

# Regional Municipal Comprehensive Review

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Presentation to

**Vaughan Committee of the Whole**

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May 8th, 2018



# Presentation Outline

- Key Provincial Plan Changes / Implications
- Consultation on Regional Municipal Comprehensive Review Workplan and Consultation
- MCR Schedule

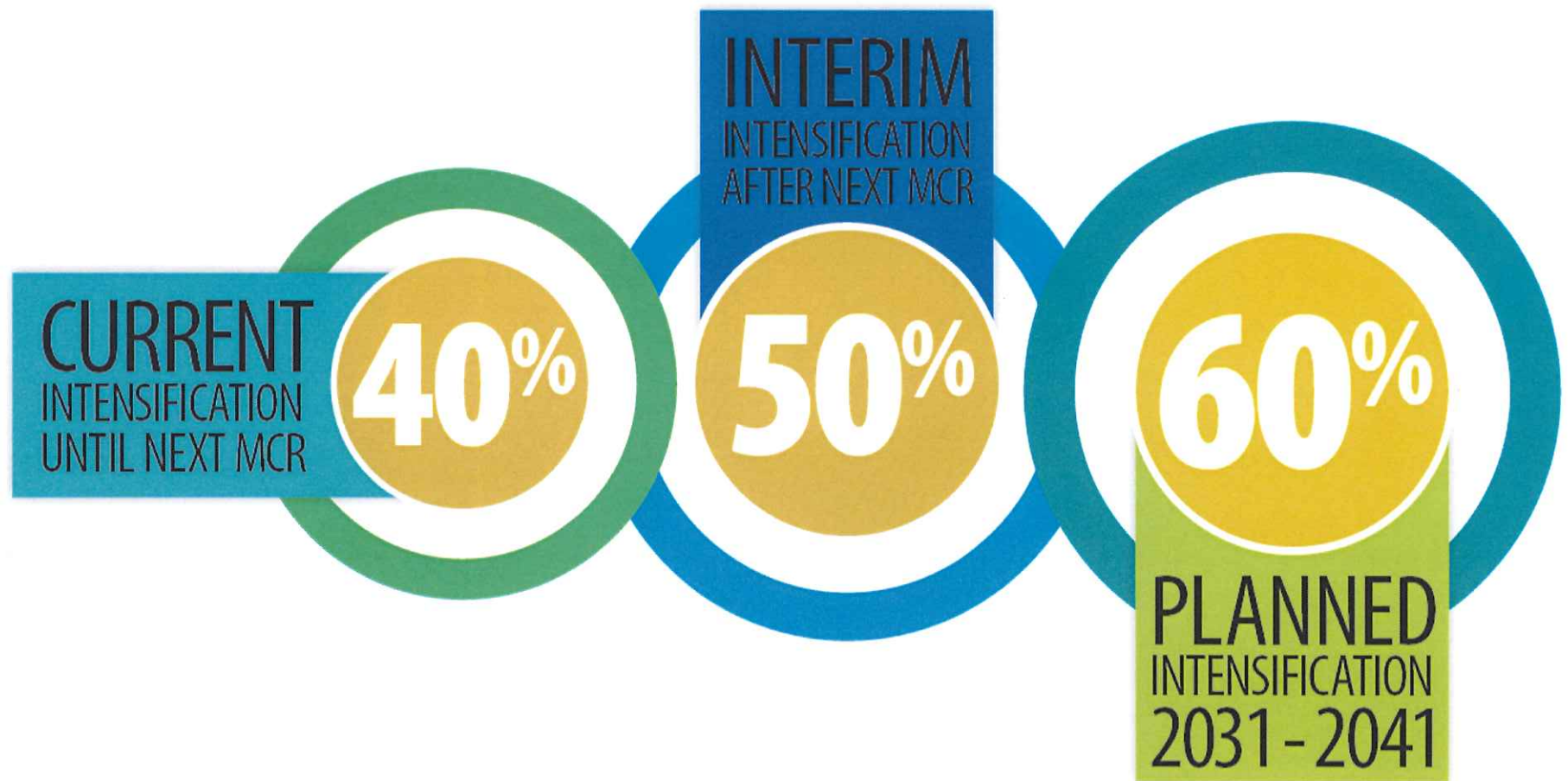
# Key Provincial Plan Changes



More responsibility uploaded to the Region



# Intensification Target Phased In

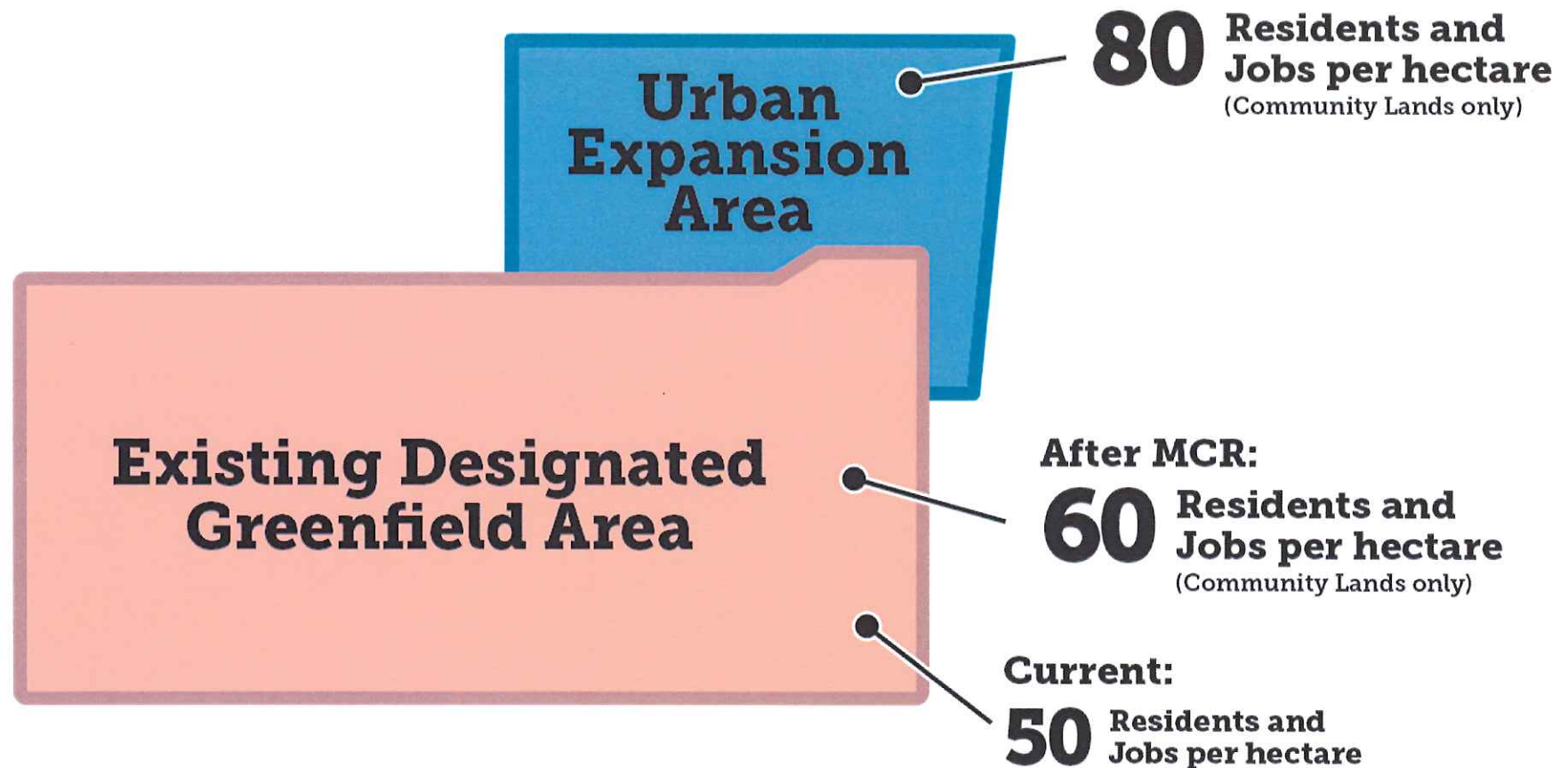


# Importance of Major Transit Station Areas

- Density targets apply to MTSA's on Priority Transit Corridors
- Region identifies and delineates MTSA's
- May request alternative MTSA targets



# Designated Greenfield Area Target Has Increased





# Regional Employment Strategy Required

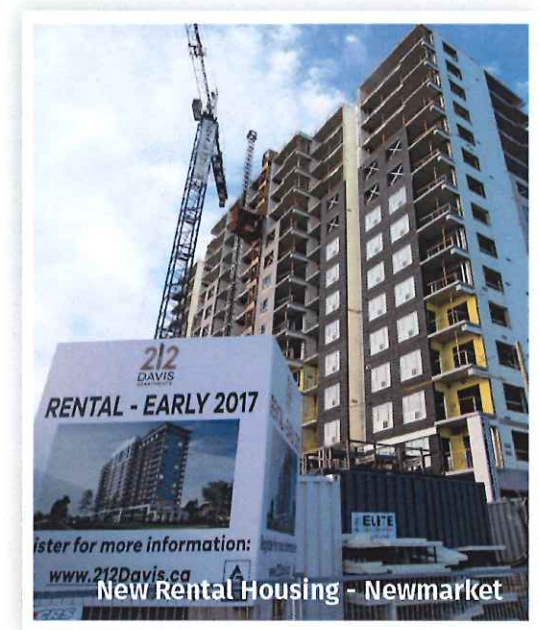
- Employment Strategy to include:
  - Designation of employment lands in Regional Official Plan
  - Identification and designation of Prime employment areas
  - Identification of intensification opportunities
  - Density target for all employment areas



Conversions of employment lands considered only at the time of a Regional MCR

# Increasing Housing Affordability

- Regional Housing Strategy required to include:
  - Targets to address affordable ownership and rental housing
  - Existing housing stock to be considered
- The York Housing Working Group is well-positioned to provide input on housing requirements





# Other Key Provincial Plan Policy Areas

- Infrastructure planning, investment and land use planning are to be coordinated
- Climate change policies required in Regional Official Plan to address mitigation and adaptation



# Provincial Guidance Documents

- Land Needs Assessment Methodology
- Agriculture and Natural Heritage Systems Mapping
- Community Emissions Reduction Planning Guidance
- MCR Process Implementation
- Intensification and Density Targets
- Watershed Planning
- Agricultural Impact Assessments



# MCR Strategies and Background Studies

Updated  
Forecasts & Land  
Needs  
Assessment

Intensification  
Strategy

Housing Strategy

Employment  
Strategy

Infrastructure  
Coordination

Climate Change

Agricultural and  
Natural Heritage  
Systems

Fiscal Impact  
Analysis

Policy Review  
and ROP Update



# Consultation

Regional Council

Public

Local  
Municipalities

Indigenous  
Communities

Regional  
Committees

Other  
stakeholders



# Engaging Techniques



- Educational videos
- Photo contests
- Interactive mapping
- Walking tours
- Online conferencing
- Public open houses
- Online surveys & social media





# Phase 1 – Q4 2017 to Q1 2018

Laying the Foundation

Answering  
questions:

What is an  
MCR?

What is a  
Regional  
Official Plan?

Why should  
you be  
involved?

