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**DRAFT ROPA 43 – REGIONAL CENTRES AND CORRIDORS
PUBLIC MEETING**

Regional Council at its meeting on June 24, 2004, amended the foregoing Clause to include the following:

WHEREAS a Statutory Public Meeting has been scheduled for the evening of June 24, 2004 at the Region's South Service Centre in Richmond Hill regarding Draft ROPA 43 - Regional Centres and Corridors;

AND WHEREAS this location was chosen in order to provide convenient access to the public in the southern municipalities most impacted by the proposed amendment;

AND WHEREAS this amendment deals with both the Highway 7 and Yonge Street Regional Corridors and the four Regional Centres;

AND WHEREAS there is both a Regional Centre and Corridor in Newmarket;

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that an additional statutory public meeting be held in Newmarket at the September 8, 2004 Regional Planning and Economic Development Committee regular meeting in order to provide convenient access to the public in the northern area municipalities.

The Planning and Economic Development Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendations contained in the following report, June 2, 2004, from the Commissioner of Planning and Development Services:

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. Following the Statutory Public Meeting on June 24, 2004:
 - a) The Regional Clerk circulate to the area municipalities, as appropriate, any materials and/or further information arising from the public meeting.
 - b) Staff continue to refine Draft ROPA 43 and receive comments from the area municipalities and the public through September 2004.

- c) Staff report back on a final version of Draft ROPA 43 to the Regional Planning & Development Committee in the Fall of 2004.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to:

- Obtain at this time the necessary authority from Regional Council to proceed with the consultation and planning process for Draft ROPA 43 throughout the summer, as Regional Council will not meet in the months of July or August. This will enable staff to respond in a timely manner to any actions arising from the Statutory Public Meeting on June 24, 2004.
- Inform the local municipalities, the public, and other stakeholders that input into the planning process for Draft ROPA 43 will be received through September 2004.

3. BACKGROUND

Staff received authorization from Regional Council on May 20, 2004 to schedule and hold a Statutory Public Meeting under the *Planning Act* to consider Draft ROPA 43. This meeting is scheduled to take place at 7 p.m. on June 24, 2004, at the York Region South Services Centre in Richmond Hill. A copy of the Notice of Public Meeting, in accordance with Section 17(15) of the *Planning Act*, is attached to this report as *Appendix 1*.

This notice was sent by post to the following, in compliance with the minimum twenty-day notice period and other requirements prescribed by the *Planning Act*:

- York Region and adjacent municipalities, and related agencies
- Regional and local councillors
- The Provincial Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Members of the public who attended previous public consultation sessions on ROPA 43 and/or who requested notice of the public meeting

In addition, this notice was published in all York Region Newspaper Group newspapers (e.g. Markham Economist) and The Toronto Star on June 3, 2004.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

This report can be regarded as a “housekeeping” measure to ensure that the consultation and planning process for Draft ROPA 43 proceeds throughout Regional Council’s recess in July and August. The authority sought by staff, contained in the recommendations in section 1 of this report, will enable staff to circulate and receive comments on any actions arising from the June 24, 2004 Statutory Public Meeting. This, in turn, will enable staff to report on a final version of Draft ROPA 43 in the Fall of 2004.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications directly associated with this report.

6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

The area municipalities received notice of the June 24, 2004 Statutory Public Meeting, and can continue to review and provide comments on Draft ROPA 43 through September 2004.

7. CONCLUSION

Regional Council on May 20, 2004 authorized staff to schedule and hold a Statutory Public Meeting under the *Planning Act* to consider Draft ROPA 43. Notice of this meeting, scheduled for June 24, 2004, has been given in accordance with the provisions of the *Planning Act*. Approval of the recommendations of this report will enable staff to refine Draft ROPA 43 over the summer months and report on a final version in the Fall of 2004.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.

(A copy of the attachment referred to in the foregoing is included with this report and is also on file in the Office of the Regional Clerk.)