

WELCOME!

Township of King OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW

June 27, 2019 Open House & Statutory Public Meeting



- → Please sign in at the front table
- → Feel free to review the boards and provide comments
- Open House from 2:30 PM 5:30 PM
- Statutory Public Meeting starts at 6:00 PM
- → The Project Team is available to answer questions

WHAT IS THE TOWNSHIP OF KING OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW?

An Official Plan...



- is a policy document adopted by Council under the *Planning Act*
- establishes a comprehensive set of policies to:
 - »guide growth, development, and land uses;
 - »ensure environmental conservation and promote restoration and enhancement;
 - »set out a strategy for economic development;
 - »support a range of other planning objectives, such as heritage conservation, affordable housing, and climate change resiliency; and,
 - »guide infrastructure.

Purpose of the Official Plan

Land use planning within the Township is currently guided by several plans / official plan amendments (OPA):

- King Township Official Plan, established more than 40 years ago (1970s)
- Hamlet Plan, 1984 (OPA 23)
- Schomberg Community Plan (OPA 47)
- King City Community Plan (OPA 54)
- Nobleton Community Plan (OPA 57)

These Plans have been amended over the years, but a thorough review of all of these plans has not been comprehensively undertaken until now.

Section 26 and 27 of the *Planning Act* require...

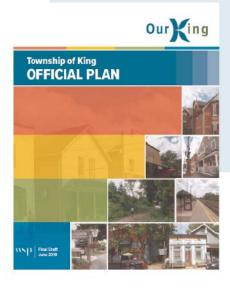
- · Official plans to be reviewed and updated every ten years; and
- Conform with provincial plans and upper-tier Official Plans.

Purpose of this Meeting

This is the fourth open house in the overall official plan review process.

The purpose of this open house is to:

- Provide an update on the Official Plan Review project; and
- Seek your formal input on the Final Draft Official Plan, dated June 2019.





PURPOSE OF THE OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW

- Provide a comprehensive Official Plan for the Township, replacing the existing plans with a coordinated vision for the Township while reflecting the diversity of our communities;
- 2. Address upper-tier legislative changes and policy direction to ensure conformity with the York Region Official Plan and Provincial policy, inclusive of:
 - the Planning Act, R.S.O, 1990;
 - the Provincial Policy Statement, 2014;
 - the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2019;
 - the Greenbelt Plan, 2017;
 - the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, 2017; and,
 - the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan, 2009.
- 3. Holistically integrate recent Township documents and initiatives, for example:
 - The Integrated Community and Sustainability Plan (ICSP), 2012 establishes sustainability goals, actions and targets that have formed the basis for the vision, goals and objectives of Our King.
 - The Economic Development Strategy, 2018 Update provides strategic actions for generating opportunities for investment in the Township's local economy, which have informed the employment and economic development policies included in Our King, the Revised Draft Official Plan (March 2019).
 - The Parks Recreation and Culture Master Plan, Draft 2019 Update is a strategic plan guiding
 the future planning and development of parks, recreation and cultural facilities and services, to
 meet the future needs of the Township. This plan has informed the policies of Our King regarding
 these facilities.
 - The Water / Wastewater / Stormwater Master Plan (On-going) and Transportation Master Plan, 2015 provide direction on infrastructure and transportation capacity and actions required to accommodate future growth within these networks, which have been carried forward into the policies of Our King.



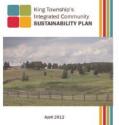




















WHAT WE HAVE HEARD

The Revised Draft Official Plan (March 2019) was presented at a series of public open houses in early May 2019. **Thank you to everyone who participated in our Public Open Houses – in total, well over 100 persons attended!**







- Dozens of written comments have been received throughout 2019 (and continue to be received).
- We thank everyone for providing their input the time that residents and agencies have spent reviewing the Official Plan is appreciated and will serve to greatly improve the document.
- The June 2019 Final Draft Version of the Official Plan does not fulsomely address all comments received to-date due to time constraints. As many of the comments were just recently received, we will continue to address and respond to comments over Summer 2019.
- We are continuing to accept comments until July 31, 2019 to ensure we
 can address all comments fulsomely. The Official Plan will be finalized by
 the end of August 2019.

