

Clause No. 1 in Report No. 5 of Committee of the Whole was adopted, without amendment, by the Council of The Regional Municipality of York at its meeting held on November 21, 2013.

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**STATUTORY PUBLIC MEETING INFORMATION REPORT
PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO 6
TO THE YORK REGION OFFICIAL PLAN, 2010
ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES**

Committee of the Whole held a public meeting on November 7, 2013, pursuant to Section 17(15) of the Planning Act, as amended, to inform the public and receive comments on Proposed Amendment No. 6 to the York Region Official Plan, 2010 (Archaeological Resources) and recommends:

- 1. Receipt of the presentation by Valerie Shuttleworth, Director, Long Range Planning.**
- 2. Receipt of the deputation by Fred Robbins, resident of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville.**
- 3. Adoption of the following recommendations contained in the report dated October 24, 2013 from the Executive Director, Corporate and Strategic Planning:**

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. Public input be received on York Region Official Plan Amendment No 6 at the statutory public meeting being held November 7, 2013.
2. A recommendation report be prepared on Amendment No 6 for future consideration by Council.

2. PURPOSE

This report provides background information on proposed Regional Official Plan Amendment No 6 – Archaeological Resources (see *Attachment 1*), in support of the required statutory public meeting being held November 7, 2013.

3. BACKGROUND

York Region has undertaken extensive consultation with First Nations and the Métis

Over the past several years the Region has been involved in extensive consultation with interested First Nations and the Métis Nation of Ontario on a variety of projects, including the new *York Region Official Plan, 2010* (YROP-2010), Southeast Collector Trunk Sewer and Upper York Servicing Solution Environmental Assessments, Teston Road Ossuary and a number of local municipal planning related initiatives. Through these continuing consultations many First Nations and Métis representatives expressed the need for a York Region Archaeological Management Plan (AMP).

YROP-2010 currently contains direction and policies with respect to archaeological resources

YROP-2010 currently contains three policies dealing specifically with archaeological resources (3.4.10-12). The policies, among other matters, commit Council to preparing an Archaeological Resources Management Plan and investigating the potential for a secure re-interment site and interpretation centre for First Nations and Métis artifacts and remains.

While the existing YROP-2010 policies demonstrate the Region's commitment to responsible archaeological management, they contain few details on appropriate methods to ensure effective management of archaeological resources. Through the AMP process Regional Official Plan Amendment 6 (ROPA 6) policies were developed and are intended to provide clear direction on the process that must be undertaken when development or site alteration is proposed on lands exhibiting archaeological potential.

Council approved the undertaking of an Archaeological Management Plan study in September 2010

In September 2010, Council authorized Terms of Reference for the development of an AMP. Among the tasks in the Terms of Reference for the AMP study was the recommendation of "procedures and policies to guide the Region in updating as necessary the Regional and local municipal Official Plans and development approval procedures".

The Archaeological Management Plan will provide further direction and support to the proposed ROPA 6 policies

Archaeological Services Inc. was retained to undertake the study and produced the draft AMP and proposed new Official Plan policies in co-operation with staff of the Long Range Planning Branch. Significant input on the AMP and the proposed policies was

obtained from the Steering Committee set up to provide information and feedback throughout the study process.

The draft Archaeological Management Plan is intended to be used as a resource by Regional and Municipal staff, the development community, heritage stakeholders including the First Nations and Métis Nation, and members of the public. The document:

- Defines archaeology, archaeological resources and cultural heritage value,
- Presents the 11,000 years of human habitation in York Region
- Explains the threats to archaeological resources,
- Describes the legislation dealing with archaeological resources
- Outlines the legislated 4-stage archaeological assessment process in Ontario,
- Explains the roles of various stakeholders in the process
- Presents the archaeological potential model, and
- Sets out the process for integrating the archaeological assessment and development review processes, as required by the Terms of Reference for the AMP project.

The Statutory Public Meeting was authorized on March 28, 2013

The policies developed during the AMP study have now been refined and included in ROPA 6. Council received the draft AMP and ROPA 6 on March 28, 2013 and authorized scheduling of the Public Meeting. Council also endorsed the Archaeological Potential Map, which illustrates the areas of the Region most likely to contain archaeological resources, at that meeting. The Archaeological Potential Map is now available online through YorkMaps.ca.

