

OFFICIAL PLAN UPDATE SUB-COMMITTEE – SEPTEMBER 6, 2023

COMMUNICATIONS

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Update on the Part A Conformity Official
Plan Amendment

September 6th, 2023

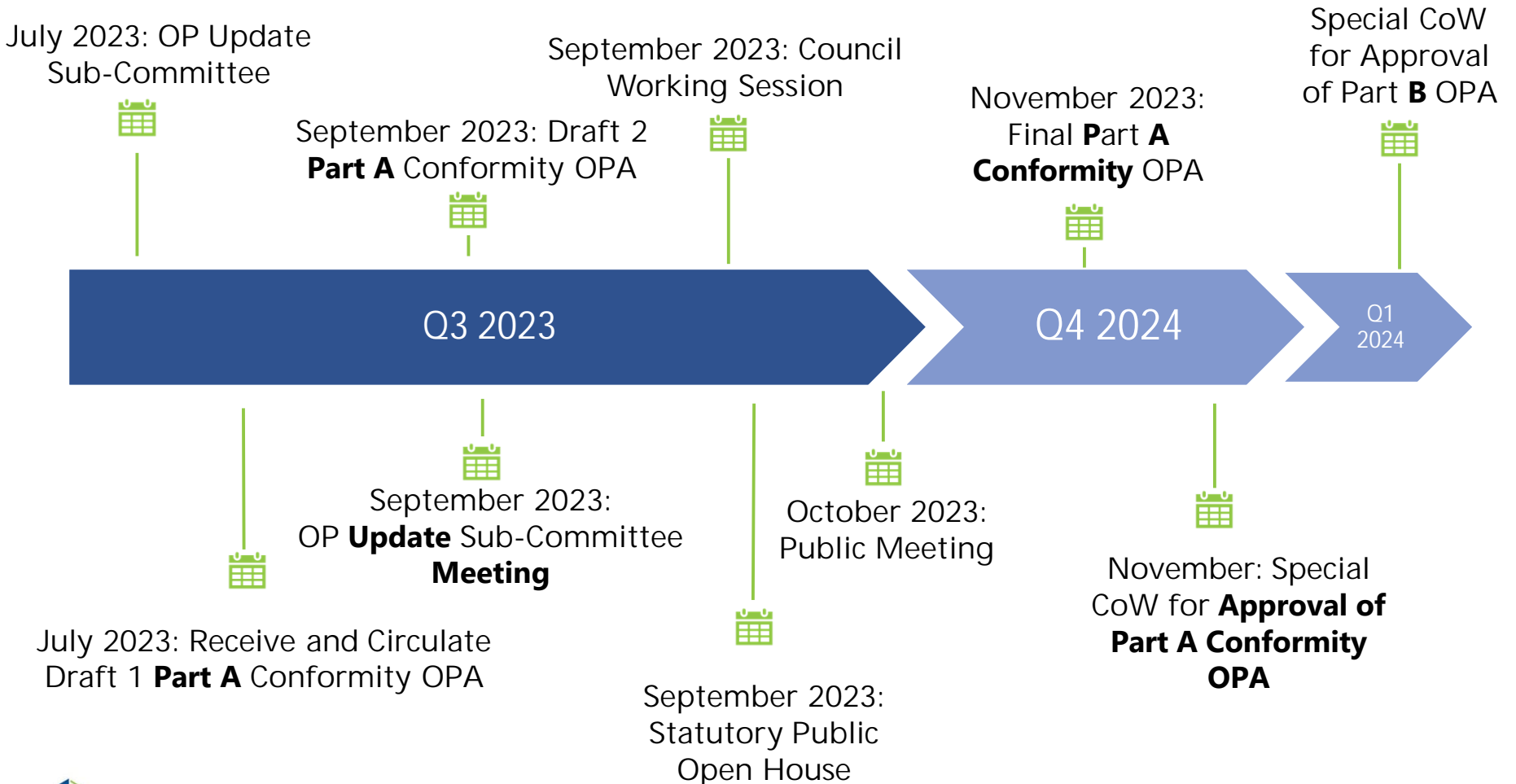


Project Timeline



ONGOING COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT

Updated Project Timeline



Draft Official Plan Amendment (OPA)

Draft OPA

OPA review in accordance with the requirements of the *Planning Act*, conformity with Provincial and Regional legislation and updated to better meet the needs of current and future residents, businesses and those who visit Vaughan.

