centres and Corridors, and Urban boundaries
- ❑ Growth Plan on compact transit supportive development
- ❑ Greenbelt Plan to protect environmental systems
- ❑ Water Resources Act and Source Water Protection measures
- ❑ Employment land protection and prevention of conversion of viable employment land areas to non employment uses

Conformity Exercises well progressed, Staged approvals underway/complete

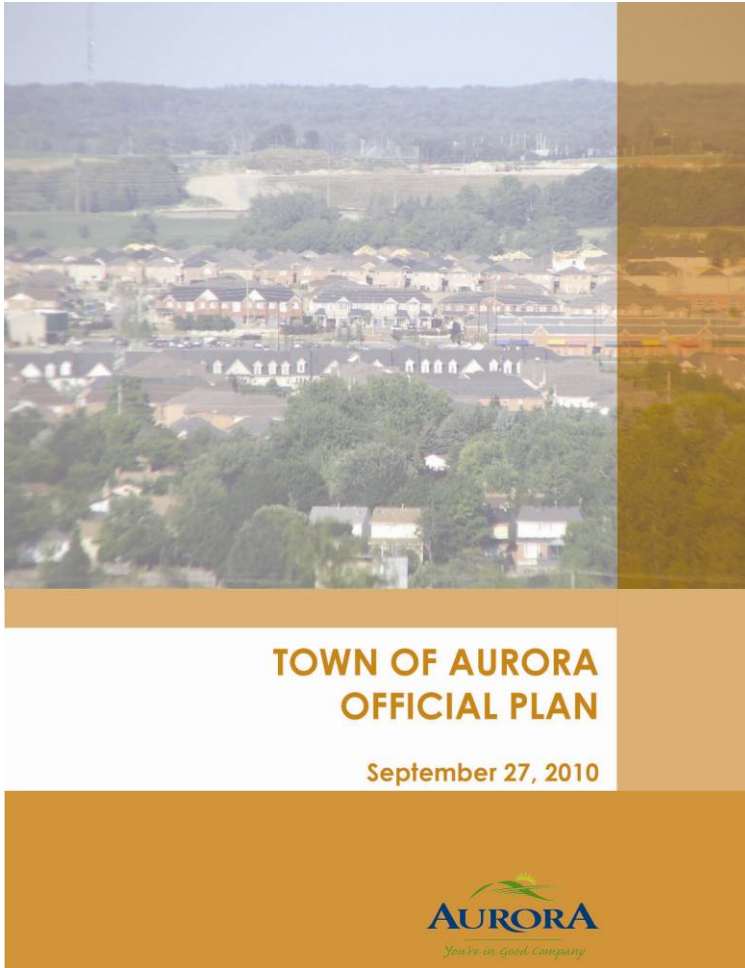
Municipality	Conformity Status
Newmarket, Richmond Hill	Majority of new municipal wide OP approved by the Board
Aurora	New municipal wide OP being recommended for approval by Committee today
East Gwillimbury	New municipal wide OP endorsed by Region, before Ontario Municipal Board
Vaughan (Volume 1)	New municipal wide OP being recommended for endorsement by Committee today, before Ontario Municipal Board
Georgina, Whitchurch Stouffville	Partial conformity exercise approved, additional work underway
Markham	Background studies complete, OP being prepared
King Township	Background studies underway

Conclusions

- ❑ Conformity exercises significantly progressed
- ❑ Conformity with Provincial Plans and Regional OP provides necessary policy foundation
- ❑ Links to ROP (2010) and OMB appeal process – mediation/ negotiation underway

Aurora Official Plan (2010)