Provincial legislation requires municipal decisions related to archaeological resources or in areas of archaeological potential to comply with Provincial policies and regulations

The *Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990*, identifies conservation of features of significant archaeological interest as an area of provincial interest. Municipal Councils and Boards, as well as the Ontario Municipal Board must have regard for provincial interests when making land use planning decisions. The *Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990* Part VI, governs the “conservation of resources of archaeological value”. Each municipality requires a trigger in their development review process to initiate the provincially mandated four-stage archaeological assessment process.

Proposed ROPA 6 provides the basis for a consistent approach to archaeological management across the Region

The updated policies in ROPA 6 identify the required trigger for the archaeological assessment process, while providing a consistent approach to archaeological management across the Region. The associated AMP is a tool to ensure legislated obligations with

respect to archaeological resources are understood by all participants, and are met. It is also a tool for presenting the cultural history of York Region, and the importance of preserving significant archaeological resources.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

Notice of Statutory Public Meeting was placed in local newspapers on October 17, 2013

The Region advertised the Notice of Statutory Public Meeting in local newspapers within the Region and in the Toronto Star. In addition, the public meeting was advertised on the Region's website. York Region's social media sites were also used to provide opportunity for additional input from the public on the proposed amendment.

Notice of Statutory Public Meeting was also mailed to the Chiefs of First Nations in whose traditional territories York Region is located, the President of the Métis Nation of Ontario, the clerks of the local municipalities, and other individuals and agencies as required by the *Ontario Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990*. The notice was also provided to all members of the Steering Committee.

Proposed ROPA 6 builds on the general archaeology policies contained in the approved YROP-2010

The draft AMP was developed in partnership with the archaeological consultant and in consultation with the Steering Committee. The study leading to the AMP has also informed the development of the new Archaeological Management policies and definitions presented in ROPA 6.

Current YROP-2010 policy pertains to development of sites on lands containing archaeological resources (3.4.11). However, the existing policy does not provide sufficient direction regarding the determination of archaeological potential on a proposed development site, nor does it refer to the provincially legislated and licensed archaeological assessment process in Ontario.

New policies correspond to the provincially legislated archaeological assessment process

The policies contained in ROPA 6 have been formulated to correspond to the four stages of the provincial archaeological assessment process. The roles and responsibilities of different stakeholders at the various stages of archaeological assessments are clarified, and the process involved in archaeological management in the Region is outlined.

Methods of protection of significant archaeological resources are guided through new policy

Policies are included which correspond to the legislated process to be followed in the event that a burial site is discovered during any land-disturbing activities. Local municipalities are encouraged to develop a contingency plan for the protection of archaeological resources in urgent situations. Policies also commit the Region to ceasing work and undertaking the appropriate archaeological assessment in the event that archaeological resources are uncovered during Regional public works activities.

ROPA 6 also clearly demonstrates Council's expectations regarding preservation of significant archaeological resources within York Region. Guidance is provided with regard to the methods of protection that may be used to ensure archaeological resources preserved on-site are excluded from land development. Proponents and local municipalities are also encouraged to develop innovative approaches, such as architectural or landscape architectural design, or public art, to communicate the Region's archaeological resources and cultural heritage.

York Region remains committed to investigation of a secure reinterment site and interpretive centre

The policy committing the Region to investigation of a secure re-interment site and interpretation centre for First Nations and Métis artifacts and remains has been retained in ROPA 6. A policy directing the development of a First Nations and Métis consultation tool has been added.

The schedule for review of the archaeological resources policies is defined as being the same as the review period for the entire YROP-2010, and a commitment is made to undertake such review in partnership with First Nations, the Métis Nation and other stakeholders.

York Region has undertaken 7 consultation meetings involving representatives from 13 First Nations and the Métis Nation and other stakeholders

At the outset of the AMP process, a Steering Committee was established to guide the study, examine whether the suggested products, processes and policies would meet the study goals, and to provide specific feedback where required. Seven meetings were held over the course of the study process.

