

King Township Official Plan Review



KING

Special Meeting of Council
November 28, 2013



Overview

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- What is an Official Plan?
- Rationale for Review
- Preliminary Work Program
- What should we be thinking about?
- Next Steps
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Background

- The Planning Act (s.26) requires municipalities to update Official Plans every five years to ensure they:
 - Conform to provincial plans
 - Have regard for matters of provincial interest
 - Are consistent with Provincial Policy Statement(s)
- On September 23, 2013 Council directed staff to hold a Special Meeting of Council initiating an Official Plan Review under Section 26 of the Planning Act



Purpose

The purpose of this Special Meeting Council is to hear from you about:

- the revisions that are required; and
- Matters that should be considered.

This is an opportunity for you to have your say!



What is an Official Plan?

- A strategic document for guiding land use and development in the Township
- Contains Vision, Goals, and Objectives for land and resources, and how municipality will grow over the long-term
- Consists of policies and map schedules segmenting lands into different land use designations
- The Official Plan is the Township's key policy tool to demonstrate conformity with and regard to matters of provincial interest, and align with York Region.



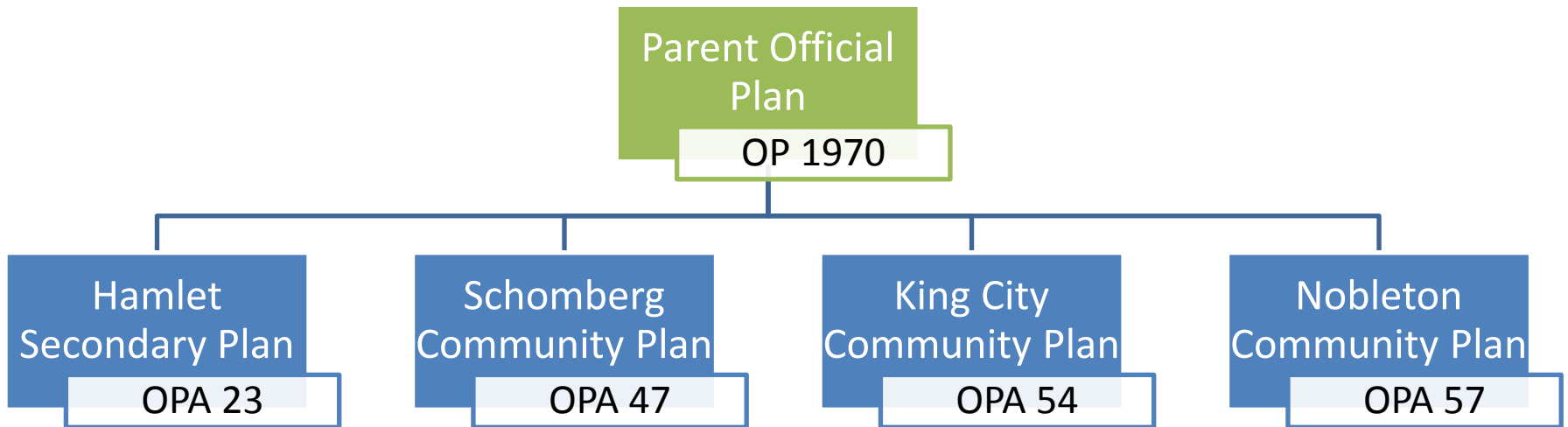
Official Plan

Why are we reviewing the Official Plan?

- Legislative changes
- Provincial and Regional policy direction
- Managing growth
- Promoting sustainability
- Developing policies that reflect King's current and projected circumstances, Sustainability Plan, and other initiatives
- Providing overarching direction to existing secondary/community plans
- Establishing a contemporary policy context for updating zoning by-laws



Official Plan Review



The proposed approach is to:

- (i) develop a new comprehensive Parent Official Plan
- (ii) bring King's official plan documents into conformity with the Greenbelt Plan and the Growth Plan



Preliminary Work Program

Phase	Initiative(s)	Timeline
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Parent Official Plan ReviewGreenbelt Plan Conformity (including the Plan's review in 2015)Growth Plan Conformity	2013-2015
2	Schomberg Community Plan Review	TBD upon completion of previous phase
3	Secondary Plan Reviews, as necessary	TBD upon completion of previous phase(s)

OPR Review Process





What Should We be Thinking About?

- King's Integrated Community Sustainability Plan Vision
- Goals and Objectives of our existing Official Plan Documents (have they been effective, are they still relevant?)
- Provincial Policy and Matters of Provincial Interest
- Regional Policy Documents and Directions
- King Context Considerations



King's Vision

King's Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (2012) Vision:

King Township is an idyllic countryside community of communities, proud of its rural, cultural and agricultural heritage. We are respected for treasuring nature, encouraging a responsible local economy, and celebrating our vibrant quality of life.



Existing Official Plan Principles & Goals

- Preservation and Enhancement of the **Natural Environment**
- Maintain and reinforce distinctive **Community Character** while allowing for Growth and Development
- Maintain strong **Agricultural Base**
- Provide for continued **Economic Development**
- Create an Environment that promotes **Well-being of Residents** and accommodates a variety of **Needs and Lifestyles**

Topics to Consider





Next Steps

- Comments in response to this Special Meeting of Council, and the agency/department circulation will be accepted until **December 6, 2013**
- Comments received will be:
 - considered and summarized in a report to Council
 - used to help determine the scope of the OP Review and inform the Terms of Reference
- Next Report to Council anticipated early 2014



How can I be involved?

- Register to become an Interested Party with the Township Clerk (please provide Name, Mailing Address & Email) – recognized under the Planning Act for Notice Requirements
- Sign up to receive Email Updates – officialplanreview@king.ca
- Provide verbal comments at the public meeting and open houses
- Provide written comments by letter or email
- Follow us on Twitter: @kingtownship, @sustainableking, using #KingOPReview



We look forward to hearing your thoughts!

Thank you

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