

Recommendations in Clause No. 6 in Report No. 1 of the Planning and Economic Development Committee for consideration by the Council of The Regional Municipality of York at its meeting on January 26, 2006.

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PLACES TO GROW – PROPOSED GROWTH PLAN FOR THE GREATER GOLDEN HORSESHOE NOVEMBER 2005

The Planning and Economic Development Committee recommends the recommendations contained in the following report, December 12, 2005, from the Commissioner of Planning and Development Services be deleted and the following recommendations be adopted:

- 1. This report and attachments be endorsed as York Region's comments on Places to Grow, the Proposed Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (released November 24, 2005).**
- 2. Regional Council advise the Minister of Public Infrastructure Renewal that York Region can only support or implement the policies of the Places to Grow Proposed Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, subject to a Provincial commitment to significant infrastructure funding and tools to implement the Plan as indicated in previous reports and in this report, and specifically that:**
 - 2.1 Within the next 6 months, the Province of Ontario produce 30-year Transportation Master Plans and 10-year capital plans to complement the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe and that the following services/infrastructure be covered: Provincial highways, local and rapid transit funding, cross-boundary and boundary road funding, hospital and related human services funding, GO Transit and natural heritage implementation funding. (Clause 2, Report 4, Planning and Economic Development Committee, April 21, 2005)**
 - 2.2 The Province of Ontario approve Municipal Transportation Master Plans and commit to Provincial infrastructure and funding identified therein in conjunction with land use plan approvals. (Clause 2, Report 4, Planning and Economic Development Committee, April 21, 2005)**
 - 2.3 As part of the Provincial commitment to infrastructure, the Province immediately commit to funding arrangements for the following critical road and transit infrastructure projects in York Region:**
 - 1. A Rapid Transit System in all four York Region Corridors.**

- 2. Full funding of GO Transit Expansion Plan.**
- 3. Highway 404, 427 and Bradford Bypass expansions.**
- 4. New interchanges (12 new or modified interchanges) and widening for 400 series highway.**
- 5. HOV lanes on 400 series highways.**
- 6. Support and funding for Travel Demand Management and commuter parking lots.**
- 7. Cross-boundary and boundary road improvements.**
(Clause 2, Report 4, Planning and Economic Development Committee, April 21, 2005)

- 2.4 That the Province give specific commitment to the construction of the 404 and 427 Highway extensions in keeping with the Growth Plan by December 2006.**
- 2.5 As a number of York Durham Sewage System projects are critical in the immediate term to meet the Provincial growth forecasts for York Region as identified in the Draft Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, the Province specifically commit to timely environmental and permit approvals for all of the York Durham Sewage System projects outlined in the letter from the Provincial Minister of Environment dated October 1, 2004. *(Clause 3, Report 4, Planning and Economic Development Committee, April 21, 2005)***
- 2.6 That the Ministry of Environment provide Environmental Assessment approval for the 19th Avenue Interceptor Sewer by March 2006 and in future Ministry of Environment approvals adhere to legislated time frames as found in the Environmental Assessment Act.**
- 3. The 40% intensification policies of the Growth Plan should be approved as a target as opposed to a minimum of 40% intensification.**
- 4. Urban expansion required to implement this Plan should be phased, in keeping with local and regional growth management plans;**
- 5. Intensification of centres and corridors should be in keeping with local and regional urban structure plans, in locations and at the discretion of the upper tier and local municipalities;**
- 6. The Province should lead and fund a comprehensive public communication plan with a purpose to advocating different urban structures in Ontario in an effort to change the housing preferences of Ontario residents;**
- 7. The Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe should prevent “leap-frogging” of development north of the Greenbelt Plan into Simcoe County.**

The Province is requested to undertake a formal, comprehensive review, similar to the process found in the GTA, which includes all of the elements found in the Greenbelt Plan, and this review should specifically address the impacts on York Region. (Clause 1, Report 4, Planning and Economic Development Committee, April 21, 2005)

- 8. The Province should support other corporations to ensure that infrastructure and energy requirements for the Region are met and specifically provide support for sustainable hydro electrical energy.**
- 9. The Regional Chair request a meeting with the Minister of Public Infrastructure Renewal to discuss the Region's issues with him and other interested members of Council.**
- 10. Staff be directed to meet with Ministry of Public Infrastructure Renewal staff to clearly explain Council's issues with the Proposed Growth Plan.**