Members of the Committee represented a broad cross-section of stakeholders and include:

- Representatives from 11 Williams Treaty First Nations, the Huron-Wendat First Nation and the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation

- Representatives of the Métis Nation of Ontario
- Regional staff
- Staff from all local municipalities, including both planning and municipal heritage staff
- Toronto and Region Conservation Authority staff
- Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority staff
- Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD) representatives

Smaller group sessions have also been held with additional First Nations and Métis Nation representatives, BILD, local municipalities and Conservation Authorities, as necessary, to solicit information and comments on various components of the AMP and ROPA 6.

Steering Committee meeting held on July 5, 2013 to solicit further input on ROPA 6

Following Council receipt of draft ROPA 6 and AMP, the documents were circulated to members of the Steering Committee. A final meeting was held on July 5, 2013 to gather further input and final comments. Feedback regarding the AMP and ROPA 6 has been generally positive. Discussion of ROPA 6 at the Steering Committee meeting centred around two main issues: an appropriate definition for the term “significant archaeological resources” and the appropriate stage of archaeological assessment at which to require proponents to engage with Aboriginal communities. In response to these discussions, updates were made to the definition of “significant archaeological resources”, and ROPA 6 policies were rearranged for greater clarity in regard to engagement and consultation. Regional staff will continue to solicit feedback on draft ROPA 6 and address any further comments from Committee members, as necessary.

To date, only one written submission has been received from the Vaughan 400 Landowners Group (see *Attachment 2*), requesting changes with respect to the AMP and ROPA 6. These requests include the provision of mapping to identify First Nation traditional territories within York Region, the location of historic archaeological sites, and properties which have been cleared of archaeological concerns through the archaeological assessment process. In addition, it was requested that policies be included in ROPA 6 indicating areas where archaeological assessments would not be required. These comments will be addressed in detail in a recommendation report to Council early in 2014.

A recommendation report will be brought forward to Council early in 2014

Regional staff will contact the Vaughan 400 Landowners Group as well as any other individuals or public bodies that make comment at the public meeting, to address concerns and requested changes, where possible.

Regional staff will refine the draft policies, as necessary, based on input from the public meeting and any written comments received from stakeholders, and will report back to Council with a final ROPA 6 recommendation for adoption.

The AMP will be brought to Council for endorsement at the same meeting.

Link to key Council-approved plans

ROPA 6 supports a number of *Vision 2051*'s goals and action areas including: "Recognizing, conserving and promoting cultural heritage and its value and benefit to the community. Celebrating our First Nations origins including recognizing the importance of conserving archaeological resources, and valuing historic towns and village cores, and historic buildings and areas as critical elements of our community identity which contribute to sense of place.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Preparation of ROPA 6 and public consultation have been undertaken within the existing Long Range Planning staff complement and 2013 budget allocation.

In addition, the Region was successful in obtaining one-time funding under the Province's Creative Communities Prosperity Fund (CCPF) for a total of \$50,000 which has supported the Region in preparing the AMP. This funding has supported additional consultation on the AMP and on ROPA 6 with the First Nations and Métis.

6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

A number of the Region's local municipalities have established heritage conservation districts, undertaken mapping to identify areas of archaeological potential, and updated their Official Plans to create more comprehensive cultural and archaeological policies. In addition, some local municipalities prepared archaeological master plans/management plans as early as the 1980's (e.g. East Gwillimbury, 1988) and as recently as 2010 (e.g. Vaughan). AMP's and Official Plan policies need to be periodically updated to comply with current policy and legislative frameworks, and to incorporate current archaeological knowledge and practice. The Regional AMP study provides the basis for both updates to the Region's policies and practices, as well as updates to local municipal AMPs and Official Plans.

The Region has included the local municipalities in the Steering Committee to ensure that the Regional AMP compliments and supports local protection of archaeological resources. In addition, Regional staff will support the local municipalities in achieving local official plan conformity with proposed Regional Official Plan Amendment 6. Local

municipalities which will require Official Plan amendments to ensure conformity with proposed ROPA 6 include Whitchurch-Stouffville, Georgina and King. In addition, the East Gwillimbury OP policies will be modified to conform to proposed ROPA 6 through the Ontario Municipal Board hearing process.

