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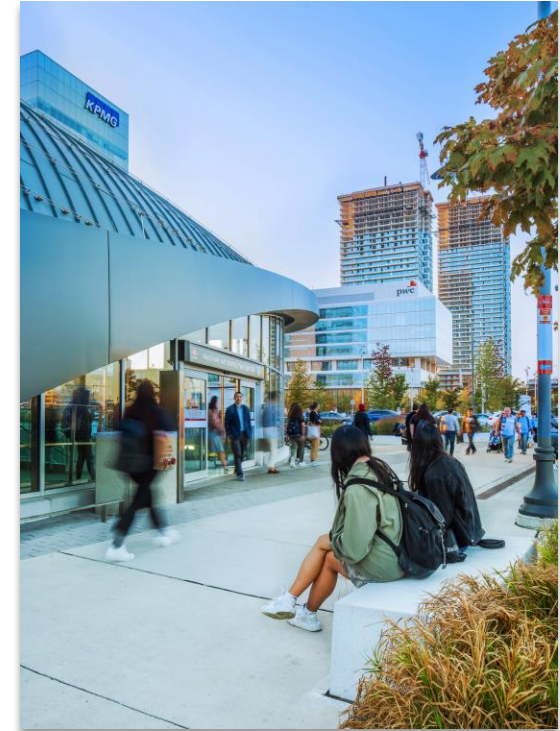
Forward Vaughan Vaughan's Official Plan Review

**Special Committee of the
Whole Public Meeting**

October 13, 2021

Purpose of the Meeting

- To fulfill the requirements of Section 26(3) of the *Planning Act* for an Official Plan Review
 - Required to hold a Special Meeting of Council to identify the need for the Review, including giving Council and the public an opportunity to identify matters to be considered.
- To also provide an update to Council and the public on the project workplan and the Communication and Engagement Strategy.
- To seek Council endorsement of the Project timeline as it appears in the October 13, 2021 report



Introduction



Project Executive Team

- Haiqing Xu, Project Sponsor
- Christina Bruce, Project Owner

Core City Project Management Team

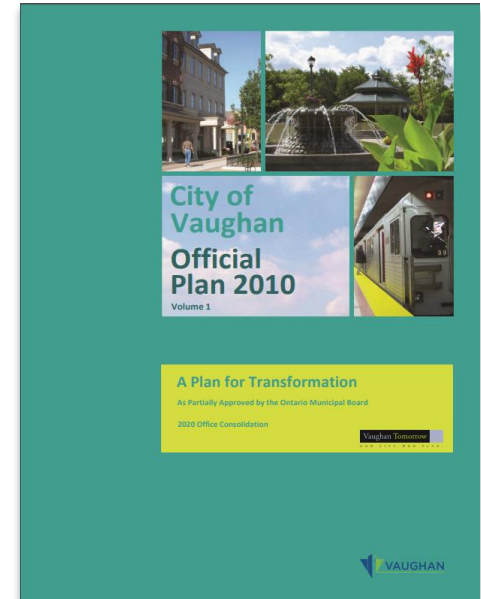
- Fausto Filipetto, Project Manager
- Ash Faulkner, Deputy Project Manager
- Vivian Wong, Planner/Core Team Member
- Carly Murphy, Planner I/Core Team Member

Consultant Team

- Lead: WSP
 - Chris Tyrrell, Executive Sponsor
 - Greg Bender, Project Manager
 - Sabrina Coletti, Engagement Lead

What is an Official Plan?

- The Official Plan is a land use policy document that guides the physical, social, environmental and economic development of the city. It also:
 - Implements goals, objectives and land use policies to serve the city's communities;
 - Guides growth and development to implement the vision for the city's long-term evolution; and
 - Guides the application of density, tools to increase housing supply, protection of environmental features and agricultural areas, conserves cultural heritage preservation and where to add or optimize infrastructure.



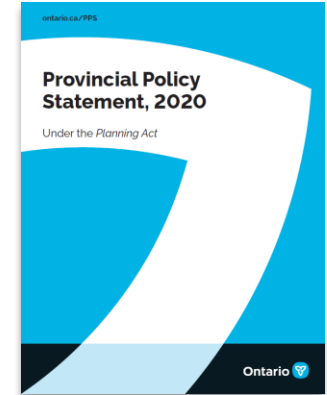
Purpose of the Official Plan Review



- Vaughan's current Official Plan was completed in 2010.
- The City is required to update the Vaughan Official Plan (VOP) 2010 to be in conformity with several provincial plans and policies:
 - Provincial Policy Statement (2020);
 - Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (2020);
 - Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan (2017);
 - Greenbelt Plan (2017); and,
 - York Region Official Plan (upon completion of MCR).
- The update will address the City's continued growth and adapt to the forces and drivers of change.
- The policy update will also consider changes to land use and development policies.

