



**ENVIRONMENTAL  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING AGENDA**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2015**

**7 P.M.**

**HOLLAND ROOM  
AURORA TOWN HALL**



**TOWN OF AURORA  
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING AGENDA**

**DATE:** Thursday, April 2, 2015

**TIME AND LOCATION:** 7 p.m., Holland Room, Aurora Town Hall

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**1. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the agenda as circulated by Legal and Legislative Services be approved.

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**4. DELEGATIONS**

- (a) **Patty Thoma, Deputy Clerk**  
**Re: Advisory Committee Member Education and Training**
- (b) **Christina Nagy-Oh, Program Manager, Environmental Initiatives**  
**Re: Environmental Advisory Committee Update**

**5. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**6. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- 1. **Memorandum from Program Manager, Environmental Initiatives** pg. 1  
**Re: CEAP Progress Report 2014**

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the memorandum regarding CEAP Progress Report 2014 be received for information.

- 2. Memorandum from Program Manager, Environmental Initiatives** pg. 8  
**Re: Smart Commute Workplace Designation for 2015**

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the memorandum regarding Smart Commute Workplace Designation for 2015 be received for information.

- 3. Memorandum from Town Clerk** pg. 11  
**Re: Appointment of an Environmental Advisory Committee**  
**Member to the Trails and Active Transportation Committee**

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the memorandum regarding Appointment of an Environmental Advisory Committee member to the Trails and Active Transportation Committee be received; and

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) select one (1) member to represent the EAC on the Trails and Active Transportation Committee.

- 4. Memorandum from Senior Policy Planner** pg. 12  
**Re: Provincial Review of the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan**

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the memorandum regarding Provincial Review of the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan be received for information.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**



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## **MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** Thursday April 2, 2015  
**TO:** Environmental Advisory Committee  
**FROM:** Christina Nagy-Oh, Program Manager, Environmental Initiatives  
**RE:** CEAP Progress Report 2014

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### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

***THAT the memorandum regarding CEAP Progress Report 2014 be received for information.***

### **BACKGROUND**

The Environmental Advisory Committee provided support and strategic guidance throughout the development of the Town's Corporate Environmental Action Plan (CEAP). In accordance with the Plan, staff have prepared a progress report outlining the progress made in 2011, 2012, 2013 and now in 2014 toward achieving the objectives laid-out in the Plan. The following is a listing of CEAP related initiatives that have either been completed in 2014 or which have been approved by Council in 2014:

#### **AIR Goal – Improve air quality by reducing emissions and developing a Climate Change Adaptation Plan.**

- Third year of Town Hall Employee Bike Share Program. Purchased bikes from local company BionX International. Two e-bikes available for staff use, to decrease vehicle usage and provide recreational opportunities. (Action 2.1.2)
- Partnered with other municipalities to provide a 3 day inter-municipal Climate change adaption work shop for town staff. (Action 2.1.4)

#### **FIRE (Energy) Goal – Reduce the Town's overall energy consumption through energy efficiency measures and the use of renewable energy sources.**

- Developed the Corporate Energy Master Plan; approved by council (Action 2.2.2)
- Staff Participated in WWF's Earth Hour and National Sweater Day. (Action 2.2.2)
- Installation of LED parking lot lights at AFLC, Town Hall and SARC (Action 2.2.4)
- Installation of 2 solar light poles in 2 small parks with no electrical service (Action 2.2.4)
- Received FIT application approval on a 600 kW solar PV system on the SARC rooftop in collaboration with a solar project developer (Action 2.2.4)

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- Began development of the new Joint Operations Center (JOC) aiming for LEED Silver Certification
- Undertaking a Comprehensive Zoning By-law Review, resulting in an entirely new Zoning By-law. The Green Energy Act will be implemented through the new Zoning By-law. (2.2.5)

**EARTH (Land) Goal – Plan and manage Aurora’s ecology by protecting wildlife habitat, promoting alternate modes of transportation and utilizing sustainable land use planning.**

