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Official Plan Update Sub-Committee
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Forward Vaughan Vaughan's Official Plan Review

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Update on the Part A Conformity Official
Plan Amendment

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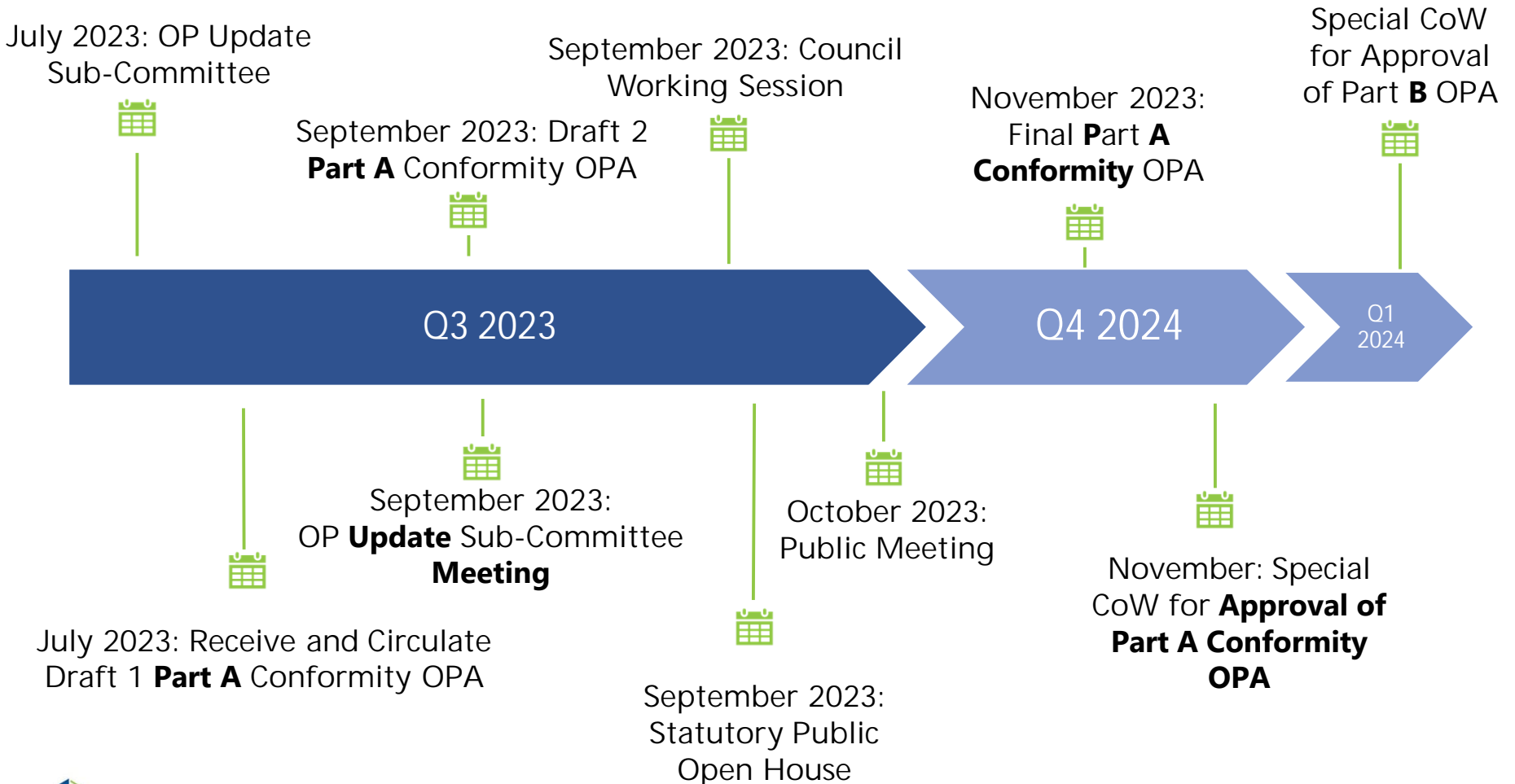


Project Timeline



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

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:

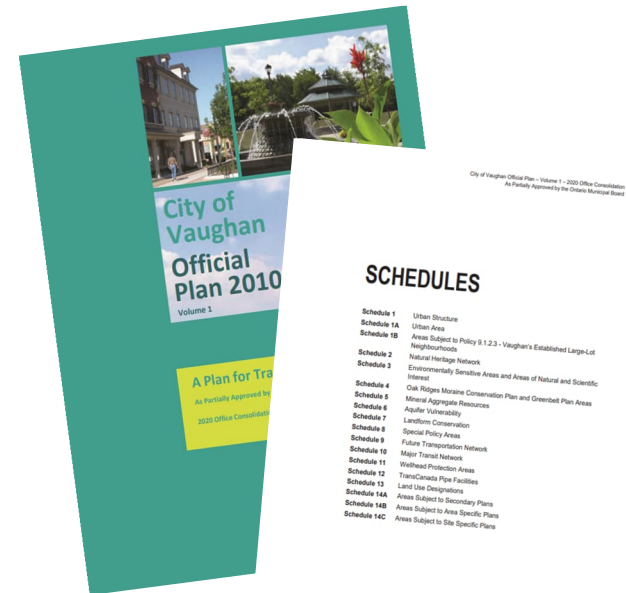
- Updated population, housing, and employment forecasts which have been determined through York Region's MCR process (plan to the 2051 horizon).
- Urban boundary expansion.
- Regional structure, land use designations and policies.
- Protected Major Transit Station Areas (PMTSAs) and Major Transit Station 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





Thank you