Draft Part A OPA: Conformity

- Requirements of the *Planning Act*
- To ensure consistency with the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 (PPS)
- Conformity with Provincial and Regional legislation

Draft Part B OPA: City Context and Initiatives

- Vision and Guiding Principles
- Parks and Open Space
- Climate Change
- Transportation, Active Transportation, and Infrastructure
- Urban Design, Public Realm, and Sustainable Development

Part A Conformity OPA

Part A Conformity OPA is scoped to only include updates to bring the Vaughan Official Plan 2010 (VOP 2010) into conformity with updated Provincial policies, plans and legislation, and the York Region Official Plan.



Provincial Conformity

The Policy Directions Report reviewed and considered Provincial legislation, plans, and policies that the City must be consistent with and conform to:

- *The Planning Act*
- Provincial Policy Statement
- A Place to Grow: A Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe
- Greenbelt Plan
- Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan
- Credit Valley, Toronto and Region and Central Lake Ontario CTC Source Protection Plan
- 2041 Region Transportation Plan (Metrolinx)
- Parkway Belt West Plan (removal)
- Ongoing Provincial Policy Initiatives



Provincial Conformity

Provincial Policy Statement:

- Municipalities are required to ensure an adequate 25-year land supply and to maintain at least a 15-year supply of residential lands and a 5-year supply of residential units.
- Increased emphasis on the changing climate and a requirement that planning authorities identify appropriate locations for transit-supportive development and ensure a supply of a range of housing options through intensification and redevelopment.
- Greater emphasis on increasing the supply of both affordable and market-based housing and a new requirement that planning authorities provide for a full range of housing options.

A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe

- Established new minimum density targets and population and employment forecasts to the year 2041 or later. This includes minimum density targets of residents and jobs combined per hectare for MTSAs.
- Incorporate the Natural Heritage System from the Growth Plan as an overlay in official plans, and apply the appropriate policies
- Identify and protect the water resource systems, the Agricultural System for the Growth Plan must be incorporated

Provincial Conformity

Greenbelt Plan

- Introduce the Urban River Valleys designation
- Watershed plans required by the Greenbelt Plan must now consider key hydrologic features and key hydrologic areas, including significant groundwater recharge areas, highly vulnerable aquifers, and significant surface water contribution areas.
- Update to include the new conditions that require an environmental impact study (EIS).
- Incorporate new definitions and policies for the agri-food network and on-farm diversified uses, including agri-tourism uses.

Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan

- Waste disposal sites and facilities are prohibited in Natural Core Areas, Natural Linkage Areas, key natural heritage features and key hydrologic features and related vegetation protection zones.
- On-farm diversified uses and agriculture-related uses in Prime Agricultural Areas are permitted uses in Natural Core and Natural Linkage Areas.

Regional Conformity

In July 2022, Regional Council adopted the updated York Region Official Plan (YROP), receiving Provincial approval in November 2022.

The City of Vaughan's updated Official Plan will conform to the updated YROP (including terminology and definitions) and the results of the Region's land needs assessment work.



Regional Conformity

Regional conformity includes but is not limited to the following areas:

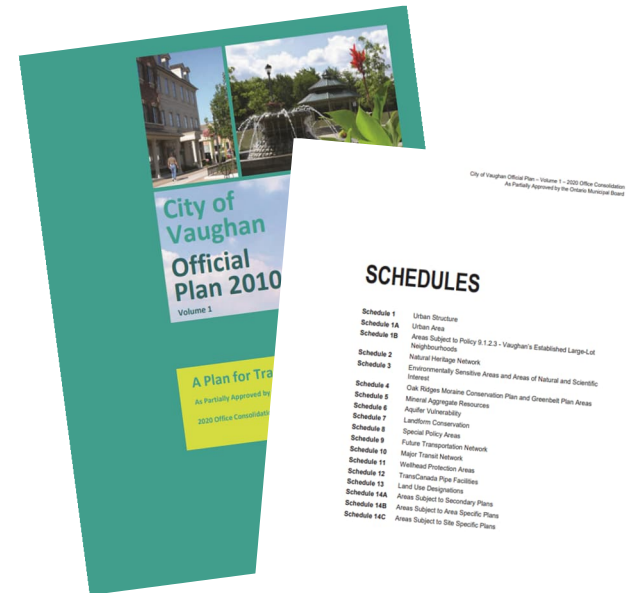
- Updated population, housing, and employment forecasts which have been determined through York Region's MCR process (plan to the 2051 horizon).
- Urban boundary expansion.
- Regional structure, land use designations and policies.
- Protected Major Transit Station Areas (PMTSAs) and Major Transit Station Areas (MTSAs) within the Region's hierarchy of strategic growth areas.
- General policies regarding:
 - Complete communities
 - Employment
 - Rural Areas
 - Water and wastewater servicing
 - Wellhead Protection Area
 - Stormwater management
- Consultation and engagement with Indigenous communities

Regional Conformity - Schedules

Updates to the City of Vaughan's 2010 schedules will be completed to conform to the Provincial and Regional legislation as part of **Part A OPA**.