7. CONCLUSION

York Region has a rich and diverse cultural heritage which enhances our quality of life and contributes to our sense of place. Appropriate YROP policies are an essential tool in protecting an important component of the Region's distinct cultural heritage. Proposed ROPA 6 introduces new policy to implement the Provincial legislation regarding Archaeological Assessments and archaeological resources.

Proposed ROPA 6 policies provide a trigger for the required archaeological assessment in the development review process; suggest appropriate methods to protect significant archaeological resources; set out the procedure to follow in implementing the province's archaeological assessment process, including in the case of unexpected discovery of a burial site; and commit the Region to investigating a secure reinterment site and interpretation site.

This report provides Committee and the public with information about proposed ROPA 6 for the purpose of the Statutory Public Meeting. Regional staff will receive comments and feedback from the public meeting for consideration in a future recommendation report to Council. At that time the AMP will also be brought back to Council for endorsement.

For more information on this report, please contact Valerie Shuttleworth, Director Long Range Planning at 905 830-4444, Ext. 1525.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.

(The two attachments referred to in this clause are attached to this report.)

**Proposed Amendment
6
to the
Official Plan
for the
Regional Municipality
of York**

AMENDMENT 6
TO THE OFFICIAL PLAN
FOR
THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

PART A - THE PREAMBLE

1. Purpose of the Amendment:

This amendment establishes specific policies to ensure the responsible management of archaeological resources, as required by Provincial policy and legislation.

2. Location:

This amendment applies throughout the Regional Municipality of York.

3. Basis:

The *Ontario Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990* identifies conservation of features of significant archaeological interest as areas of provincial interest. As such, municipal Councils and Boards and the Ontario Municipal Board must have regard for these features when making land use planning decisions. A number of other pieces of legislation, as well as the Provincial Policy Statement 2005, govern the handling of archaeological resources, areas of archaeological potential and burial sites.

The Regional Municipality of York (York Region) recognizes the importance of protecting archaeological resources, which contribute to our understanding of our heritage, our identity and our sense of place. These fragile, non-renewable resources have been lost at an ever-increasing rate in southern Ontario for the past 60 years, as a result of extensive land development.

Existing policies within the ROP 2010 demonstrate York Region's commitment to responsible archaeological management practices, continued dialogue with First Nations and Metis Nation representatives, and the investigation of appropriate re-interment, interpretive and commemoration strategies.

Updated policies which reflect changing provincial directions, local Official Plans, and the outcome of the Archaeological Management Plan Study are needed. This will ensure archaeological assessments are carried out at the appropriate stage or stages of the development review process so that archaeological resources can be protected in the same way that natural heritage resources are currently identified and protected through the development process.

The Policies are intended to clarify the responsibilities and processes involved in archaeological management in York Region, and to create a consistent process across the local municipalities.

PART B - THE AMENDMENT

All of the Amendment entitled PART B - THE AMENDMENT, consisting of the following Policies, constitutes Amendment 6 to the Official Plan for the Region of York.

1. That Chapter 3 Healthy Communities, Section 3.4 Cultural Heritage is hereby amended by deletion of Policies 3.4.10, 3.4.11 and 3.4.12, and renumbering of subsequent policies 3.4.13 and 3.4.14 to 3.4.10 and 3.4.11.
2. That the following section and policies be added following policy 3.4.11 (formerly policy 3.4.14):

Archaeological Resources

First Nations, Métis and European *archaeological resources* contribute to York Region's unique, local identity. They include sites that may contain scatters of artifacts, the remains of structures, cultural deposits or subsurface strata of human origin. Archaeological sites are both highly fragile and non-renewable. This Plan recognizes the importance of conserving archaeological resources and the potential to commemorate significant archaeological discoveries in recognition of their contribution to the municipality's unique community identity..