Summary of Key Comments

A very wide range of different comments have been received. Following is a summary of some of the key types of comments we have heard and received since releasing the March 2019 Revised Draft Official Plan:

- Need to prohibit and/or add additional criteria for drive-through uses
- Official Plan policies need to be more definitive or include stronger language (such as saying "require" versus "encourage")
- Elaborate on and/or strengthen sustainable development policies
- · Need to clarify source protection policies
- · Strengthen the environmental and natural heritage protection policies
- A wide range of site specific comments have been received and will be reviewed
- Some requests have been received to convert employment uses to other non-employment uses
- Consider opportunities to provide an extension of municipal water/ wastewater services to uses located outside the Villages
- Recognize major recreational uses throughout the Countryside
- Official Plan needs to better reflect the character of each community and ensure development will contribute positively to the unique character (especially the Village Cores)
- · Address land use conflicts in the hamlets
- Protect the character of neighbourhoods

CHANGES TO THE FINAL DRAFT (JUNE 2019) OFFICIAL PLAN

A wide range of edits have been made to the June 2019 version of the Official Plan, compared with the March 2019 version which was presented at the open houses in early May 2019. The following is a summary of some of the key changes made to the Final Draft Official Plan (June 2019) compared with the Revised Draft Official Plan (March 2019):

- Parkland Dedication Policies: Parkland Dedication policies have been updated to implement the draft Parks. Recreation and Culture Master Plan.
- Natural Heritage Policies: The requirement for minimum vegetation protection zones has been applied Township-wide.
- Bed & Breakfast and Short Term Accommodations:
 The requirement for minimum vegetation protection zones has been applied Township-wide.
- Drive-Throughs: Many comments have been received regarding drive-throughs. Some additional development criteria have been added to better ensure that a proposed drive-through minimizes impacts. Further, the Plan contemplates passing a vehicle idling by-law.
- Floor Space Index Requirements: The maximum floor space index requirement in the Village Core and other areas has been increased to enable 4-6 storeys to be achievable. A wide range of policies will continue to apply to ensure that the built form is appropriate in the Village Cores and will be compatible with adjacent neighbourhoods.
- Nobleton Village Reserve: Policies regarding the Nobleton Village Reserve have been modified to clarify the types of uses permitted. Over the long-term (beyond 2031), the Nobleton Village Reserve may be contemplated for urban development, but this will have to be reviewed as part of a future review of the Official Plan.

- Transit: A new subsection has been added to the Official Plan (8.5.2) to address transit, and implement the recommendations of the King Township Transportation Master Plan. This emphasizes the need for the Township to explore innovative transit options and to work with the Region on facilitating transit access in the Township.
- Broadband Strategy: A new subsection has been added to emphasize the importance of providing fast Internet access to the Township's businesses and residents, and to work with other levels of government and the private sector to explore opportunities to facilitate this.
- Technical Consents: The Official Plan includes a framework to permit consents/severances of a very technical nature.
- Heritage: Updates to the language regarding heritage policies have been made to reflect input from Township staff and clarify the application of the policies.
- Site-Specific Comments: Several site-specific comments have been reviewed and resulted in minor changes to the Official Plan. Though it is generally not the intent of this process to address site-specific requests, some of the requests were relevant to the matters being reviewed in this Review process, such as the extent of the Village Core and the Mixed Use areas. Other site-specific requests will continue to be reviewed over the summer 2019.

You may be wondering...

Will further changes be considered or made to the Official Plan?

Yes – we will continue to receive, review and address comments over the summer 2019.

- Due to time constraints, not all of the comments received to date have been addressed as part of the June 2019 version of the Official Plan.
- The Final Official Plan will be released at the end of August 2019. We are asking for all comments to be submitted by July 31, 2019 to ensure there is adequate time for our team to consider comments fulsomely.

