

Growth Management Strategy Update

**Presentation to Development Services
Committee**

November 25, 2008

Growth Management Strategy Update

- **Last comprehensive update to DSC – April 29, 2008**
- **Presentation re: growth forecasts/alternatives – Sept 23, 2008**
- **Today's update:**
 - Building Markham's Future Together (BMFT)
 1. Growth Management
 2. Transportation/Transit
 3. Environment
 4. Municipal Services
 5. Integrated Leisure Plan
 6. Diversity
 - Planning Studies & Engineering Studies
 - Urban Growth Centre Final Boundaries

Building Markham's Future Together

- BMFT identifies 6 strategic priorities and associated action plans to achieve community sustainability
- Green Print - Community Sustainability Plan process is being initiated in CAO's office; all 6 strategic initiatives will inform and provide input into the Community Sustainability Plan

Building Markham's Future Together

- Principles of sustainability (social, economic, environmental, cultural) to be used to guide collective actions:
 - Town-wide principles
 - Principles for each strategic initiative
 - BMFT Sustainability Workshop – Dec 5th
- Staff leads, CAO's office and Corp Comm are working together to ensure integration and coordination
- Corp Comm to report to Council on overall communications program

Strategic Priority – Growth Management

Actions Plans:

1. Develop a vision and plan for sustainable community growth
2. Develop a plan to deliver the services required to accommodate growth
3. Develop a financial strategy to implement our growth plan
4. Keep citizens involved and informed

Growth Management Strategy → Action Plan #1

GMS Planning Studies

2008 Initiatives

- Growth Forecasts - draft completed Q3 08
- Growth Forecasts/Alternatives
 - DSC Presentation – Sept 23/08
 - Council Workshop – December 9, 2008
 - Report to follow – early 2009

GMS Planning Studies (cont'd)

- **Environmental Policy Review – Phase 2**
 - DSC Presentation & Report - Nov 4/08
 - Open House - Dec 9/08
 - Next steps: final report and recommendations – Spring 2009

GMS Planning Studies (cont'd)

- **Agricultural Assessment Study – Phase 1**
 - DSC Presentation - Oct 14/08
 - Open House - Oct 29/08
 - Next steps: identification of options - early 2009

- **Employment Lands Study – Phase 1**
 - Stakeholder Meeting - Nov 12/08
 - Next steps: presentation & report on draft recommendations – early 2009

GMS Planning Studies (cont'd)

GMS Public Engagement Program – will be coordinated with Corp Comm re: BMFT

- **Program Design**

- DPRA retained as consultation consultants
- DSC Presentation Sept 23/08

GMS Planning Studies (cont'd)

- **Program Implementation**
 - First round of consultation – early 2009
 - Launch Event (context)
 - Community Meetings
 - Stakeholder Meetings
- **Communications materials being prepared in line with BMFT**

GMS Planning Studies (cont'd)

Intensification Studies - underway

- Markham Centre Height and Density Study
- Langstaff Master Plan
- Yonge-Steeles Corridor Study
- Second Suites Strategy
- Sustainable Development Guidelines and Standards
- Built Form Guidelines for Intensification

GMS-Related Engineering Studies

Markham Transportation Strategic Plan

- Response to Metrolinx Draft Regional Transportation Plan and Investment Strategy
- Oct 20/08 – presentation to DSC
- Nov 2/3rd – Mayor’s Transportation Summit – response to Metrolinx

GMS-Related Engineering Studies

Markham Transportation Strategic Plan (con't)

- Nov 11th – Markham Council comments to Metrolinx
- Response to Region's Transportation Master Plan update
- Working continuing on discussion papers, travel demand modelling, analysis of individual elements of the MTSP, etc.
- Consultation to be coordinated with GMS where feasible

GMS-Related Engineering Studies

Master Servicing Plan

- Consultant selection underway
- Work to begin early 2009
- Growth Plan conformity deadline (OPA): June, 2009

GMS Work Program - Timelines

- **GMS Work Program**
 - Growth Forecasts/Alternatives:
 - DSC Presentation - Sept 23/08
 - Council Workshop – Dec. 9/08
 - DSC Report – Jan/09
 - Public consultation – early 2009
 - Launch event (context) – Jan
 - Community meetings – Feb
 - Stakeholder meetings – Feb/Mar

GMS Work Program - Timelines

- **GMS Work Program (cont'd)**
 - Completion of Related Studies:
 - Completion of Planning and Engineering studies
 - Ongoing coordination with other related BMFT initiatives:
 - Transportation/Servicing
 - Fiscal Impact Analysis
 - Integrated Leisure Plan
 - Green Print

GMS Work Program - Timelines

- **GMS Work Program (cont'd)**
 - Draft Growth Management Strategy:
 - DSC Report & Presentation – April/May, 2009
 - Public consultation – May, 2009
 - Community Meetings
 - Stakeholder Meetings
 - DSC Final Recommendation Report – June/09
 - New Official Plan:
 - GMS to form basis for new OP
 - GMS studies to contribute to policy development

**Growth Plan
Final Urban Growth Centre
Boundaries**

Final Urban Growth Centre Boundaries

- Municipalities to:
 - delineate precise UGC boundaries in Official Plan
 - establish land use designations, policies, densities for UGCs and related planning areas in their jurisdiction
- DSC considered PIR draft UGC boundaries in April 2008
- Council requested that East Precinct lands be included, and valleylands be excluded, from Markham Centre UGC

Final Urban Growth Centre Boundaries




Draft Boundary



Final Boundary



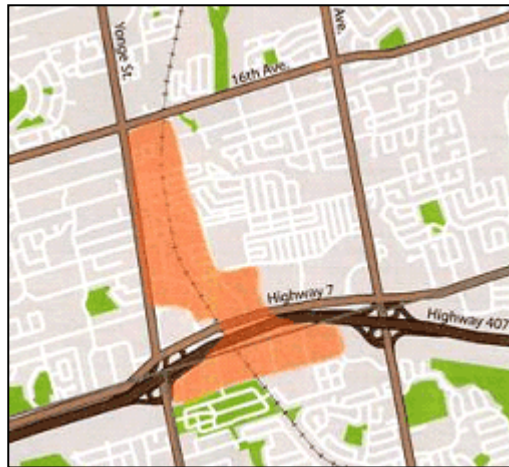
Markham Centre

- East Precinct included 
- Valley lands still included



Key Development Area Boundary

Final Urban Growth Centre Boundaries



Draft Boundary



Final Boundary



Langstaff

- No change to Markham boundary



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