- Implemented a signage strategy as part of the Trail Master Plan. The installation of the signs to be completed in 2015, pending council approval. (Action 2.3.8)
- Initiated a review of the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan for the purpose of providing comments to the Province for their 2015 review (Action 2.3.9)
- Completed 2nd Draft of the Town’s New Zoning By-law which will support/implement intensification in the Downtown and Yonge/Wellington Street Corridors (Objective E3)
- Approval of the Promenade Community Improvement Plan, contains two programs that offer financial incentives for the redevelopment of Brownfield Sites (Objective E3)
- Green procurement policy development (Action 2.3.16)
- Provided consultation in the development of the York Region Food Charter
- Completed the Community Wildlife Park Master Plan Feasibility Study (Action 2.3.2)
- On-going: Vegetation Management and Protection initiatives for new subdivision development areas (Action 2.3.6)
- Purchased self-watering planters and hanging baskets for the Parks Street Beautification program (Action 2.4.1)
- Planted 750 shrubs and trees in association with the Neighbourhood Network and local schools on municipal lands in May (Action 2.3.4)
- Planted 500+ trees and shrubs in the Wildlife Park as a buffer zone to the housing developments in conjunction with TD Canada Trust and local volunteers in Oct. (Action 2.3.4)
- Installed an open air “Teaching Garden” at Aurora Heights Public School (May) (Action 2.3.4)
- 350+ additional trees planted within the Town of Aurora Tree Nursery (Action 2.3.4)
- Completed the Urban Forest Effects (UFORE) study; encouraging the stewardship of Aurora’s natural resources, through the monitoring of ecological indicators.
- Waste Electrical Electronic Equipment Event. Hosted two WEEE collection events in association with a local e-waste recycler, for e-waste generated by both the Town and the community. (Action 2.3.14)
- Annual Litter Clean Up Community Event – (Action 2.3.4)
- Single stream recycling at all large scale Town of Aurora Facilities- (Action 2.3.14)
- A Paper towel composting program, connected with the green bin program at Town Hall ( 2.3.14)
- Banning Styrofoam on all Town owned properties (Action 2.3.14)
- The use of proper sized containers for recycling (larger recycling containers) (smaller waste containers) and compost containers at Town events.(Action 2.3.15)

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**WATER Goal – Reduce corporate water consumption and utilize stormwater management technologies to improve control of stormwater quantity as well as enhance stormwater quality.**

- Completed the TOA Comprehensive Storm Water Management Master Plan (CSWM-MP) (2.4.3 & 2.4.4)
- Creek Erosion rehabilitation project from Child Drive to Henderson Ave
- Incorporating low impact development design elements in the repaving of ACC parking lot
- Rehabilitation of the creek headwall in Machell Park
- Aurora was part of a Municipal Working Group which drafted Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment templates to be used in the implementation of Regional Source Water Protection Policies

The CEAP Progress Report 2014 will be made available to the public via the Town's website and printed copies.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1 - CEAP Progress Report 2014

Attachment 1



# CORPORATE ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION PLAN (CEAP)

## Progress Report 2014



## AIR

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Improve air quality by reducing emissions and developing a Climate Change Adaptation Plan.



### Actions achieved in 2014

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## **EARTH (Land)**

### **Five-year goal**

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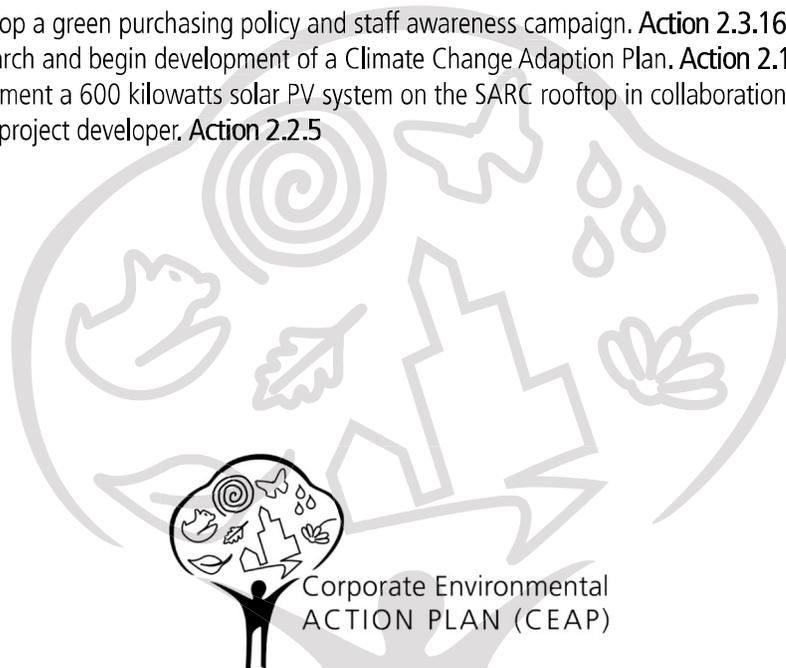


### **Actions achieved in 2014**

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## UPCOMING CEAP INITIATIVES