How will recent Provincial Legislation impact the Official Plan Review Process (e.g. Bill 108)?

- Bill 108 received Royal Assent on June 6, 2019.
 Some aspects of the legislation are in effect while other aspect will require subsequent regulations or proclamation.
- The new 2019 Growth Plan also came into effect on May 16, 2019.
- Generally, the intent is to continue with finalizing the Official Plan and work towards Council adoption in September 2019. The implications of the Provincial changes will be reviewed over summer 2019.

VISION, GOALS & OBJECTIVES OF "OUR KING"









Section 1 of Our King, the Final Draft Official Plan (June 2019), contains a vision, goals and objectives which set the foundation for the more detailed policy in the Plan. The Vision, Goals and Objectives are included in the Plan to set out the purpose and intended outcomes of the more detailed policies of the Plan.

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**.

The vision of the Plan references nine values, as identified in the planning process for the ICSP:

- 1. Idyllic
- 2. Community of communities
- 3. Rural

- 4. Agricultural
- 5. Heritage
- 6. Respected
- 7. Treasuring nature
- 8. Responsible local economy
- 9. Vibrant quality of life

Goals and Objectives

The goals and objectives of Our King build upon these 9 values, as well as input from consultation throughout this project. They are centred around the four pillars of the ICSP.







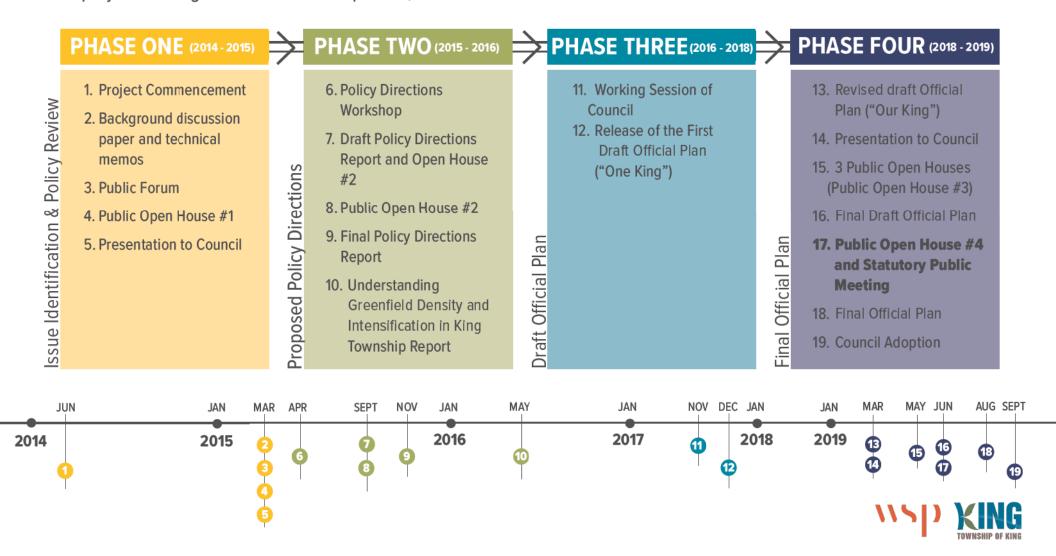






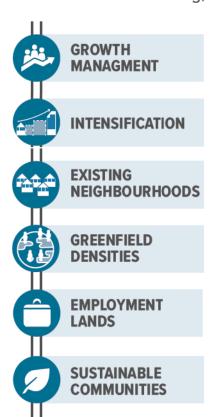
PROCESS & TIMELINE

This project is being undertaken in four phases, as outlined below.



KEY POLICY DIRECTIONS

The basis of the Plan has been established through previous phases of the Official Plan Review process, including, guided by the Policy Directions Report (November 2015) and the report entitled Understanding Greenfield Density and Intensification in King Township (May 2016). Several key policy directions have emerged from this work, and have been addressed in Our King, the Final Draft King Township Official Plan (June 2019).