Provincial Policy Statement (2020)

- The Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 provides updated guidance on various Provincial interests. Recent changes include:
 - Updated policies to guide the use of employment lands
 - Indigenous engagement policies
 - Larger emphasis on climate change resiliency



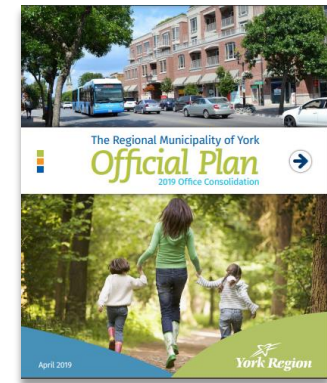
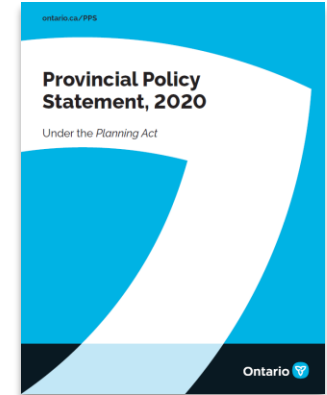
A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (2020)

- Provides a new 2051 planning horizon and updated growth forecasts
- Provides new directives for employment land conversions
- Increased responsibility for upper tier municipalities with respect to planning for employment areas, major transit station areas and housing



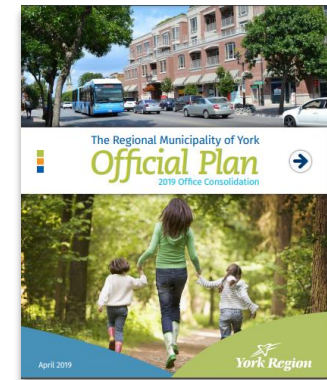
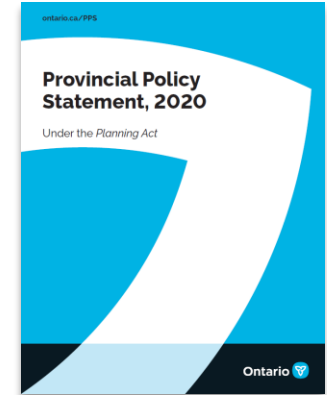
York Region Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR)

- The *Planning Act* requires the City to amend its Official Plan to conform to the York Region Official Plan (YROP)
- YROP is currently being updated to conform with Provincial Policy through their Municipal Comprehensive Review Process
- Vaughan Policy Planning staff has provided input into preliminary policy directions and mapping changes to the YROP and has been actively involved in the Municipal Comprehensive Review Process since project initiation



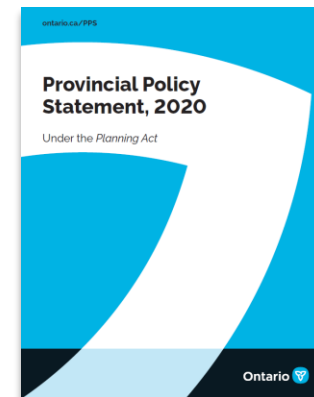
Key MCR Outcomes (to date)

- Over the last several years, York Region released a series of background reports on topics including intensification, agriculture, employment, growth and infrastructure alignment and consultation
- In March 2021, York Region released its Proposed 2051 Forecast and Land Needs Assessment report
- The forecast numbers currently proposed for Vaughan include a minimum increase of 227,100 more people and 111,800 more jobs by the year 2051, bringing the total population to 568,700 people and 352,000 jobs



Key MCR Outcomes (to date)

- In September 2021, York Region held a Special Meeting of Council to discuss alternative scenarios to the Proposed 2051 Forecast and Land Needs Assessment
- This matter is expected to return to Regional Council in October 21 for a final decision
- It is expected that the Region will be releasing its draft Official Plan for comments in Q4 of 2021
- Adoption of the Regional Official Plan is expected in mid-2022



