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Communication
Official Plan Update Sub-Committee
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Items # 1

Forward Vaughan Vaughan's Official Plan Review

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Presentation Outline

- Introductions
- Project Updates
- Approach to the Official Plan Amendment
- Question and Answer
- Next Steps



Introductions

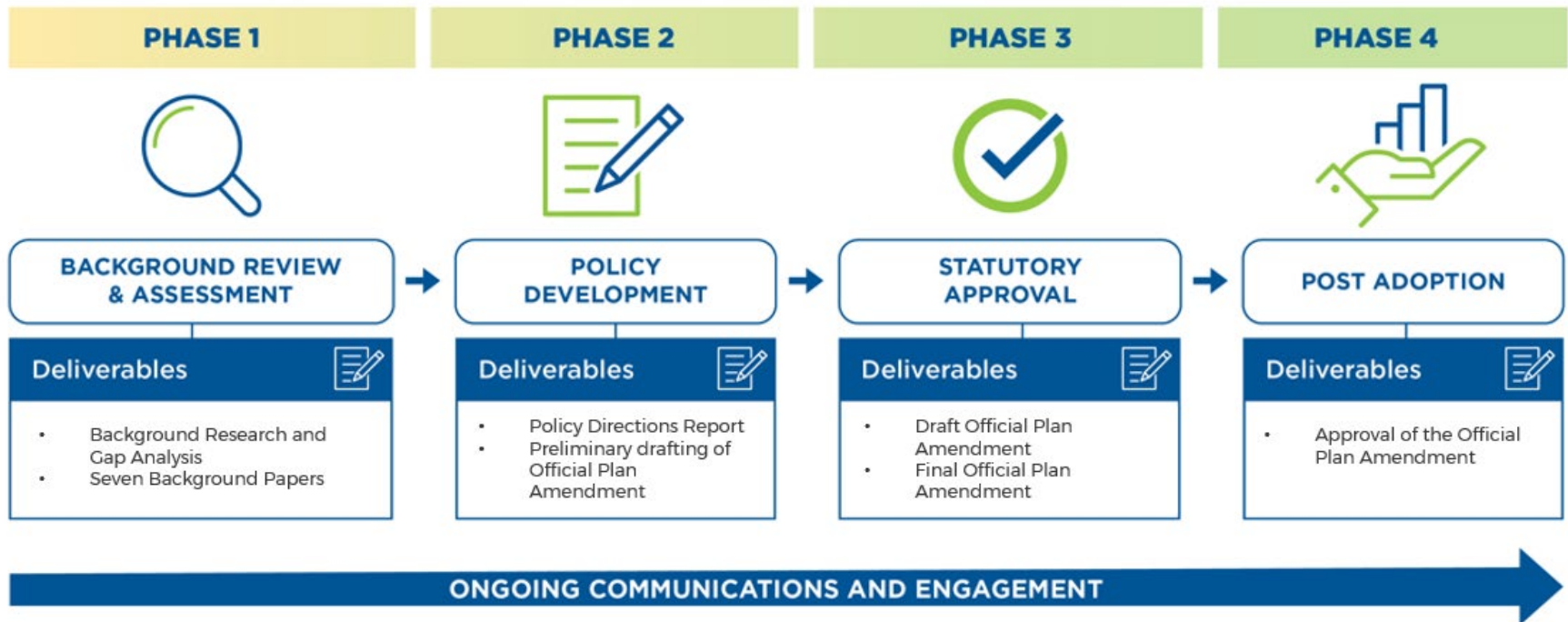


Project Updates



Project Timeline

We're here!