The Township is growing and there is a need to establish policies to meet the growth forecasts set out by the Region. A strategy to accommodate growth is implemented in the Plan, focusing growth principally in the Villages.

The Township is required to accommodate a certain amount of new residential development as intensification. This Plan has a strategy to focus intensification mainly in the Core Area and Mixed Use designations.

The character of established neighbourhoods will be protected through detailed policies of the Plan.

Development in greenfield areas (new communities) will need to balance the need to develop more efficient, compact forms, while maintaining the low density character of our Villages.

The Township is also projected to accommodate more jobs in the future, and the Plan includes a strategy for protecting employment lands, where the majority of job growth is to be accommodated.

The Township needs to ensure future growth is carried out in a sustainable manner. The Plan promotes the use of a climate change lens to promote sustainable and innovative development.







Understanding Greenfield and Intensification Densities in King Township

MAY 2016





STRUCTURE OF THE PLAN

Our King, the Final Draft King Township Official Plan (June 2019), is comprised of **ten (10) sections**.



- Collective unified vision statement
- · Goals and goals
- Overview ofthe purpose and structure of the Plan



- Description of the structure of the Township
- Overall growth management strategy



 Township-wide development policies (community design, sustainable development, community services, heritage)



 Establishes the Natural Heritage System and policies to protect other natural heritage and hydrological features



 Sets out development policies and land uses for the Villages including permitted uses, density, building heights and other policies



 Sets out development policies and land uses for the Countryside which includes rural and Hamlet areas



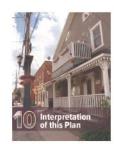
 Strategy for promoting economic development across the Township.



 Policies regarding wide range of infrastructure (e.g., water, wastewater, utilities, transportation)



 Describes and enables tools and processes to implement the policies



 Clarification and direction on interpretation of our Plan, including definitions of key terms

List of Schedules

A series of schedules (maps) are attached to and form part of Our King, including:

Schedule A: overall Township structure

Schedule B: Provincial land use designations

(Greenbelt Plan, Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan,

Lake Simcoe Protection Plan)

Schedule C (C1 - C4): natural heritage system (includes sub-schedules for specific features)

Schedule D (D1 - D3): land use designations for Villages

Schedule E (E1 - E7): land use designations for the

Countryside (Hamlets)

Schedule F (F1 - F3): transportation networks

(roads, transit, and active transportation.

Schedule G (G1 - G3): source protection policy areas

Schedule H: natural hazards

Schedule I: Oak Ridges Moraine

Landform Conservation Areas

Schedule J: Oak Ridges Moraine

Highly Vulnerable Aguifers

Schedule K: existing and closed landfill sites

Schedule L: areas with mineral aggregate potential

Appendix 1 (non-operative): Conservation Authority areas

and regulations limits



OUR COMMUNITY OF COMMUNITIES

Growth Management

Section 2 of Our King outlines a strategy for managing population and employment growth forecasted to the year 2031.

Table 1 – Population Growth Forecasts for 2016 to 2031

Location	2016 Population	2031 Population	Growth (2016 – 2031)
King City	8.900	15.500	8.600
Nobleton	5,700	7,000	1,300
Schomberg	2,000	3,100	200
Countryside (including the Hamlets, Agricultural and Rural Areas)	10,000	9,300	-700
Total	25,500	34,900	9,400

