



Planning Markham's Future

City of Markham Official Plan

Part I

**York Region Notice of Decision and
Appeals to the Ontario Municipal Board**

Development Services Committee
January 13, 2015

Official Plan Approval Process

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- Dec 10/13: Council adopted new Official Plan
 - June 12/14: Regional Council approved Official Plan with modifications and deferrals
 - June 17/14: York Region issued a notice of decision
 - July 7/14: Last date of filing a notice of appeal
 - Jan 28/15: OMB Prehearing conference

Key Modifications to Official Plan

- Regional modifications respond to:
 1. Provincial and other agency comments (ie. TRCA)
 2. Regional comments
 3. Markham Council recommendations and staff requests
 4. Various landowner requests
- The majority of modifications are related to minor policy/mapping clarification and corrections
- Markham staff were consulted extensively on the Regional modifications and it is recommended that Council endorse the Region's modifications and deferrals and that the Ontario Municipal Board be advised accordingly

Key Modifications to Official Plan

In response to Provincial comments:

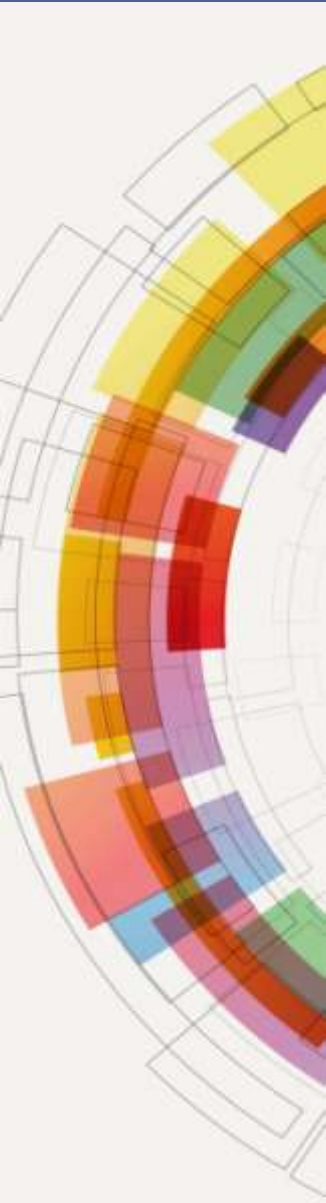
Regional Council modified policies related to:

- mapping of Parkway Belt West Plan and Ministers Zoning Order
- non agricultural uses/public uses in the Countryside
- permitted uses /development criteria for Greenway lands in the Greenbelt Plan Area
- site specific employment conversion requests

In response to TRCA comments:

Regional Council modified policies related to:

- natural environmental hazards
- Special Policy Areas
- flood vulnerable areas
- appendix mapping associated with TRCA regulatory framework and headwater drainage features



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In response to Regional staff comments:

Regional Council modified certain maps to identify:

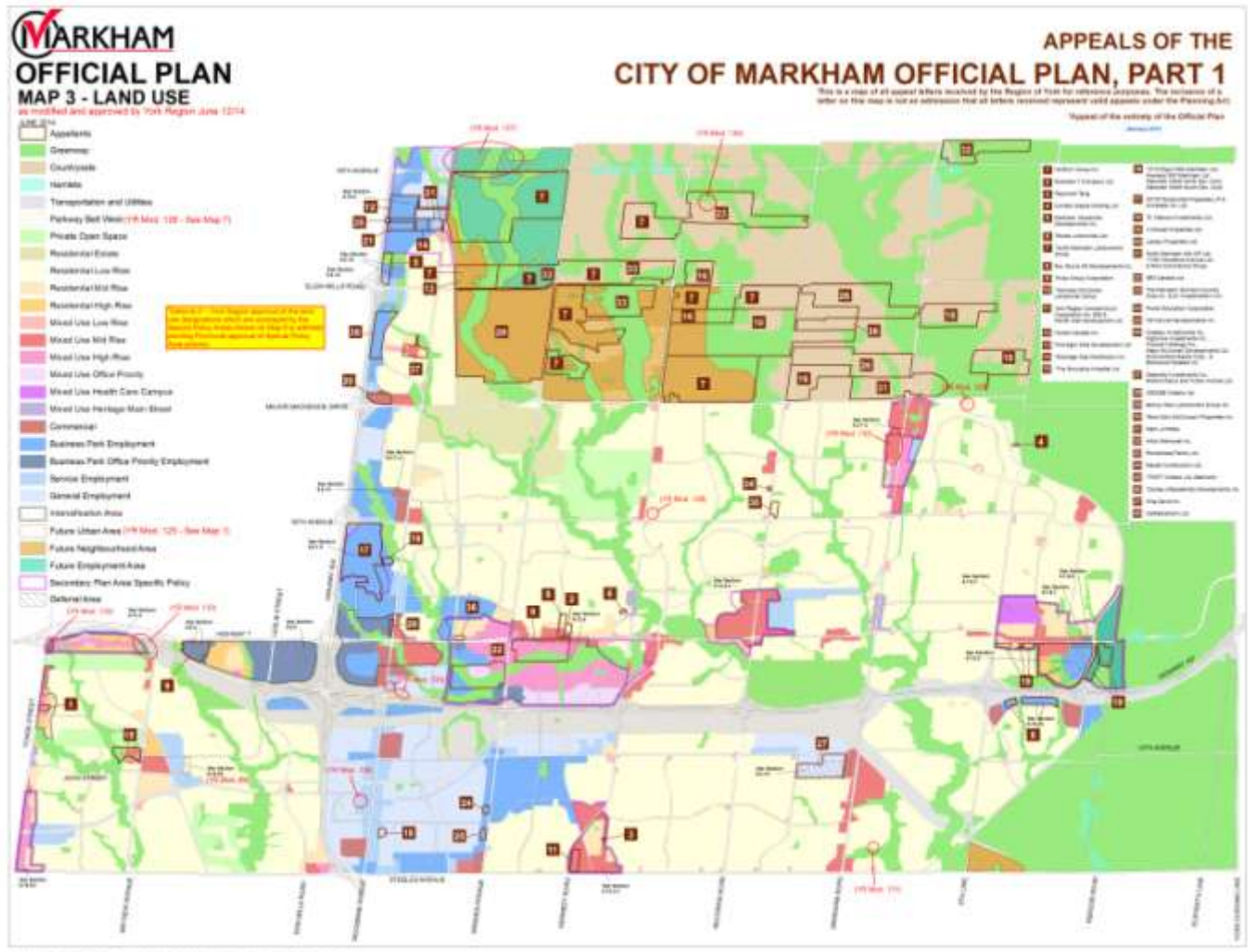
- a potential mid-block crossing over Highway 404 between Major Mackenzie Drive and Elgin Mills Road on Map 10
- the 'Future Urban Area' as shown on Maps 1, 3 and 12, is subject to the outcome of appeals on the Regional Official Plan.
- the proposed road alignments and the location of specific projects on Maps 10 and 11 are conceptual, subject to review and confirmation through the applicable EA process

In response to Provincial and Regional staff comments:

Regional Council withheld a decision on:

- refinement of Greenbelt NHS on certain Minotar lands
- all Special Policy Area policies and underlying land use designations

Appeals to the Ontario Municipal Board



Summary

- Markham's new Official Plan was approved by Regional Council subject to modifications and deferrals
- York Region's decision has been appealed to the OMB and the new Official Plan is currently not in force.
- It is recommended that Council endorse the Region's modifications and deferrals and that the OMB be advised accordingly.
- A public notice was issued for an OMB prehearing conference

Discussion