- Implement the Corporate Energy Master Plan
- Increase awareness about energy management and conservation programs. **Action 2.2.2**
- Develop a green purchasing policy and staff awareness campaign. **Action 2.3.16**
- Research and begin development of a Climate Change Adaption Plan. **Action 2.1.4**
- Implement a 600 kilowatts solar PV system on the SARC rooftop in collaboration with a solar project developer. **Action 2.2.5**



FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:  
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download the Corporate Environmental Action Plan at [www.aurora.ca/CEAP](http://www.aurora.ca/CEAP)

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## **MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** Thursday April 2, 2015  
**TO:** Environmental Advisory Committee  
**FROM:** Christina Nagy-Oh, Program Manager, Environmental Initiatives  
**RE:** Smart Commute Workplace Designation for 2015

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### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

***THAT the memorandum regarding Smart Commute Workplace Designation for 2015 be received for information.***

### **BACKGROUND**

The Town of Aurora was recently awarded the Smart Commute Gold Workplace designation for 2015. This is Aurora's fourth year with the Gold Workplace designation. The achievement of the Gold designation is a clear indication of our organization's commitment to promoting and supporting sustainable travel options for our employees. We have gone beyond the basics of this program, making significant investments of time and resources to ensure the program's success.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1 – Designation letter from Metrolinx  
Attachment 2 – Smart Commute Workplace Certificate

Attachment 1



**Office of the President and Chief Executive Officer**  
Bruce McCuaig  
416-202-5908  
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January 12, 2015

Ms. Christina Nagy-Oh  
Town of Aurora  
1 Municipal Drive  
P.O. Box 1000  
Aurora, ON  
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Dear Ms. Nagy-Oh,

On behalf of Metrolinx and your local Smart Commute office, I would like to offer my congratulations on your designation as a *Smart Commute Gold Workplace* for 2015.

By achieving Gold status within the Smart Commute Workplace program, you have demonstrated your organization's commitment to promoting and supporting sustainable travel options for your employees and/or post-secondary students. It positions you as a leader in corporate social responsibility and highlights alignment of your corporate values and your sustainability efforts.

Your involvement in the Smart Commute network is making a positive impact on air quality and reducing the number of cars on the roads – both are critical to the health of the communities where we live, work and play.

This year, as the region plays host to the TORONTO 2015 Pan Am and Parapan Am Games, we will look to you to intensify your efforts to encourage employees to shift their usual travel habits and explore their options. Your local Smart Commute office will support you with the resources you need.

Your designation as a *Smart Commute Workplace* provides you with the means to publicly highlight your actions and achievements. The enclosed documents explain the designation process and provide guidelines for proper use of the associated graphics.

Thank you again for your ongoing commitment to the Smart Commute program.

Sincerely,

Bruce McCuaig  
President and Chief Executive Officer

Attachment 2



## Town of Aurora

supports sustainable transportation options for commuters  
through its participation in Smart Commute Central York

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce McCuaig".

Bruce McCuaig  
President & CEO, Metrolinx

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## **MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** April 2, 2015

**TO:** Environmental Advisory Committee Members

**FROM:** Stephen M. A. Huycke, Town Clerk

**RE:** Appointment of an Environmental Advisory Committee member to the Trails and Active Transportation Committee

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### **RECOMMENDED:**

***THAT the memorandum regarding Appointment of an Environmental Advisory Committee member to the Trails and Active Transportation Committee be received; and***

***THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) select one (1) member to represent the EAC on the Trails and Active Transportation Committee.***

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Trails and Active Transportation Committee (TATC) will be holding their initial meeting on April 17, 2015. The membership of TATC, as set out in its terms of reference, includes one representative of EAC.

The TATC meets on the third Friday of every second month at 10 a.m. with the exception of July and August. As well, additional meetings of the Committee may be called by the Chair to address urgent matters.

It would be appropriate for EAC to appoint one of its members to the TATC.



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## **MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** Thursday April 2, 2015

**TO:** Environmental Advisory Committee

**FROM:** Fausto Filippetto, Senior Policy Planner

**RE:** Provincial Review of the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan

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### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

***THAT the memorandum regarding the Provincial Review of the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan be received for information.***

### **BACKGROUND**

In anticipation of the Provincial review of the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, staff prepared the attached report to Council for their meeting on July 15, 2014. At the meeting, Council directed the item be referred back to staff to undertake public consultation. On February 27, 2015, the Province announced and formally launched the co-ordinated review of the Growth Plan, Greenbelt Plan, Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan and Niagara Escarpment Plan. Staff are therefore in the process of planning for a public consultation event as directed by Council.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1 - Council Report No. PL14-043; dated July 15, 2015

Attachment 1



**No. PL14-043**

**SUBJECT:** *Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan & Greenbelt Plan  
Provincial Review (2015)*

**FROM:** *Marco Ramunno, Director of Planning & Development Services*

**DATE:** *July 15, 2014*

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## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

*THAT Report No. PL14-043 be received;*

*THAT Council endorse the comments prepared by staff regarding the 2015 Provincial Review of the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan and Greenbelt Plan; and*

*THAT Report No. PL14-043 and related Council resolution be forwarded to York Region and the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing.*

## **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

The purpose of this report is to inform Council of the Province's upcoming review of the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan (ORMCP) and Greenbelt Plan and to obtain Council's endorsement of the staff comments.