Table 2 – Employment Growth Forecasts from 2016 to 2031

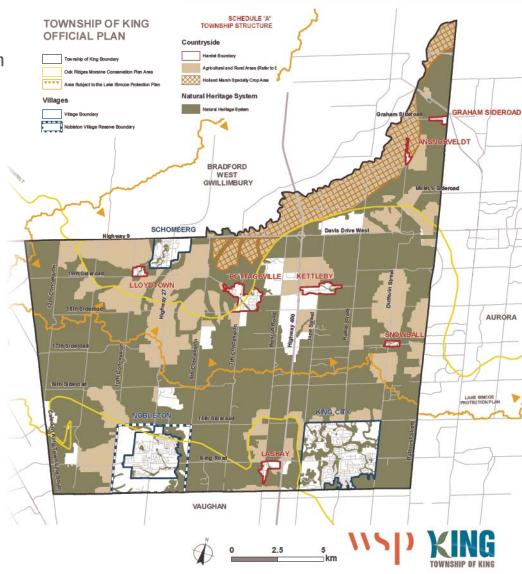
Location	2016	2031	Growth (2016 – 2031)
King City	1,950	2,970	1,015
Nobleton	1,050	1,850	795
Schomberg	2,145	2,245	100
Countryside	4,815	4,840	30
Total	9,960	11,900	1,940



- The focus of population and employment growth will be in the Villages.
- » Population growth is principally directed to King City, where there is servicing capacity and available land
- » The Plan identifies employment areas in each of the Villages, where the majority of employment growth will be accommodated
- •The Countryside's population is projected to decline between 2016 and 2031, due to an anticipated decline in average household size.
- Limited lot creation and development will occur in the Countryside, including the Hamlets.



- The Township has sufficient land designated for development to meet the Region's required intensification target of 15%.
- »This means that 15% of residential unit growth to 2031 will be located in the delineated built boundaries of King City, Nobleton and Schomberg (920 total units).
- The Plan intends for most intensification to occur in the Village Cores, the Mixed Use areas and the Major Transit Station Area in King City.
 These areas are depicted on a subsequent display board.



OUR RESILIENT ENVIRONMENT

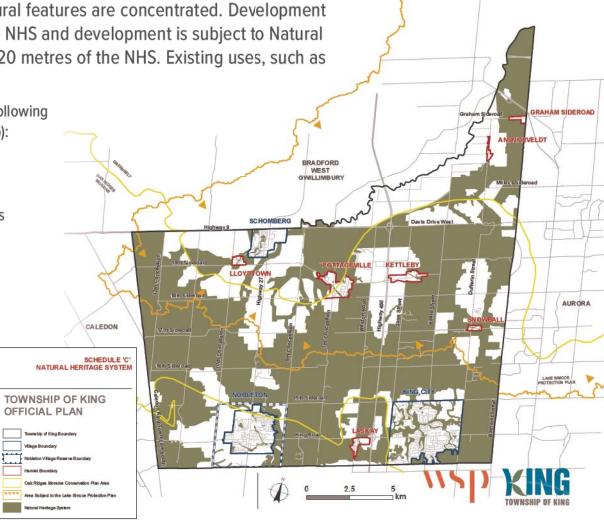
Natural Heritage System (NHS)

Section 4 of Our King, the Final Draft King Township Official Plan (June 2019), identifies and describes a Natural Heritage System (NHS), where natural features are concentrated. Development and site alteration is generally not permitted within the NHS and development is subject to Natural Heritage Evaluation or hydrological evaluation within 120 metres of the NHS. Existing uses, such as agricultural activities, are permitted in the NHS.



The Natural Heritage System (NHS) is comprised of the following elements, encompassing much of the Township (see map):

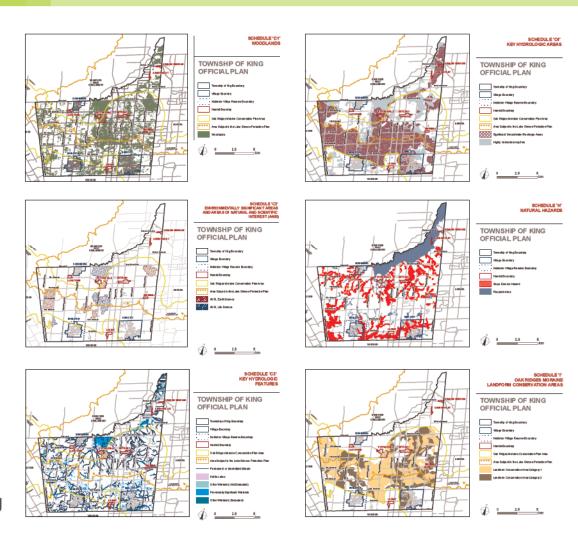
- 1. The Natural Heritage System delineated in the Provincial 2017 Greenbelt Plan;
- The Provincial Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan's designated Natural Core Areas and Natural Linkage Areas
- 3. Key natural heritage features and key hydrological features, and their minimum vegetation protection zones (MVPZ). Key features include:
 - » Wetlands:
 - » Watercourses:
 - » Woodlands:
 - » Valleylands;
 - » Habitat of Endangered and Threatened Species;
 - » Landform Conservation Areas and Earth Science ANSIs: and.
 - » Environmentally Significant Areas
- 4. Other natural heritage and hydrological features and functions as may be identified through the completion of detailed studies (i.e. Natural Heritage Evaluations, hydrological evaluations and other studies)