Vaughan Official Plan Review Principles

Five Principles guide the Vaughan Official Plan Review Process

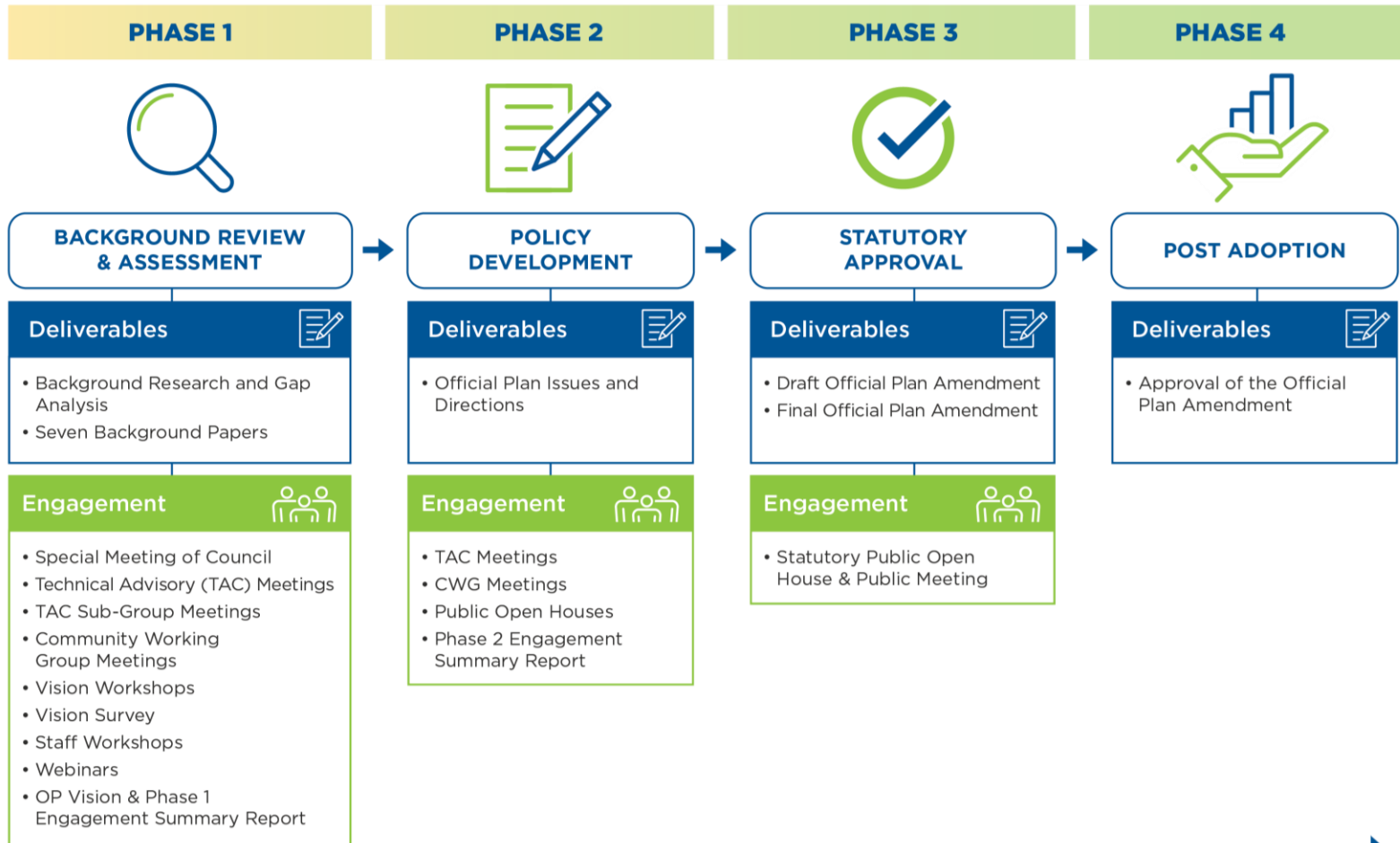
1. Reinforce the City's image through the development of a signature urban structure plan
2. Create strong communities for Vaughan's residents and businesses
3. Place environmental sustainability at the core of city-building
4. Support a healthy economy
5. Seek meaningful public input to strengthen the Vaughan Official Plan



Project Timeline

2020 2021 2022 2023

We're here!



