

**CITY OF VAUGHAN**

**EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 24, 2015**

Item 18, Report No. 12, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on March 24, 2015.

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**OAK RIDGES MORAINÉ CONSERVATION PLAN REVIEW**

**The Committee of the Whole recommends:**

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following resolution submitted by Regional Councillor Di Biase, dated March 3, 2015, be approved; and**
- 2) That the following be approved in accordance with Communication C1, from the Commissioner of Planning, dated February 27, 2015:**
  - 1. That representatives from York Region be requested to provide an update on the status of the York Region Municipal Comprehensive (Official Plan) Review to the Committee of the Whole (Working Session) meeting on May 12, 2015; and**
  - 2. That staff report on the timing and parameters of the Provincial Plan review upon its announcement including the formalization of the City's comments on the affected Plans.**

**Member's Resolution**

Submitted by Regional Councillor Michael Di Biase.

**Whereas**, The Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan ("The Plan") is legislatively scheduled for a review in 2015; and

**Whereas**, the following is an excerpt of the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Act ("the Act") regarding the review process for The Plan ("The Review") :

**Establishment of Plan**

3. (1) The Minister may, by regulation, establish the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan for all or part of the Oak Ridges Moraine Area. 2001, c. 31, s. 3 (1).

**Review**

(3) The Minister shall ensure that a review of the Plan is carried out at the same time the review of the Greenbelt Plan is carried out under the Greenbelt Act, 2005 to determine whether the Plan should be revised. 2005, c. 1, s. 26 (1).

**Natural core areas and natural linkage areas**

(4) A review under subsection (3) shall not consider removing land from the natural core areas or the natural linkage areas. 2001, c. 31, s. 3 (4).

**Consultation and public participation**

(5) During a review under subsection (3), the Minister shall,  
consult with any affected ministries and public bodies;  
consult with the council of each municipality or with each municipal planning authority that has jurisdiction in the Oak Ridges Moraine Area; and  
ensure that the public is given an opportunity to participate in the review. 2001, c. 31, s.3 (5).

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**Whereas**, the section above states lands that are not “natural core areas” or “natural linkage areas” are available to be considered for changes to suit the needs of the affected municipalities; and

**Whereas**; the Province’s Amendment No 2 (2013) to the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe indicates a need to provide for more lands for growth within York Region than was originally planned; and

**Whereas**, The Provincial Policy Statement as well as the Growth Plan, has mandated that lands be developed in the closest proximity to current infrastructure and transit as possible in order to reduce the footprint on the environment; and

**Whereas**, the recent GTA West Corridor has frozen a significant amount of not only urban lands, but potential white belt lands needed to accommodate growth projections; and

**Whereas** it is the intention of Vaughan Council to be proactive in that Review process as opposed to reactive.

**Therefore, Council resolves the Following:**

Council directs staff to prepare a report for Council consideration in accordance with the Review sections of the Act. Such report to include considerations of the recitals above. The report to be presented to Committee of the Whole by June 2, 2015