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York Region Official Plan

**York Region Accessibility
Advisory Committee**

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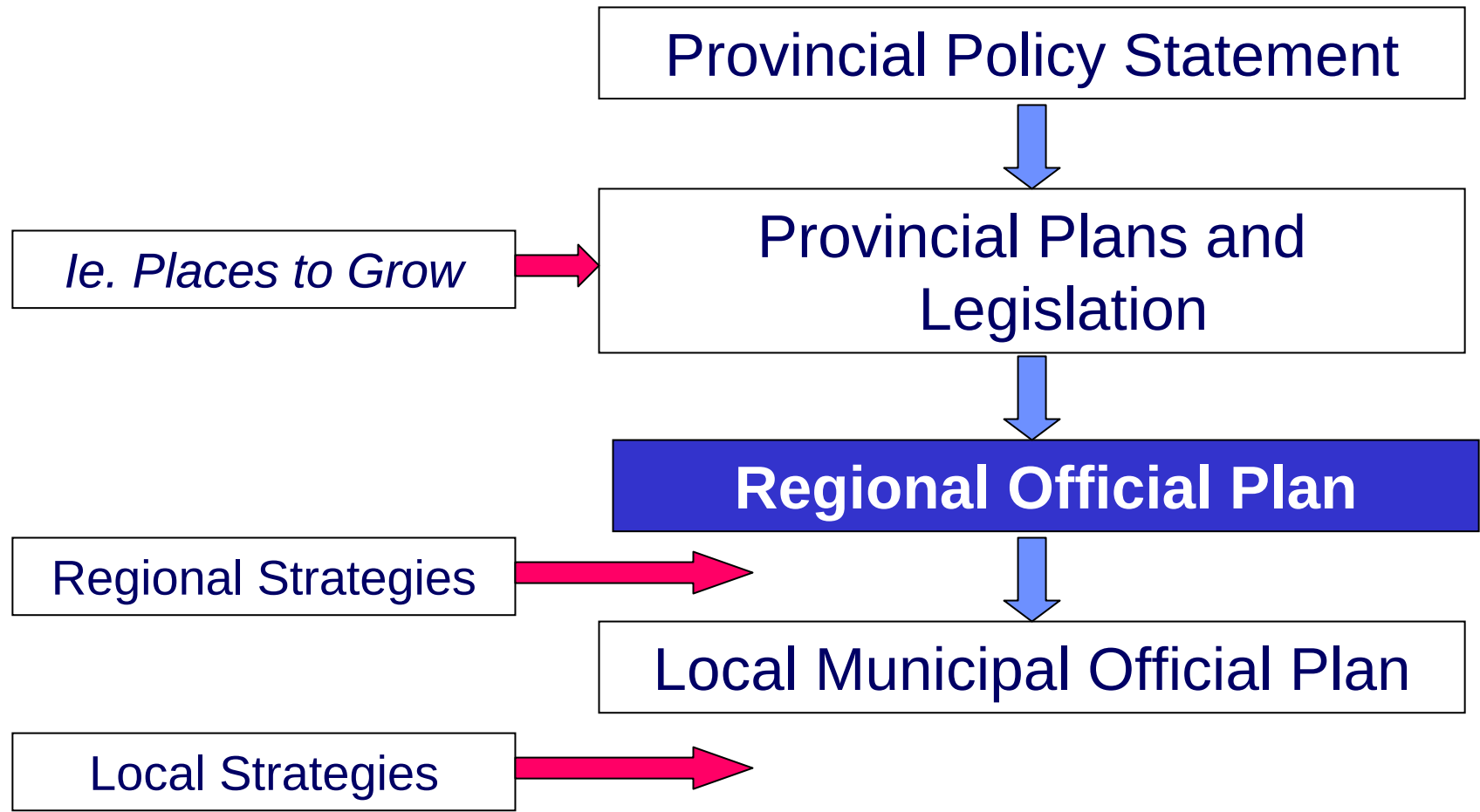


Role of a Regional Official Plan in Ontario

Under the Planning Act, an Official Plan shall contain:

*“goals, objectives and policies established primarily to **manage** and **direct** physical change and the effects on the social, economic and natural environment...”*

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Provincial and Regional Planning Context has changed since 1994

- ❑ Provincial Planning Context – for example
 - ❑ Greenbelt Plan, Lake Simcoe Protection Act

- ❑ Many Regional Successes
 - ❑ Sustainability Strategy, VIVA, Water for Tomorrow