Approval Recommended



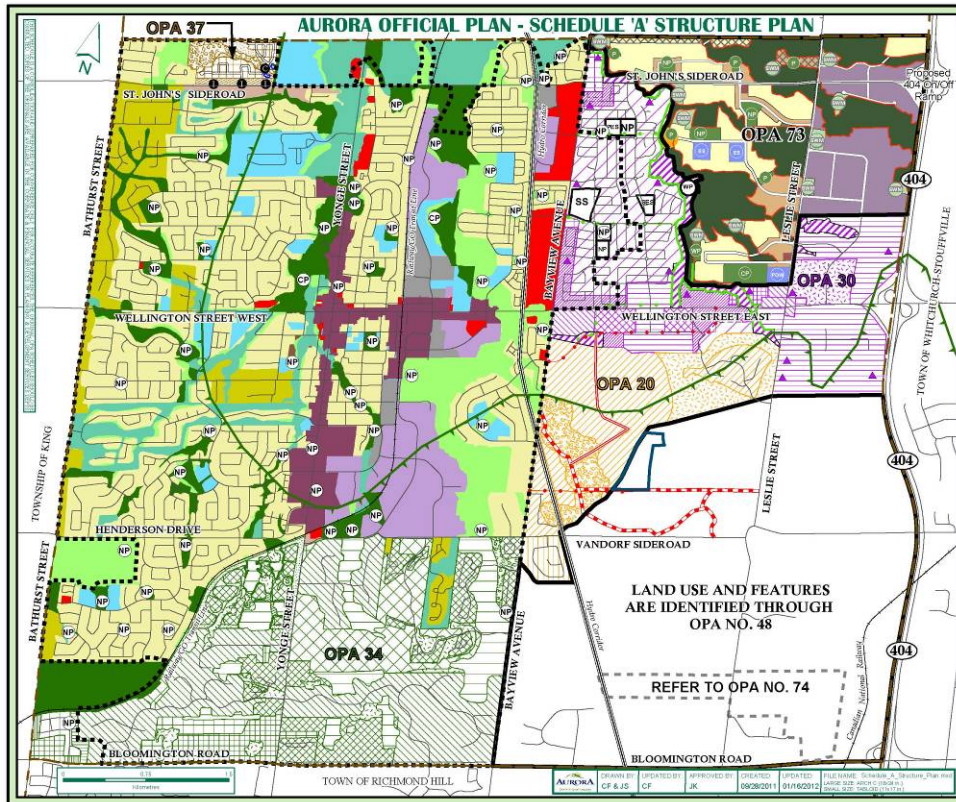
- ❑ Extensive consultation process started in early 2010
- ❑ New long-term vision based on fundamental principles including the following:
 - Building a greener community
 - Building a successful downtown
 - Developing Vibrant New Neighbourhoods
 - Advancing the economy
 - Promoting responsible growth management

Residents, business community, agencies have had meaningful participation



- ❑ Consultation process started in early 2010
- ❑ 18 Working Group Meetings, Open Houses, and Statutory Meetings
- ❑ Detail background studies
- ❑ Local Council & Staff have endorsed modifications

The Aurora Official Plan conforms to Provincial and Regional policies

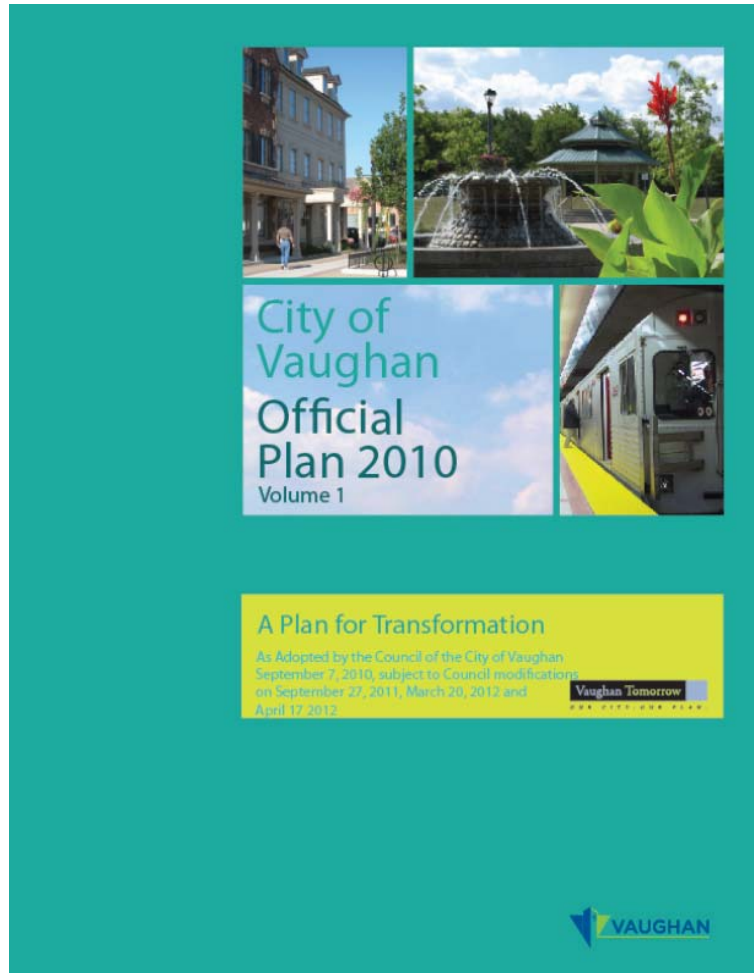


- ❑ Modifications to the Plan incorporated
- ❑ The Plan, as modified, represents good planning
- ❑ No appeals of Aurora OP to date
- ❑ Recommendation to approve the Plan, save and except for Policy 3.3