MCR alignment with Regional Official Plan and  
Vision





# Phase 2 – Q2 2018 to Q1 2019

## Technical Background Work

### MCR background studies:

- Forecasts
- Employment
- Major Transit Station Areas
- Housing
- Climate Change



## Council feedback

## **Phase 3 – Q1 2019 to Q3 2019**

Setting the direction

Confirming what was heard

Seeking direction for policy development

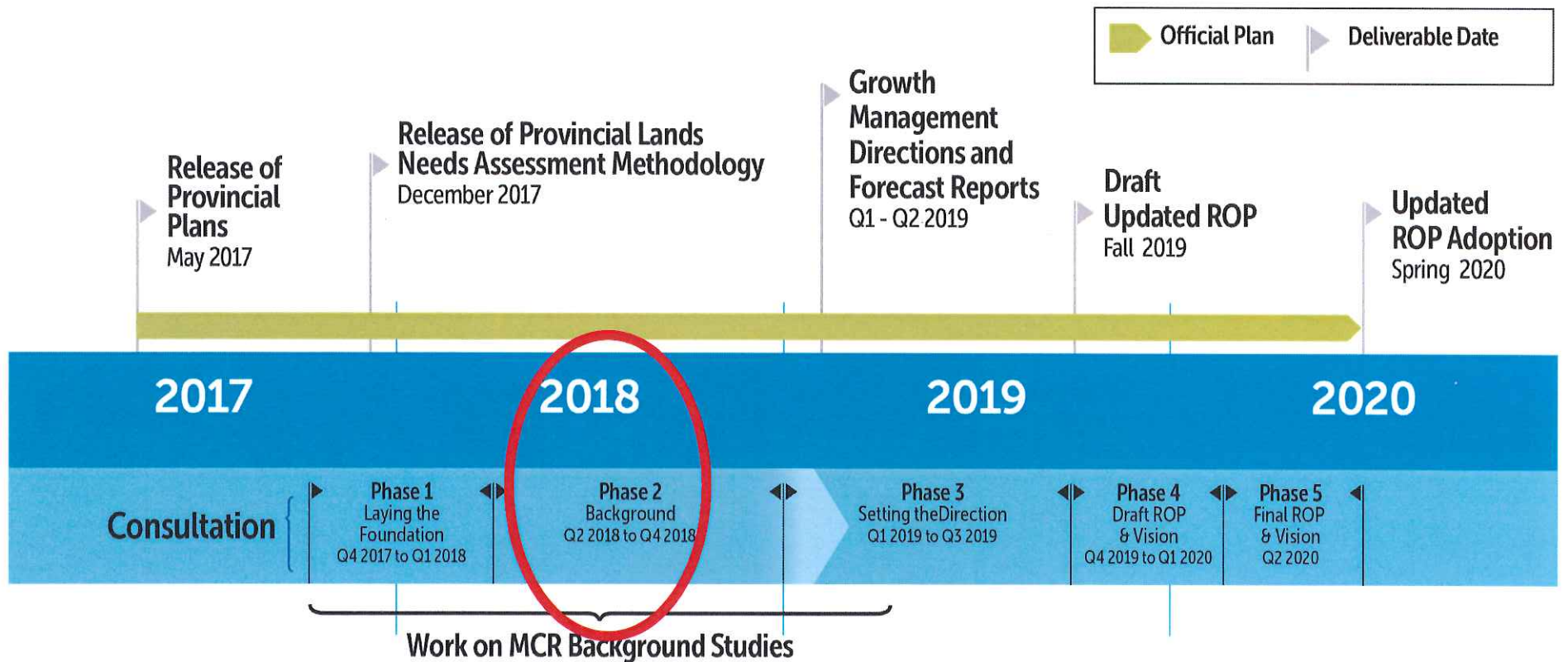
## **Phase 4 – Q4 2019 to Q1 2020**

Draft Regional Official Plan and Vision

## **Phase 5 – Q2 2020**

Adoption of Regional Official Plan and final Vision

# Timeline for MCR





# Questions

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