Work Completed to Date

- Online engagement portal launch
 - **Main Project Site:** Vaughan.ca/OPR
 - **Engagement Site:** ForwardVaughan.ca
- Section 26 Public Meeting
 - Statutory meeting required by the *Planning Act*, held on October 13th, 2021, to commence the project and discuss possible OP updates
- 7 Staff Workshops
- Background Research and Gaps Analysis
- Technical Advisory Committee Meetings
- Community Working Group Meetings
- Community Vision Workshops & Online Survey



Work Completed to Date

- VOPR Webinar Series
- 7 Background Papers
- Pop-Up Engagement Events
- Policy Directions Report
- Public Open Houses
- BILD Meeting
- Internal Staff Workshops and Meetings
- First Internal Draft OPA



Official Plan Amendment Approach



What We Heard from the Public

Create **complete communities** that are walkable, feature cycling routes and access to shopping and employment.

Consider a **broad spectrum of housing types** and **tenures**

Encourage **intensification** in appropriate areas with **access to transit**.



Balance the continued need for traditional office space with more **flexible, multipurpose workspaces**.

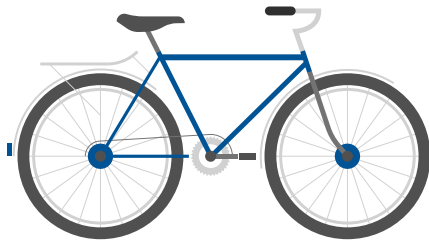
Protect and enhance natural areas.

What We Heard

Coordinate development with the provision of **services and amenities**.

Continue to invest in **active transportation** such as walking, cycling and connections to public transit.

Integrate **engagement with Indigenous Peoples** into the Official Plan.



Support a community where **all residents feel valued, safe, accepted, and included**, reflecting the City's growing and diverse population.

Official Plan Amendment Chapters

Chapter 1

Introduction

Chapter 2

Shaping the City

Chapter 3

City-wide Policies

Chapter 4

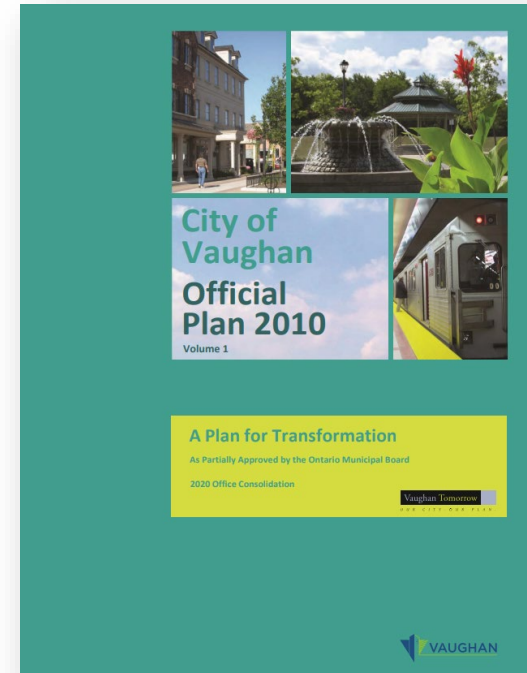
Land Use Designations

Chapter 5

Implementation and Monitoring

General Updates

- Introduce more explanatory text to support a more reader friendly Official Plan
- Include more graphics to support Official Plan text
- Update Schedules to reflect Provincial and Regional policy changes, such as Major Transit Station Areas
- Restructure the Official Plan around City-wide policies and Land Use Designations
- Streamline and consolidate Official Plan chapters



Provincial Legislation Changes

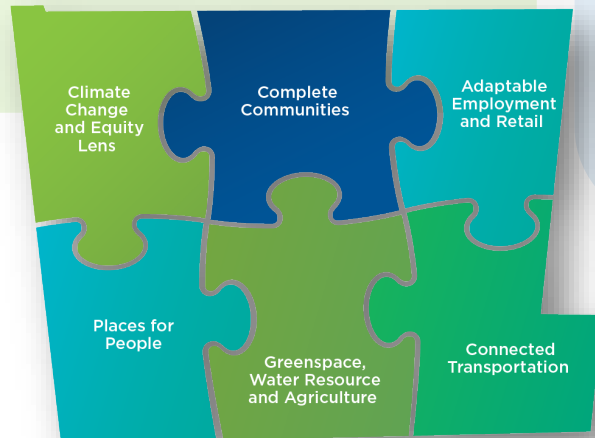
Chapter 1 Overview

What is in Chapter 1?

