



**TOWN OF AURORA**  
**ADDITIONAL ITEMS**  
**FOR SPECIAL COUNCIL –**  
**PUBLIC PLANNING MEETING**

**Thursday, May 21, 2015**  
**7 p.m.**  
**Council Chambers**

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**Re: Report No. PL15-040 – 2041 York Region Draft Growth Scenarios and Land Budget**



**TOWN OF AURORA  
GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT      No. PL15-040**

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**SUBJECT:**    *2041 York Region Draft Growth Scenarios and Land Budget*

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

**DATE:**        *May 5, 2015*

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**RECOMMENDATIONS**

*THAT Report No. PL15-040 be received; and*

*THAT Report No. PL15-040 be referred to the May 21, 2015 Public Planning meeting for discussion.*

**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

The purpose of the report is to provide Council with an update on the Regional Official Plan Growth Scenarios recently presented to York Region Council.

**BACKGROUND**

Amendment 2 to the *Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe*, which came into effect in June 2013, provides updated forecasts of population and employment for 2031 and introduces new population and employment forecasts for 2036 and 2041 for York Region and the rest of the Greater Golden Horseshoe (GGH). These forecasts are to be used for planning and managing growth in the GGH. York Region is forecast to grow to a population of 1.79 million and employment of 900,000 by 2041. In response, York Region is proceeding to update of the Region's population and employment forecasts as part of the Regional Municipal Comprehensive Review and 5 year Regional Official Plan update.

On April 23, 2015, Regional Council considered the draft 2041 York Region Draft Growth Scenarios and Land Budget. Three growth scenarios were developed by York Region staff based on varying levels of residential intensification. The three scenarios are: 40% intensification, 50% intensification and a no urban expansion scenario. The intensification percentages refer to the share of housing growth occurring annually within the provincially defined Built Boundary. The 40% scenario is the minimum standard for intensification set by the Growth Plan. Both the 40% and 50% intensification scenarios require an urban expansion to accommodate the 2041 population and employment. The no urban expansion scenario constitutes the highest level of intensification possible. Under this scenario there would be no urban expansion in the Region beyond ROPA's 1 (Town of East Gwillimbury), 2 (City of Vaughan) and 3