

**Next Steps:**

**Growth Management Strategy &  
Transportation Strategic Plan**

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# Growth Management Strategy

A strategy to accommodate sustainable community growth

Action Plan # 1 for BMFT Growth Management priority

## Growth Management Strategy

### Parameters/Principles:

- 'Environment first' approach
- Preservation of established residential and employment areas
- Addition of new development within the existing urban boundary (intensification) to minimize outward growth

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### Parameters/Principles (cont'd):

- Intensification to priority locations served by rapid transit
- New compact, complete, sustainable and transit-supportive communities
- Maintain economic sustainability and competitiveness
- Identification of infrastructure needed to support growth, and the delivery, phasing and funding requirements to deliver the infrastructure

## GMS Work Program

**Phase 1 – Growth Forecast Analysis** (nearing completion)

**Phase 2 – Growth Evaluation & Policy Studies** (underway)  
- **Public Engagement Program**

**Phase 3 – Growth Alternatives Evaluation** (underway)

**Phase 4 – Draft Growth Management Strategy** (June, 2009)

The strategy will form the basis for growth policies in a new Town Official Plan.

### **Environmental Policy Review**

Definition, protection and enhancement of a Natural Heritage Network

- Staff Report - Nov 4/08
- Open House - Dec 9/08
- Final Report with Recommendations - Spring 2009

### **Agricultural Assessment Study**

Assess options for viable and sustainable agriculture presence in Markham

- Staff presentation - Oct 14/08
- Open House - Oct 29/08
- Identification of options - early 2009

### **Employment Lands Study**

Phase 1 – identification of land requirements and policies for employment uses

- Stakeholders workshop – Nov/08
- Report to Council in early 2009

Phase 2 – development of policies for the Official Plan

### **Community Infrastructure Capacity Review**

An assessment of the capacity of existing community infrastructure (e.g., land and buildings related to health, recreation, education services) to serve population and employment growth

- to be initiated in 2009

### Intensification Studies

#### Completed

- Cornell Centre (plan adopted in 2008)
- Main Street Milliken (plan adopted in 2005)
- Markham Road South (plan adopted in 2004)

#### Underway

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

**Future** – other Key Development Areas and Corridors

# Markham Transportation Strategic Plan (MTSP)

A long range strategic transportation study to develop a transportation system that will support planned growth.

Coordinated with the Metrolinx plan - “The Big Move” and Region of York’s Master Transportation Plan Update.

Main objective - shift the future focus to non-auto modes (e.g. transit, cycling, walking, etc.)

- Nov 2/3rd – Mayor’s Transportation Summit
- Nov 11<sup>th</sup> – Markham Council comments to Metrolinx
- March/April – Community Workshops

## Master Servicing Study

A Town wide study on how municipal infrastructure (water, sanitary and storm) will service planned growth

Coordinated with York Region's infrastructure expansion plan.

- Completing consultant selection process
- Study is to start late February/early March
- **Anticipated completion date to be early 2010.**

## Other Related Studies

### Fiscal Impact Analysis

- to be underway shortly

### Leisure Plan (Recreation, Parks, Library, Safety)

- underway

### Upcoming Community Meetings:

<b>Milliken Community</b>	Wed March 11, 2009
<b>Thornhill Community</b>	Thurs March 12, 2009
<b>Markham Community</b>	Wed March 25, 2009
<b>Unionville Community</b>	Thurs April 2, 2009

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