The schedules updated as part of **Part A OPA** include the following:

- Schedule 1: Urban Structure
- Schedule 1A: Strategic Growth Areas
- Schedule 1B: Urban Areas
- Schedule 2: Natural Heritage Network
- Schedule 3: Environmentally Sensitive Areas and Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest
- Schedule 4: Provincial Plans Areas and Designations
- Schedule 5: Mineral Aggregate Resources
- Schedule 11: Recharge Management Area (WHPA-Q)
- Schedule 14A: Areas Subject to Secondary Plans
- Appendix 1: Employment Area Zones and Densities



Part A Conformity OPA

Draft Part A Conformity OPA will be publicly available later today, Wednesday September 6, on www.vaughan.ca/OPR





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Part B OPA

Part B OPA will include updates beyond conformity to consider feedback received to-date, background research, and best-practices.




Council Workshop Strategy

Council Workshop (September 13, 2023)

- Provide a detailed overview of the policy areas that have been updated as part of the Provincial and Regional conformity exercise.
 - Overview to include how and why these policies have changed and the source of the change, such as Provincial or Regional direction.
- Highlight key feedback received on the conformity exercise and policy updates from the City's internal review and commenting process.
- A presentation of the draft schedules, showing what changes and modifications have been made to the schedules since VOP 2010
- Opportunity for questions and discussion, items for consideration may include:
 - Conformity policies that are required versus recommended
 - Approaches to legislative changes, housing and employment policies



Council Workshop Proposed Agenda

Agenda Item	Objectives	Description
Introductions and Objective Setting	To initiate the Workshop, welcome Members of Council, and introduce the objectives of the Workshop.	To learn more about Council's priorities and the desired outcomes for the Workshop. Using the digital tool Mentimeter, Council will have the opportunity to select priorities for the purpose of discussion. 
Project Overview	An update on the progress of the Official Plan Review.	Provide an overview of the work completed to-date, including engagement events and activities.

Council Workshop Proposed Agenda

Agenda Item	Objectives	Description
Part A OPA	<p>Present changes to the Vaughan Official Plan 2010 schedules that have been completed as part of the conformity exercise.</p> <p>Demonstrate policies in Part A OPA that have been updated to conform to York Region Official Plan and Provincial Legislation.</p>	<p>Presentation will highlight the policy areas that have been updated as part of the Provincial and Regional conformity exercise. This includes the how and why policy updates were completed, in addition to addressing any concerns or responding to questions of clarification related to these policies and updated schedules.</p>

Council Workshop Proposed Agenda

Agenda Item	Objectives	Description
Questions and Break	Answer questions of clarification related to work completed to date, as well as Part A OPA .	Open the floor for questions from Members of Council before a short break before moving on to Part B OPA .
Part B OPA	Provide an overview of how Part B OPA will include the introduction of new policies and the enhancement and refinement of policies specific to the City of Vaughan.	Presentation will highlight updates that consider feedback received to-date, background research, and best-practices. This includes new policies and the enhancement and refinement of policies specific to Vaughan in key areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vision and Guiding Principles• Updated Parks and Open Spaces• Climate Change Mitigation and Adaption measures• Transportation, Active Transportation and Infrastructure• Urban Design, Public Realm and Sustainable Development• Building Types and Development Criteria• Urban Agriculture and Food Production• Community Services and Facilities• Structure Outside of Conformity

Council Workshop Proposed Agenda

Agenda Item	Objectives	Description
Next Steps	Discuss how input will be considered moving forward and the next steps of the Official Plan Review.	Provide a summary of next steps of the work program.
Discussion	To discuss and identify policy areas of interest and answer any questions of clarification.	Open the floor to Members of Council to provide comments or ask questions of clarification on Part B OPA .

Next Steps

Part **A Conformity OPA:**

- Council Workshop: September 13, 2023
- Statutory Open House: September 26, 2023
- Statutory Public Meeting: October 3, 2023
- Consideration for Council Adoption: November 7, 2023



Part **B OPA:**

- Development of Draft and Final OPA
 - Part B OPA targeted for adoption in Q1 2024
- Engagement
 - Final Community Working Group Meeting
 - Public and Stakeholder Engagement

Questions?





Thank You