Vaughan Official Plan (2010), Volume 1 support approval by OMB

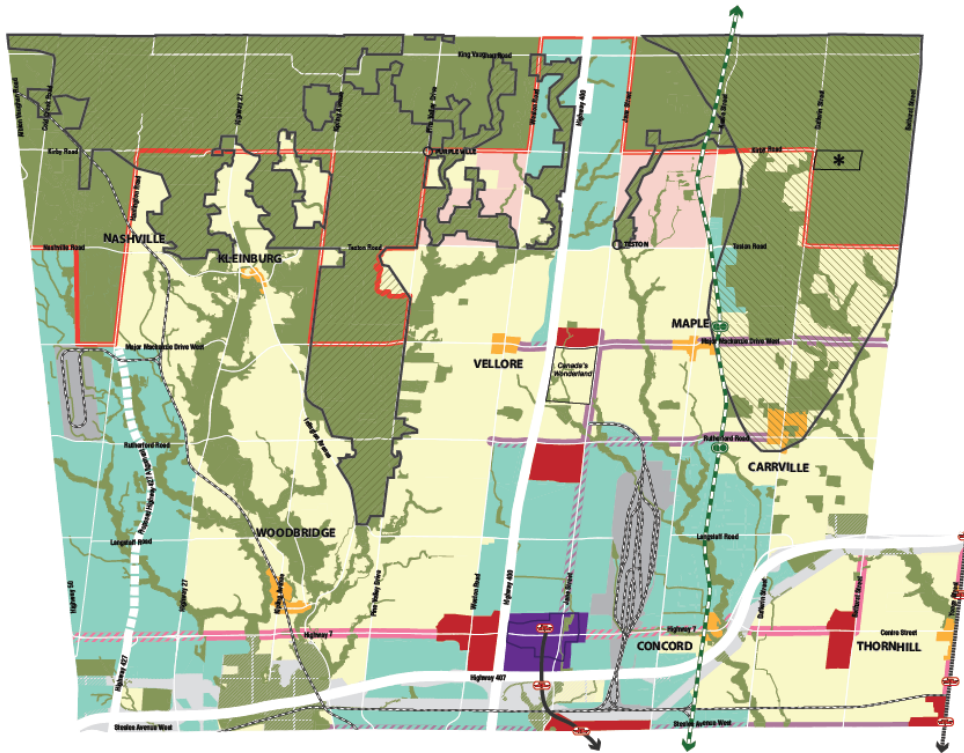
Overview

- ❑ A Plan for Transformation
- ❑ Extensive Public Engagement
- ❑ Modifications are Incorporated
- ❑ Committee Report Recommendations



