

# NOTICE OF UPCOMING COUNCIL DECISION ON MARKHAM'S NEW OFFICIAL PLAN

(In accordance with Sections 17 and 26 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13)

## **A decision on Markham's new Official Plan will be considered at the Development Services Committee Meeting on:**

**DATE:** Tuesday, December 3, 2013

**TIME:** 9:00 am (please go to [Markham.ca](http://Markham.ca) for order of agenda)

**PLACE:** Council Chamber, Markham Civic Centre  
101 Town Centre Boulevard, Markham Ontario, L3R 9W3

### **The new Official Plan**

The Official Plan is a legal document that sets out policies to guide growth, land use planning and development approvals in Markham. The City initiated a review of the current Official Plan in 2011 and released a new Draft Official Plan in September, 2012. The Draft Official Plan provides a vision for growth in Markham over the next 20 years, based on the principles of protecting natural environment and agricultural lands, building healthy communities, increasing travel options and maintaining a strong economy.

A Revised Draft Official Plan, which incorporates feedback received during public consultation, is now being considered for adoption by Development Services Committee, and by Council at a later date. Once adopted by Council, the new Official Plan will be forwarded to the Region of York for approval.

An electronic version of the Revised Draft Official Plan is available at [www.markham.ca](http://www.markham.ca) by searching 'Revised Draft Official Plan'. The Revised Draft Official Plan can also be viewed at the Clerk's Department or Development Services Counter (Markham Civic Centre, Main Floor) Monday to Friday between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm, and at Markham's public libraries.

### **For more information, please contact:**

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**To comment or request notification of upcoming meetings, please contact:**  
Clerk's Department, [judy Carroll@markham.ca](mailto:judy Carroll@markham.ca) prior to the meeting.

If you wish to be notified of the adoption of the new Official Plan, or the refusal of a request to amend the Official Plan, you must make a written request to the Clerk's Department at the address above or by email to [judy Carroll@markham.ca](mailto:judy Carroll@markham.ca).

### **Right to Appeal Council's Decision**

If you disagree with a decision of Council, you have the right to appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB). However, the OMB can dismiss all or part of your appeal if you do not participate in the consultation process and provide your comments to Council.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a Public Meeting or make written submissions to the Council of the City of Markham before the proposed Official Plan is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal a decision of The Regional Municipality of York (the approval authority) to the Ontario Municipal Board.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a Public Meeting or make written submissions to the Council of the City of Markham before the proposed Official Plan is adopted, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