OUR RESILIENT ENVIRONMENT

Section 4 of Our King also contains policies regarding:

- Requirements for establishing "minimum vegetation protection zones" in conjunction with protected sensitive features, to support their health, restoration and linkages
- Requirements for conducting natural heritage evaluations and hydrological evaluations where development is proposed in or near sensitive environmental features.
- 3. A range of policies which support watershed-level planning and management activities to contribute to enhancement of water quality and quantity
- Protection of source water and key hydrological areas by limiting certain land uses and activities in sensitive groundwater areas.
- 5. Ensuring people and property are protected from natural and human-made hazards, such as flood- and erosion-prone areas.
- 6. Policies for considering climate change and improving air quality.





OUR THRIVING VILLAGES

Land Use Designations

Section 5 of Our King describes land use policies for the Villages, to guide land use and development. Schedule D of Our King depicts the land use designations.

Established Neighbourhood

Recognize, maintain, and protect the character and identity of existing low density neighbourhoods.

Neighbourhood

Provide for a range of housing types and forms with complementary, compatible land uses.

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Medium Density Residential

Recognize existing medium density residential uses and provide criteria for potential future development.

Village Core

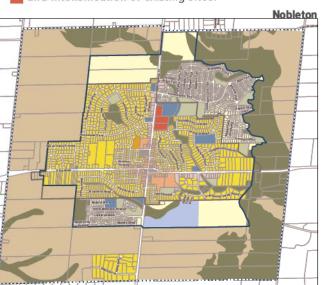
Reinforce the role of the Village Core as the social, economic and cultural focal point of each village. These areas are where intensification is generally directed, but is limited in Schomberg where much of the core is located within the floodplain.

Mixed Use

Provide for residential intensification and limited commercial development which is compatible with adjacent uses.

Commercial

Provide for a wide-range of permitted commercial uses and intensification of existing sites.



Employment

Plan for, protect and preserve employment areas for current and future employment uses.

Major Transit Station Area (King City)

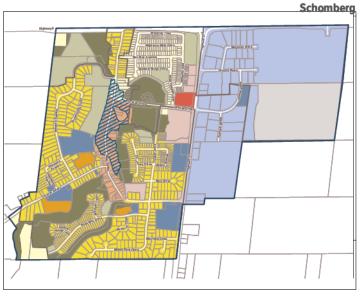
Facilitate intensification and prioritize residential development to capitalize on the GO Station.

Institutional

Recognize and permit institutional uses such as schools and community facilities which serve the needs of the community.

Parks and Open Space

Provide for a range of parks and public uses.



OUR VIBRANT COUNTRYSIDE

Section 6 of Our King contains policies regarding the Countryside. The Countryside consists of lands outside of the Villages: our Hamlets and rural lands. Specifically, the Countryside consists of five areas:

Hamlets

Hamlets are mainly small residential communities, although some hamlets contain other existing uses.

Agricultural Areas

Agricultural Areas include prime agricultural land with highly productive soils best suited for agricultural uses (including the Holland Marsh Specialty Crop Area).