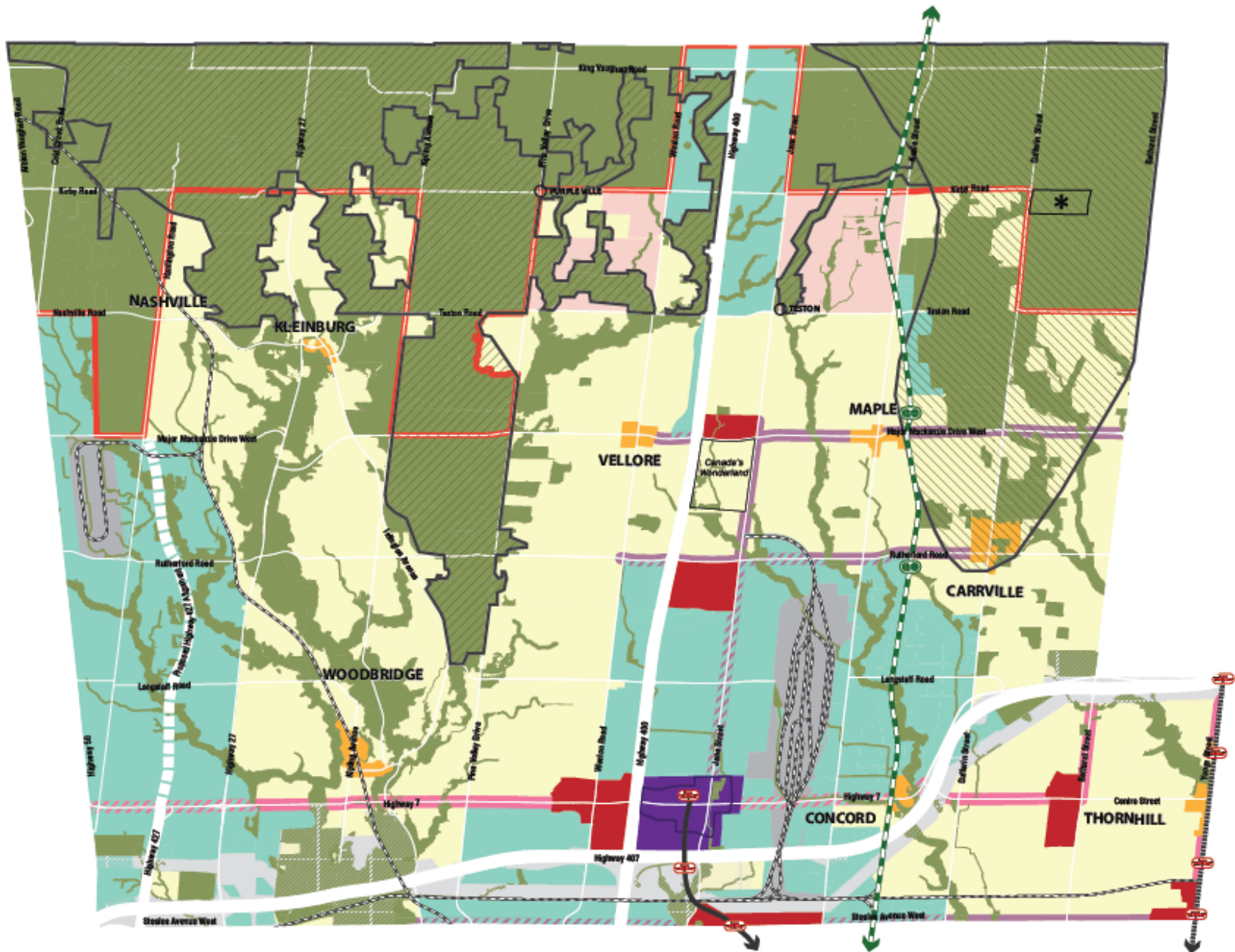
The Vaughan Plan, as modified, conforms with Provincial and Regional policies

A Plan for Transformation



- ❑ Policies to manage growth to 2031
- ❑ Key principles/goals
- ❑ Appropriate Balance: environment, community, and employment
- ❑ Planned Urban Structure
- ❑ Vaughan Official Plan, as modified, represents good planning

A balanced Plan to accommodate growth to 2031



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Extensive Public Engagement

- ❑ Consultation started in February 2007 with “Vaughan Tomorrow”
- ❑ Alignment with Vaughan’s new “Strategic Plan”
- ❑ Thorough detailed background studies
- ❑ Every step reported to local Council for a public review
- ❑ Local Council reviewed and fully considered submission comments

Modifications Complete: Two deferrals recommended

- ❑ Extensive Regional and local collaborative process led to modifications to the Plan: mutually supported
- ❑ Two areas require additional site specific consideration; deferrals are recommended
- ❑ With modifications and deferrals, the Plan conforms with Provincial and Regional policies

Site 1 - Deferral

Places to Grow: Protecting a viable employment area



- ❑ Protection of employment lands are important across the Region
- ❑ Fair and consistent Region wide approach to employment land conversions
- ❑ Site 1 - currently designated “General Employment” – proposed to add residential
- ❑ Site 1 - specific deferral recommended

Site 2 - Deferral

Employment area contains a natural area



- ❑ Feature proposed to be designated “General Employment”
- ❑ TRCA has opposed, further study required
- ❑ Site 2 - specific deferral for feature recommended



Recommendation: Support OMB Approval

Recommendations

- ❑ Supporting OMB approval of the Vaughan Official Plan, Volume 1, as modified
- ❑ Authorizing Regional staff to attend OMB hearing
- ❑ Circulating report to OMB and Vaughan