- ❑ *Places to Grow* has provided an opportunity to update the Regional Official Plan

Planning for Tomorrow sets stage for the ROP Update

- ❑ Extensive series of technical reports since 2005 (available on website)
- ❑ *Planning for Tomorrow* ongoing over past 3 years
- ❑ Three phase consultation program

YORK REGION OFFICIAL PLAN SUSTAINABILITY FRAMEWORK

TOWARDS A SUSTAINABLE REGION

Sustainable Natural Environment

Healthy Communities

Economic Vitality

GROWTH MANAGEMENT

An Urbanizing Region: Building Complete Cities and Complete Communities

Our Agricultural and Rural Lands

Servicing Our Population

Forecasting and Phasing Growth

The Greenbelt Plan

Reducing Demand for Services

Sustainable Cities, Sustainable Communities

The Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan

Moving People and Goods

Intensification

Agricultural Lands

Water and Wastewater

City Building Regional Centres and Corridors

Rural Lands

Waste Management

Local Centres and Corridors

Mineral Aggregates

Energy, Utilities and Communication

Building Complete, Vibrant Communities

IMPLEMENTATION

Engagement and Partnerships

Monitoring and Measuring Success

The Planning Process

Interpreting the Plan

A Sustainable Natural Environment

- ❑ 69% of Region in ORM and Greenbelt
- ❑ Emphasis on a linked Greenlands System
- ❑ Continued investment in Greenlands System – Region Securement Program
- ❑ Context sensitive design of Infrastructure to enhance system
- ❑ Strengthen Greenlands links in new community areas



St. John's Sideroad context sensitive design

Healthy Communities

- ❑ Promotion of Healthy, Active Lifestyles
- ❑ Air Quality & Climate Change
- ❑ Co-ordination of human services delivery and community design
- ❑ Require a mix and range of housing types and tenures

Healthy Communities

- ❑ Update Housing Requirements Study
- ❑ Require 25% of new housing units be *affordable*, 35% in Regional Centres and Corridors
- ❑ Require “as-of-right” Secondary Suites Policies
- ❑ Encourage accessibility features in all new housing

Healthy Communities

- ❑ Encourage emergency, affordable and special needs housing to locate in proximity to transit and other human services
- ❑ Encourage local municipalities to adopt policies for an equitable distribution of social housing that includes special needs housing

Economic Vitality

- ❑ Implement Economic Strategy
- ❑ Centres and Corridors as a focus for office, cultural and entertainment uses
- ❑ 20 year supply of employment lands
- ❑ Conversion of employment lands not permitted
- ❑ Protect strategic employment lands beyond 2031