Rural Areas

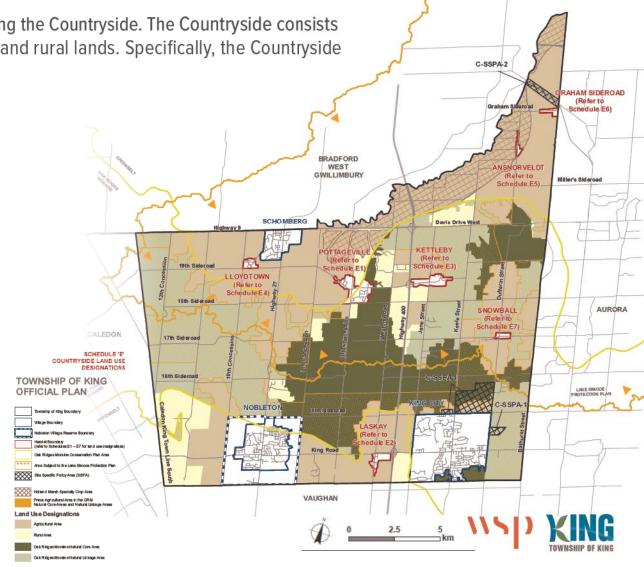
Rural Areas include lands with relatively lower quality soils where non-agricultural rural uses may be suitable. but which should support agricultural uses (include some historically established rural commercial, employment, recreational or residential uses).

ORM Natural Core Areas

The Oak Ridges Moraine (ORM) Natural Core Areas consist principally of a concentration of natural features, as well as agricultural uses.

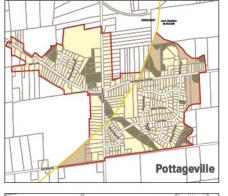
ORM Natural Linkage Areas

The Oak Ridges Moraine Natural Linkage Areas are intended to facilitate ecological linkages between Natural Core Areas, and also consist of existing agricultural uses.



OUR VIBRANT COUNTRYSIDE

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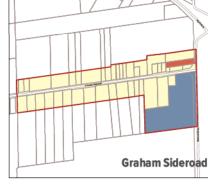




Hamlet Land Use Designations

Hamlets are planned as principally residential communities, with supporting compatible, complementary uses. The boundaries of the Hamlets have been identified by this Plan and through previous conformity exercises, and will not be modified within the horizon of this Plan. Section 6.2 of the Official Plan establishes Hamlet Land Use Designations, which set out permitted uses and other development policies.











Hamlet Residential

Recognize residential uses and consider minor infilling of new residential uses while protecting existing character.

Hamlet Commercial

Recognize existing established commercial uses.

Hamlet Employment

Recognize existing uses while encouraging appropriate improvement to comparability with the residential character of the Hamlets.

Hamlet Institutional

Recognize existing institutional uses in the Hamlets.

Hamlet Rural

Applies to portions of hamlets that are used for agricultural purposes and where further development or lot creation is not anticipated.

Hamlet Open Space

Permits parks and similar open space uses which are suitable in the Hamlets.

OUR SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY, ECONOMY & INFRASTRUCTURE

Sections 3, 7, and 8 provide Township-wide policies in relation to community development, economic development, and the provision of infrastructure. The following provides an overview of the topics discussed in these sections.

3 OUR SUSTAINABLE NEIGHBOURHOODS

- The Sustainable Community Design and Development section promotes energy efficient, water efficient and green technologies, such as low impact development.
- The Healthy, Age-Friendly and Accessible Communities section supports the design of age-friendly, barrier-free development and public realm design.
- The Meeting Housing Needs section establishes a strategy to ensure that the Township will meet its future housing needs, including a target to achieve 25% of new housing units as affordable.
- The Parks, Trails, and Public Service Facilities section guides the planning, design and implementation of these essential facilities and services.
- The Addressing Land Use Impacts provides policies to ensure land use compatibility with respect to noise, air quality, vibration, and soil contamination.
- The **Conserving our Heritage** section enables a range of tools to support heritage conservation.
- The Policies for Specific Uses section provides criteria for specific uses as may be permitted by the Plan.

