

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

BILL NO. 89

BYLAW NO. 2013-88

A bylaw to adopt Amendment No. 70  
to the Official Plan for The Regional Municipality of York

WHEREAS the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13, as amended, permits The Regional Municipality of York to adopt an Official Plan or amendments thereto;

The Council of The Regional Municipality of York HEREBY ENACTS as follows:

1. Regional Official Plan Amendment No. 70 to the Official Plan of The Regional Municipality of York (1994) (ROPA No. 70) consisting of text and figures attached hereto as Schedule "A" is hereby adopted.
2. ROPA No. 70, by virtue of Ontario Regulation 525/97, is exempt from approval by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.
3. Schedule "A" attached hereto shall form part of this Bylaw.

ENACTED AND PASSED on November 21, 2013.

Denis Kelly  
Regional Clerk

Bill Fisch  
Regional Chair

*Authorized by Clause 2, Report 5 of the Committee of the Whole, adopted by Regional Council at its meeting on November 21, 2013.*

SCHEDULE "A"

**Amendment 70**  
**to the**  
**Official Plan**  
**for the**  
**Regional Municipality**  
**of York**

**AMENDMENT 70  
TO THE OFFICIAL PLAN  
FOR  
THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK**

PART A – THE PREAMBLE

1. Purpose of the Amendment:

The purpose of the Amendment is to add a site specific provision to permit a place of worship within the existing structure on the subject lands.

2. Location:

The lands comprising Official Plan Amendment No. 70 are located on the west side of Leslie Street, north of Bloomington Road, and are municipally known as 13,900 Leslie Street.

3. Basis:

The Rural Area policies of the 1994 York Region Official Plan direct institutional uses to the Urban Areas and the Towns and Villages. The subject lands are currently being used for a Buddhist meditation centre (a place of worship), which is not a permitted use.

The subject property is located within the Countryside Area of the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan (ORMCP). The Countryside Area permits “small-scale institutional uses”, as long as the lands are not within prime agricultural areas; the subject lands are not prime agricultural lands. The existing place of worship is considered to be “small-scale institutional”, which is permitted in the Countryside Area.

The proposed place of worship will utilize the existing buildings and infrastructure, thereby minimizing the disturbance to the subject lands. The proposed place of worship is compatible with the surrounding residential and rural land uses.

A Public Meeting was held on May 2, 2012 to obtain input from members of the public and from the Regional Planning and Economic Development Committee.

## PART B – THE AMENDMENT

All of the Amendment entitled PART B – THE AMENDMENT, consisting of the following text change constitutes Amendment 70 to the Official Plan for the Regional Municipality of York.

The Official Plan for the Regional Municipality of York is hereby amended as follows:

Section 5.9 – Rural Policy Area is amended by adding the following new policy (5.9.11) after policy 5.9.10:

- “5.9.11 The following special policies shall apply to the lands municipally known as 13,900 Leslie Street:
- a) Notwithstanding the policies of Section 5.9 to the contrary, a place of worship shall be permitted within the existing two storey detached residential structure and shall occupy a maximum of 575 square metres. The remainder of the dwelling shall be used for residential purposes.
  - b) The second existing detached dwelling shall only be used as a guest house.”

# Part C – Location Map

(not an operative part of this amendment)