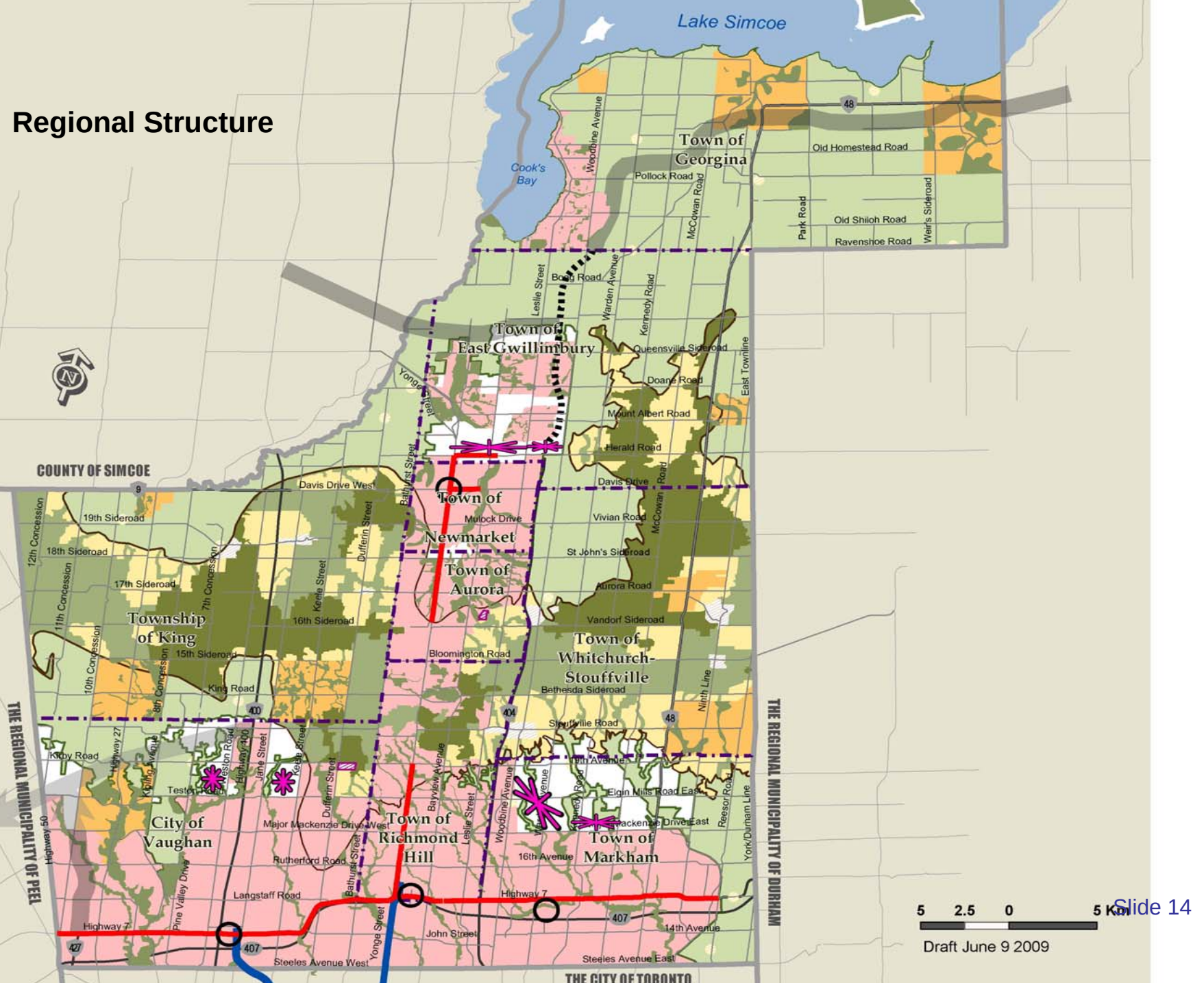
An Urbanizing Region: Building Cities and Complete Communities

- ❑ Forecasts: 1.5 million people & 780,000 jobs by 2031
 - ❑ 90,700 new intensification units
- ❑ Careful phasing of new community development including substantially complete (75%) before next phase
- ❑ Local Municipality required to prepare an intensification strategy

An Urbanizing Region: Building Cities and Complete Communities

- ❑ Communities designed to ensure accessibility to people of all ages, cultures and abilities
- ❑ Detailed criteria and Secondary Plans for Centres, Corridors and New Community Areas & Community Energy Plans
- ❑ Required LEED standards, or equivalent, for development in New Community Areas

Regional Structure



Agricultural and Rural Areas

- ❑ Ensure Greenbelt Plan and ORM Plan conformity
- ❑ Support Agriculture and Local Food Production
- ❑ Very little development allowed in Rural Area
- ❑ Development directed to Towns and Villages

Servicing Our Population

- ❑ Reduce demand for services
- ❑ Focus on Active Transportation
- ❑ Provide accessible and integrated public transit to people with disabilities
- ❑ Provide safe, comfortable and accessible pedestrian and cycling facilities

Servicing Our Population

- ❑ Identification of 400 series interchanges and flyovers
- ❑ Update Regional Street Design Guidelines
- ❑ Water and Wastewater Master Plan Policies
- ❑ 90% waste diversion by 2016
- ❑ Energy and Utilities Policies

Implementation

- ❑ Ongoing public consultation
- ❑ Ensure public meetings and materials area accessible for people with disabilities
- ❑ Annual monitoring of progress
- ❑ Partnership with Local Municipalities and Stakeholders

Summary of Accessibility Policies

- ❑ Encourage accessibility features in all new housing
- ❑ Locate affordable and special needs housing in proximity to transit and other human services
- ❑ Encourage local municipal policies for equitable distribution of social housing including special needs housing

Summary of Accessibility Policies

- ❑ Communities be designed to ensure accessibility for all ages, cultures and abilities
- ❑ Ensure accessible and integrated transit and mobility systems which include pedestrian and cycling facilities
- ❑ Ensure public meetings and materials are accessible for people with disabilities

Next Steps

- ❑ Draft Regional Official Plan released June 17, 2009
- ❑ Stakeholder consultation summer/fall
- ❑ 4 Public Meetings and 1 Open House
- ❑ Presentations to Local Municipal Councils
- ❑ Stakeholder meetings
- ❑ Statutory Meeting October 7
- ❑ Report back to Council November 2009