ONGOING ONLINE COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT

Phase 1: Work Completed to Date

- Background Research and Gaps Analysis
- Seven Background Papers are underway
 - Staff workshops were completed in June 2021 to inform the Background Papers
- Online public launch





Residential Growth, Intensification and Housing Needs Strategy

- Review of opportunities and strategies for intensification, housing diversity and affordability



Employment Land Use Review

- Review of employment areas, development trends and opportunities to accommodate growth within employment areas



Commercial Land Use Review

- Review of retail commercial land use structure, distribution and long-term retail space requirements



Urban Design and Sustainable Development Review

- Review of various urban design and sustainable development themes, such as land use compatibility and transitions and microclimate design



Agriculture System Policy Review

- Review of agricultural and rural area policies and identification of economic and ecological opportunities and drivers of change



Natural Heritage Network Review

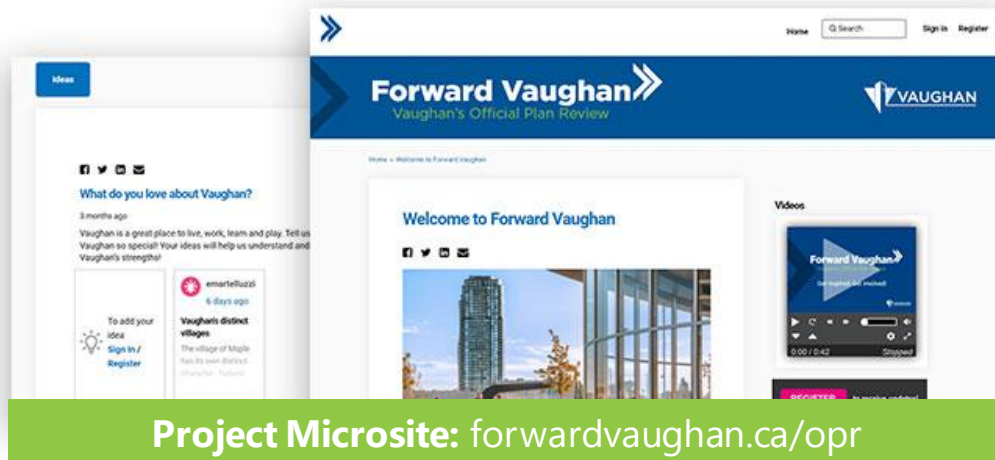
- Review of natural heritage policies and best practices to enhance protection and resilience of natural systems



Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience Framework

- Review of best practices and completion of a risk assessment to develop climate change policies and opportunities

Communications and Engagement



Work Completed to Date

- Stakeholder interviews
- Staff workshops
- TAC Plenary and TAC Sub-groups
- Online public launch

What is Next?

- Vision workshops
- Online engagement through **forwardvaughan.ca/opr**
- Background Papers near completion
- Community working group
 - Call for volunteers



Who is Participating?

TECHNICAL EXPERTS (E.G., TRCA)

Through Technical
Advisory Committee
(TAC)

MUNICIPAL STAFF

Through staff
workshops and
the TAC

COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Through open houses,
workshops, surveys and
online engagement,
Community Working Group
(CWG) meetings

DEVELOPERS & LANDOWNERS

Through York Region
MCR BILD Committee

YORK REGION

Through Technical
Advisory Committee
(TAC) and meetings

INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

City is leading; based
on the communities'
preferred level
of involvement

CITY COUNCIL

Through Council
meetings and regular
Council updates

Get Inspired; Get Involved!



The feedback provided by the community throughout the review process will help the City:

- Identify needs
- Outline priorities
- Draft the updated Vaughan Official Plan

As the Official Plan Review progresses, questions and opportunities for public input will continue to be shared, including the upcoming recruitment for the Community Working Group.

Details will be posted to vaughan.ca/OPR once confirmed

Get Inspired; Get Involved!



Your participation in the Official Plan Review will help answer questions like:

- What should communities look and feel like in the future?
- What kind of business development and job opportunities should the City plan for?
- How will people move around Vaughan?
- How can the City continue to act as environmental stewards, create a sustainable environment and increase resilience to climate change?
- How can the city continue to be a vibrant place for people to live, work and play?
- How can the City design accessible communities which include everyone?
- How can the City design a community which will continue to meet the needs of all residents and allow people to age-in-place?

Next Steps



Phase 1: Visioning and Background Papers (Q4 2021)

- Finalization of the seven Background Papers
- Development of the OPR vision informed by engagement efforts
- Phase 1 Engagement Summary Report

Phase 2: Policy Development (Q1 2022 to Q1 2023)

- Draft and Final Official Plan Issues and Directions Report
- Draft 1 and Draft 2 of the Official Plan Amendment
- Ongoing engagement and Phase 2 Engagement Summary Report

Phase 3: Statutory Phase/Adoption (Q1 2023 to Q2 2023)

- Statutory Public Open House and Public Meeting
- Council Adoption

Phase 4: Post Adoption/Regional Approval (Q2 2023 Onward)

- Submission to York Region for approval



Thank You!

Visit **forwardvaughan.ca/opr** to register for updates



What issues and matters should be
addressed by the Official Plan
Review?