7 OUR FLOURISHING ECONOMY

- The Utilizing Employment Lands section ensures specific types of economic activity are in environments which are most compatible and best suited for their success.
- The Small Businesses and the Creative Economy section supports the integration of small-scale, local businesses throughout the Township.
- The Agri-Food Strategy supports the implementation of the Region-wide Agriculture and Agri-Food Sector Strategy.
- The Culture and Tourism section supports the development of tourism assets within the Township, being attractions, tourism businesses, infrastructure, hospitality and promotion.
- The Broadband Strategy supports increased availability of reliable, fast Internet service.

8 OUR INFRASTRUCTURE AND NETWORKS

- The Water and Wastewater Servicing section ensures growth is directed in a manner which promotes the efficient use and optimization of existing infrastructure.
- The Stormwater Management section emphasizes an approach that utilizes the principles of low impact development and a treatment train approach.
- The Transportation, Transit, and Mobility section implements the integrated transportation network to facilitate the safe and efficient movement of goods and people.
- The Energy section establishes locational criteria, and a framework to evaluate proposals for power generation facilities
- The Utilities and Waste Management sections which guides the development of these essential services.



HOW IS THE PLAN IMPLEMENTED?

Sections 9 and 10 of Our King, the Final Draft King Township Official Plan (June 2019), set out a framework for implementing and interpreting the policies of the Plan.

- Land use policy and regulation, which enables regulatory by-laws and development application processes, including zoning, site plan control, and plan of condominium;
- Land division processes, including the consent to sever and plan of subdivision process, which enables the severance of larger blocks of land into individual parcels;

Land Use Policy / Regulation

- Zoning By-law: regulatory by-law passed by Council used to regulate the use of land, buildings and structures.
 - Zoning is the most important implementation tool of an Official Plan, as the broader land use permissions and policies of this Plan are intended to be implemented in detail through zoning by-laws
- Interim Control By-law: May be passed to restrict development within an area while the Township considers the preparation of a planning study.
- **3. Holding By-law:** prohibit development occurring until certain technical or other matters are confirmed / addressed (e.g., availability of services).
- **4. Site Plan Control:** applying to the entirety of the Township, with some exceptions, this tool requires proponents to meet certain conditions to obtain site plan approval and execute a site plan agreement.
- **5. Land Division:** plans of subdivision, plans of condominium, and consent applications are enabled by the *Planning Act*. This Plan provides detailed guidance on how these processes are to be undertaken within the Township.
- **6. Comprehensive Development Plans:** The Official Plan establishes a framework for requiring a tertiary-level plan for certain major development applications and ensure orderly development of the general area.

- Other implementation tools, including incentive programs, specialized municipal by-laws and other tools; and,
- Community consultation, which is an integral part of the processes enabled by the Plan.

Other Implementation Tools

- Community Improvement Plans: enable the use of incentives to promote revitalization of targeted areas (currently implemented for the Village Core).
- Parkland Dedication: require the dedication of land for parks/ open space purposes in conjunction with certain development applications.
- Property Standards: enable the Property Standards By-law to set out minimum standards for the maintenance and appearance of private property.
- 4. Height / Density Bonusing: considers increases in height or density for developments with a site-specific zoning by-law, in exchange for public benefits, such as streetscaping, public art, affordable housing or other improvements desired by the Township.
- **5. Development Charges By-law:** enables recovery of all growth-related capital costs through development charges.



NEXT STEPS

Project Information and Updates

Please visit the following website to download the Official Plan and other materials that have been prepared throughout this process:

https://speaking.king.ca/official-plan-review

Contact Information

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Thank you for participating in and contributing to Our in g

NEXT STEPS

- 1. Today's statutory public meeting is being held to receive formal input on the Final Draft Official Plan.
- 2. Please provide your comments by July 31, 2019, to ensure that we will address them prior to finalizing the Official Plan.
- 3. We will finalize the Official Plan and release a final version in approximately late August 2019.
- 4. The Official Plan is targeted for Council adoption in September 2019.