- 1.1 City of Vaughan in Context
- 1.2 Purpose of this Plan
- 1.3 Structure of this Plan
- 1.4 How to Read this Plan
- 1.5 Provincial and Regional Context
- 1.6 The Vision for Vaughan
- 1.7 The Guiding Principles for Vaughan

What is new?

- Land Acknowledgement
- Updated City of Vaughan in Context to include Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation
- Purpose of this Plan
- Regional and Provincial Plan updates
- The Vision for Vaughan
- Engagement with Indigenous Peoples
- The Guiding Principles for Vaughan



Chapter 2 Overview

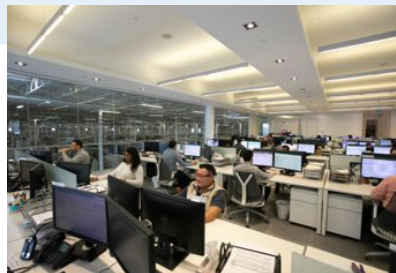
What is in Chapter 2?

- 2.1 Planning for Growth
- 2.2 Directing Growth



What is new?

- Updated Urban Structure
- Strengthened Strategic Growth policies
- Included Major Transit Station Area (MTSA) policies
- Included Urban Expansion Area (Whitebelt lands) policies
- Enhanced phasing policies to guide growth through both intensification and Greenfield development
- Updated population forecasts to conform to Regional Official Plan
- Updated density targets for Employment Areas and inclusion of associated policies
- Updated policies around Agricultural System (formerly Countryside)



Chapter 3 Overview

What is in Chapter 3?

- 3.1 Climate Change
- 3.2 Housing
- 3.3 Urban Design
- 3.4 Economy and Employment
- 3.5 Open Space and Parkland
- 3.6 The Natural Environment and Vaughan's Natural Heritage Network
- 3.7 Cultural Heritage
- 3.8 Protecting Agriculture and Food Production
- 3.9 Transportation and Mobility
- 3.10 Vaughan's Infrastructure
- 3.11 Community Services and Facilities



Chapter 3 Overview

What is new?

Climate Change

- Established a dedicated climate change policy section
- Included policies around opportunities for on-site technologies that reuse waste heat and generate energy from waste recovery

Housing

- Included policies around providing a broader choice of housing options, including a diverse mix of housing types and tenures, including gentle density and secondary suites (Additional Residential Units)
- Enhanced and strengthened policies to achieving attainable housing



Chapter 3 Overview

What is new?

Urban Design

- Enhanced guidance around the design of Privately Owned Public Spaces and complete streets
- Incorporated universal design
 - The design and composition of an environment so that it can be accessed, understood and used to the greatest extent possible by all people of all ages and abilities
- Increased focus on the role of the City-Wide Urban Design Guidelines
- Strengthened direction for design of mixed-use building typologies



Chapter 3 Overview

What is new?

Economy and Employment

- Included policies to diversify employment lands for innovative industries
- Strengthened policies to develop the City's creative, cultural and tourism economic sectors
- Protected and designated appropriately sized lots for the attraction and retention of industrial and logistics sectors
- Encouraged intensification of lands in existing Employment Areas (including the lands in Employment Areas that are also in an MTSA)
- Clarified permissions for retail and office uses in Employment and Mixed-Use Areas
- Updated policies for guiding the urban design of drive-through facilities



Chapter 3 Overview

What is new?