## **BACKGROUND**

In November 2001, the Province introduced Bill 122 entitled *The Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Act 2001*. This legislation provided the underlying authority to establish an overall ORMCP. In April 2002, the ORMCP was established by Provincial Regulation (*Ontario Regulation 140/02*). Through the *Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Act, 2001*, and the accompanying ORMCP, the Province of Ontario established a policy framework for protecting the Oak Ridges Moraine. Municipal planning decisions are required to conform to the ORMCP, which prevails over municipal official plans.

Under the *Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Act 2001*, municipalities were given eighteen months from the time the ORMCP was filed as a regulation to prepare Official Plan Amendments and Zoning By-law Amendments, which conform to and implement the ORMCP. The Town's ORMCP conformity exercise was adopted by Council on October 22, 2003 as Amendment No. 48 to the Town's Official Plan.

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Official Plan Amendment No. 48 was approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs on October 21, 2004, with modifications. These policies were implemented by way of a Zoning By-law Amendment which was adopted by Council on October 22, 2003 and approved by the Minister with modifications on May 17, 2006.

In 2005, the Province passed the Greenbelt Act which enabled the creation of the Greenbelt Plan (2005). The Greenbelt Plan protects about 1.8 million acres of environmentally sensitive and agricultural land in the Golden Horseshoe from urban development. It includes and builds on about 800,000 acres of land within the Niagara Escarpment Plan and the ORMCP. The Greenbelt extends 325 km from the eastern end of the Oak Ridges Moraine, near Rice Lake, in the east, to the Niagara River in the west. The Greenbelt Plan contains policies for providing permanent agricultural and environmental protection as well as providing for a wide range of recreation, tourism and cultural opportunities in the area. The Act requires that decisions made under the *Ontario Planning and Development Act, 1994*, the *Planning Act* and the *Condominium Act, 1998* conform to the Greenbelt Plan.

## **COMMENTS**

The Province will be undertaking a review of the ORMCP and Greenbelt Plan in 2015. This will involve a consultation process with stakeholders including upper and lower-tier municipalities, conservation authorities, environmental groups, land owners and the general public. York Region has already held two consultation workshops in 2014 for the purpose of getting feedback from local stakeholders to include in their comments to the Province. Attendees at the workshops included local municipal staff, elected officials, conservation authorities, environmental groups, land owners and the general public.

Furthermore, the Region also held three Public Open Houses for the purpose of providing information and receiving comments from local residents and businesses which will be provided to the Province. These comments will be made available in the future. The Public Open Houses were held on the evenings of:

- Tuesday, June 3, 2014 at the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Municipal Offices;
- Tuesday, June 10, 2014 at the King City Arena and Community Centre; and
- Wednesday, June 11, 2014 at the East Gwillimbury Sports Complex.

Staff from Planning & Development Services attended the Open House held on June 10, 2014 in King City for the purpose of assisting the Region with the consultation. Staff from the Township of King and the City of Vaughan were also in attendance.

Town staff have been working with the ORMCP since 2003 and have prepared comments to provide to the Province with respect to the upcoming ORMCP review.

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All of Aurora's Greenbelt is located on the Oak Ridges Moraine and therefore staff will concentrate their comments on the ORMCP. Planning & Development Services held an interdepartmental meeting to present the draft comments and to obtain input. The comments prepared by staff are as follows:

- Consideration should be given to providing greater flexibility with respect to the land severance policies for large parcels in the Countryside Designation; providing that there would no adverse impact on any Natural Heritage or Hydrological Features. Consideration should also be given to allowing municipal facilities in the Countryside Designation; again where it could be demonstrated that there would no adverse impact on any Natural Heritage or Hydrological Features.
- The Water Resource Policies of the ORMCP require updating based on completed watershed plans, Lake Simcoe Protection Plan and Clean Water Act.
- Consideration should be given to providing greater flexibility in the ORMCP policies in the review of small-scale developments; for example, eliminating the need for onerous approval requirements such as zoning amendments and minor variances for minor expansions to existing permitted uses.
- The Infrastructure Policies of the ORMCP require updating to include wind power, solar power and other green energy infrastructure.
- The Province held workshops regarding Tree Preservation and Site Alteration By-laws with the goal of developing common examples to be implemented; however the Province did not require the implementation of such by-laws. Without implementing by-laws, municipalities are unable to enforce tree cutting or site alteration that occurs outside of the realm of a *Planning Act* application. It is therefore recommended that the Province require municipalities to update their Tree Preservation and Site Alteration By-laws in order to implement the policies of the ORMCP.
- The definition of "Site Alteration" is too general and as a result is overly restrictive. The definition should be revised to specifically prohibit the exact activities which are intended to be controlled.
- In addition to requiring municipalities to revise their Site Alteration By-laws to conform to the ORMCP, the Province should require conservation authorities to revise any policies, by-laws, practices and procedures related to fill permits to comply with the ORMCP as well.

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Furthermore, given municipalities are responsible for ensuring ORMCP compliance, conservation authorities should be required to report any fill permits issued on the Moraine to the municipality so that they can ensure compliance with the ORMCP and implementing documents.

- For the most part, settlement area boundaries should not require expansion through the ORMCP review process. Regional municipalities and local municipalities, as part of Provincial Growth Plan Conformity have planned for the accommodation of growth to the year 2031. In the case of Aurora, the required growth to the year 2031 can be accommodated without any boundary adjustments. However, should a municipality be in the unique position of requiring expansion into the Countryside Area based on Growth Plan Conformity, expansions could be considered. Furthermore, if there were inaccuracies in other internal boundaries then this process provides a good opportunity for correction.
- The Province required the Town to include by-law provisions to require amendment or relief (minor variance) from the by-law for almost all applications in a Landform Conservation Area. Almost the entire Oak Ridges Moraine in Aurora is within a Landform Conservation Area and such clause is overly restrictive for minor applications.
- Aurora has one of the largest settlement areas on the Moraine and was successful in getting several flexibility clauses approved by the Province for development in the settlement area; the revised ORMCP should accommodate such flexibility.
- The Province has historically been very hesitant to provide any interpretation on specific aspects of the Plan, which leads to inconsistent interpretation by municipalities and consultants. The Province should adopt a more active approach in interpretation and prepare FAQ's on common interpretation issues. The Province should also consider providing support regarding interpretation of the ORMCP by assigning dedicated staff.

The location of the Oak Ridges Moraine in Aurora is depicted on Schedule "A", Map 1 of the Town's Oak Ridges Moraine Zoning Map; which has been attached to this report as Figure 1. This schedule also illustrates the Oak Ridges Moraine Designations and Zones.

### **LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

By providing comments to the Province regarding the upcoming review of the ORMCP and Greenbelt Plan, the Town is aiming to have the ORMCP revised in a manner which will maximize environmental protection and efficiency for residents and land owners.

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This supports the Strategic Plan goals of *supporting an exceptional quality of life for all* and *supporting environmental stewardship and sustainability*. The supporting Strategic Plan objectives include *encouraging the stewardship of Aurora's natural resources* and *promoting and advancing green initiatives*.

### **ALTERNATIVE(S) TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Council has the option of not endorsing staff's comments; or
2. Council also has the option of directing that staff report back with additional information once the Province's review is underway.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Not applicable.

### **PREVIOUS REPORTS**

None.

### **CONCLUSIONS**

The Province will be undertaking a review of the ORMCP and Greenbelt Plan in 2015; which will include consultation with the affected stakeholders including upper and lower-tier municipalities. Staff have prepared the comments outlined in this report for the purpose of providing them to the Province in anticipation of the ORMCP and Greenbelt Plan review. Staff have also attended stakeholder consultation workshops at the Region of York and the comments presented in this report are consistent with the comments being expressed by other municipalities. Staff are therefore asking Council to endorse the comments outlined in this report and that the comments be forwarded to the Province as part of the ORMCP and Greenbelt review in 2015.

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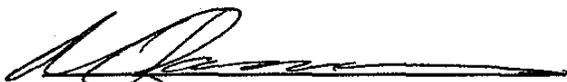
**ATTACHMENTS**

**Figure 1:** Schedule "A" to By-law No. 4469-03.D, Oak Ridges Moraine Zoning Map, Map 1

**PRE-SUBMISSION REVIEW**

Executive Leadership Team Meeting - July 3, 2014

*Prepared by: Fausto Filippetto, Senior Policy Planner, Extension 4342*



**Marco Ramunno, M.C.I.P., R.P.P.**  
**Director of Planning & Development**  
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