Open Space and Parkland

- Established a parkland and public space hierarchy to help ensure a diverse mix of park spaces are provided
- Developed policies to guide Parkland Strata parks and Privately Owned Public Spaces (POPS)

The Natural Environment and Vaughan's Natural Heritage Network

- Added policies to achieve a more streamlined chapter structure, with removal of redundant ORCMP and Greenbelt policies
- Implemented a systems approach to environmental management
- Provided guidance for the protection of ecological functions
- Added excess soil policies to guide development review



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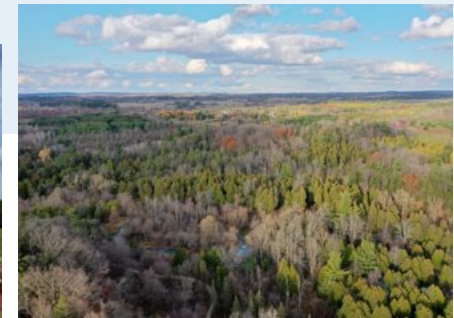
What is new?

Cultural Heritage

- Updated policies related to the maintenance of an Inventory of Cultural Heritage Resources
- Added an acknowledgement of the value of traditional knowledge and cultural heritage of Indigenous Peoples and the encouragement of further partnerships
- Updated Archaeological Resources policies to reflect Provincial and Regional direction
- Added policies respecting Indigenous archaeological protocols and establishing consultation requirements with Indigenous peoples

Agriculture

- Implemented an Agricultural Systems approach to conform to the Regional Official Plan and Provincial Policy
- Added Agri-Food Network policies and diversification of Agricultural Uses (Agriculture-Related Uses, On-Farm Diversified)



Chapter 3 Overview

What is new?

Transportation and Mobility

- Integrated draft Vaughan Transportation Plan policies
- Prioritized and strengthened active transportation policies based on the City's Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan and Transportation Master Plan recommendations
- Added Complete Streets and Transportation Demand Management policies
- Added policies to support and protect the goods movement

Vaughan's Infrastructure

- Enhanced infrastructure phasing and pre-emptive maintenance policies, drawing on the City's Asset Management Plan, to ensure efficient use of City investment
- Established a servicing hierarchy and strengthen water and wastewater servicing policies to conform with York Region OP
- Integrated green infrastructure policies



Chapter 3 Overview

What is new?

Community Services and Facilities

- Implemented a strategy for the timely provision of community centres and services in the form of community hubs
- Strengthened policies around consideration for community services and facilities (in particular, schools) in planning for complete, walkable communities, especially in Strategic Growth Areas
- Added policies to support the improvement and addition of community facilities in areas that are underserved to encourage the creation of a complete community



Chapter 4 Overview

What is in Chapter 4?

Land Use Designations and Permitted Building Types



What is new?

- Updated and re-organized land use designations and permitted building types around use type
- Designated all Agricultural Lands as Prime Agricultural to conform to Provincial and Regional mapping
- Deleted the Community Commercial Designation and included transitional policies for lands within those designations allowing for more mixed use opportunities
- Revised mixed-use development criteria within the Mid-Rise and High-Rise Mixed-Use Designations to require a minimum of two permitted uses within any given building

Chapter 5 Overview

What is in Chapter 5?

- 5.1 Implementing the Plan
- 5.2 Monitoring and Review



What is new?

- Expanded engagement and public consultation, including new policies around Indigenous engagement and the public notification process
- Enabled policies for Inclusionary Zoning and Community Planning Permit Systems
- Added policies on the delegation of minor planning matters from Council to staff, such as the by-laws under section 34 of the *Planning Act*, that are of a minor nature, like the removal of an hold “H” symbol and a housekeeping by-law for the purpose of making clerical or other changes
- Updated Section 37 policies with Community Benefits Charges policies
- Referenced the City-Wide Urban Design Guidelines and the City’s Sustainability Metrics program in Secondary Planning
- Added Official Plan monitoring policies
- Updated the Official Plan Glossary



Questions?



Next Steps





Phase 3: Statutory Approval (Q2 2023 to Q4 2023)

- Public release of Draft Official Plan Amendment and Schedules for feedback
- Public Open Houses
- Community Working Group Meeting #4
- Final Official Plan Amendment
- Council Adoption



Thank You!