Objective

To ensure preservation of *archaeological resources* may occur on-site or in an alternate location by proper removal, documentation and preservation, to the satisfaction of the local municipality in compliance with Provincial requirements, standards or guidelines.

It is the Policy of Council:

12. To require local municipal official plans to contain policies dealing with *archaeological resources* that require their identification and protection in accordance with the following:
 - a. that upon receiving information that land proposed for development may include *archaeological resources* or contain an area of archaeological potential, the proponent of the development shall undertake studies by a provincially licensed archaeologist to:
 - i) Due to the presence of archaeological potential, complete the applicable level of *archaeological assessment* of the land in compliance with current Provincial requirements, standards and guidelines for consultant archaeologists;

ii) Assess the impact of the proposed development on any *archaeological resources* identified.

b. That First Nation or Métis *significant archaeological resources* shall generally be considered features to be protected in place and those First Nations or Métis with the closest cultural affiliation and in whose *traditional territories* the *significant archaeological resource* is situated shall be consulted to identify commemorative approaches to assist in maintaining the heritage integrity of the site.

c. That where *archaeological resources* are documented during a Stage 2 *archaeological assessment* and found to be First Nations or Métis in origin, the proponent is encouraged, through their consultant archaeologist, to ensure that those First Nations or Métis with the closest cultural affiliation and in whose *traditional territories* the *archaeological resources* were found receive a copy of the Stage 2 *archaeological assessment* report prior to the development proceeding.

d. That where First Nations or Métis *significant archaeological resources* are identified during a Stage 2 *archaeological assessment*, and preservation in their current location is not possible, the proponent should engage in consultations with the First Nations or Métis with the closest cultural affiliation and in whose *traditional territories* the *significant archaeological resource* is situated to address their interest in the resource and define interpretive and commemorative opportunities related to the resource.

e. The proponent is encouraged, through their consultant archaeologist, to ensure that where a Stage 3 *archaeological assessment* of such an *archaeological resource* is being undertaken to define the nature and extent of the Resource, those First Nations or Métis with the closest cultural affiliation and in whose *traditional territories* the *archaeological resource* is located, be notified in advance of onsite assessment work.

f. The proponent shall provide the municipality with a copy of the Provincial letters recognizing the acceptance of Archaeological Assessment reports into the Provincial Registry.

g. That where *significant archaeological resources* are preserved on-site the area subject to on-site preservation shall be excluded from the land development and the municipality shall consider regulatory tools such as zoning restrictions, designation and heritage easements or open space land dedications to protect the resources;

h. Where burial sites are encountered during any archaeological work or land-disturbing activity, all work must immediately cease and the site be secured, in accordance with legislated requirements. The appropriate provincial and municipal authorities must be notified and the required provisions under the *Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002*, along with other applicable protocol or policy must be followed.

13. That local municipalities encourage the communication of appropriate archaeological discoveries and/or cultural narratives to residents in development proposals through innovative architectural and/or landscape architectural design, public art, or other public realm projects.
 14. To encourage local municipalities, with the advice of a provincially licensed archaeologist and the Province, to develop a contingency plan for the protection of *archaeological resources* in urgent situations, this may include a funding resource to be accessed in emergency situations to protect *archaeological resources* that are discovered by chance or are under imminent threat.
 15. That where Regional public works, including but not limited to the construction of streets and ancillary structures, sewer and water mains and associated structures, encounter previously undocumented *archeological resources*, that work cease in a reasonable area determined in consultation with a provincially licensed archaeologist surrounding the discovery and the necessary steps as identified in Policy 12.a) through f) be undertaken.
 16. To investigate the potential for a secure re-interment site for human remains where preservation in their current location is not possible and an interpretation centre for First Nations and the Métis artifacts recovered from archaeological investigations in the Region.
 17. To review in partnership with First Nations, the Métis Nation and other stakeholders, the Archeological Management Plan on the same review schedule as this Plan to ensure that *archaeological resources* information is kept up-to date.
 18. To develop in conjunction with First Nations and Métis having *traditional territories* in or an interest in the cultural heritage of York Region, local municipalities, and the Province, a First Nations and Métis Consultation Tool.
 19. That the York Region Archaeological Management Plan and Archaeological Potential Map provide guidance on addressing the policies of this Section. New *development* and *site alteration* shall meet all items required by this Plan, and shall strive to achieve all items encouraged in this Plan.
3. That the **DEFINITIONS** section is hereby amended by the addition of the following:

archaeological assessment

A survey undertaken by a provincially licensed archaeologist to identify an *archeological site* and, to the extent required, the cultural heritage value or interest of the site and applicable mitigation measures. There are four levels of archeological assessment that are specific to the circumstances, a Stage 1, Stage 2, Stage 3 or Stage 4 archaeological assessment, each of which as required is completed by a provincially licensed archaeologist in accordance with the current Provincial requirements, standards and guidelines applicable to provincially licensed archaeologists.

archaeological fieldwork

Any activity carried out on, above or under land or water for the purpose of obtaining and documenting data, recovering artifacts and remains or altering an archaeological site and includes monitoring, assessing, exploring, surveying, recovering and excavating.

archaeological resources

Includes artifacts, archaeological sites and marine archaeological sites. The identification and evaluation of such resources are based upon archaeological fieldwork undertaken in accordance with the Ontario Heritage Act.

archaeological site

Any property that contains an artifact or any other physical evidence of past human use or activity that is of cultural heritage value or interest.

artifact

Any object, material or substance that is made, modified, used, deposited or affected by human action and is of cultural heritage value or interest.

marine archaeological site

An archeological site that is fully or partially submerged or that lies below or partially below the high-water mark of any body of water.

significant archaeological resources

Resources that, in the opinion of a licensed archaeologist meet the criteria for determining cultural heritage value or interest set out in the Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists, as amended, and are to be protected from impacts of any sort.

traditional territories

The geographic area traditionally occupied or used regularly by a First Nation and/or their ancestors.

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September 5, 2013
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Attn: Barbara Jeffery, Manager Land Use Policy and Environment

**Re: Comment Letter - Vaughan 400 Landowners Group
DRAFT Archaeological Management Plan dated March 2013 and
Proposed Regional Official Plan Amendment #6 (ROPA 6)**

Humphries Planning Group Inc. along with AMICK Consultants Inc. are providing comments relating to the DRAFT Archaeological Management Plan (AMP) dated March 2013 and Proposed Regional Official Plan Amendment #6 (ROPA 6) on behalf of the Vaughan 400 Landowners Group as follows:

- OPA 6 defines traditional territories as a geographic area occupied or used regularly by a First Nation and/or their ancestors. The Proposed policy 3.4.12 b) requires that when archaeological resources are found the First Nations or Metis with the closest cultural affiliation and in whose traditional territories the resources were found receive a copy of the Stage 2 Assessment prior to the development proceeding. Mapping of the traditional territories in York Region would be helpful in assisting the developers determine the First Nation or Metis group that needs to be circulated the Assessment. This mapping which defines the traditional territories associated with the various Nation or Metis groups in York Region should be added to the APM.
- OPA 6 should clearly state that a Phase 1 & 2 Archaeological Assessment is not required for sites that are identified as not having Archaeological Potential.
- More detailed mapping should be provided that outlines known historic sites that have been found and assessed.
- More detailed mapping should be provided that utilizes assessments completed as part of development applications, whereby the properties have been cleared of archaeological concern.

As the AMP and OPA 6 continue through the planning process, we request notification as the process unfolds.

Should you wish to discuss these comments further, please contact the undersigned at ext. 246.

Yours truly,

HUMPHRIES PLANNING GROUP INC.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark McConville', is written over the company name.

Mark McConville, MCIP, RPP, MScPI
Intermediate Planner

cc: Vaughan 400 Landowners Group Participants
AMICK Consultants

Statutory Public Meeting Regional Official Plan Amendment 6 – Archaeological Resources

Presentation to Committee of the Whole

Valerie Shuttleworth, Director, Long Range Planning

November 7, 2013

Overview

- ❑ Background
- ❑ Archaeological Resources
- ❑ ROPA 6
- ❑ Consultation
- ❑ Next Steps

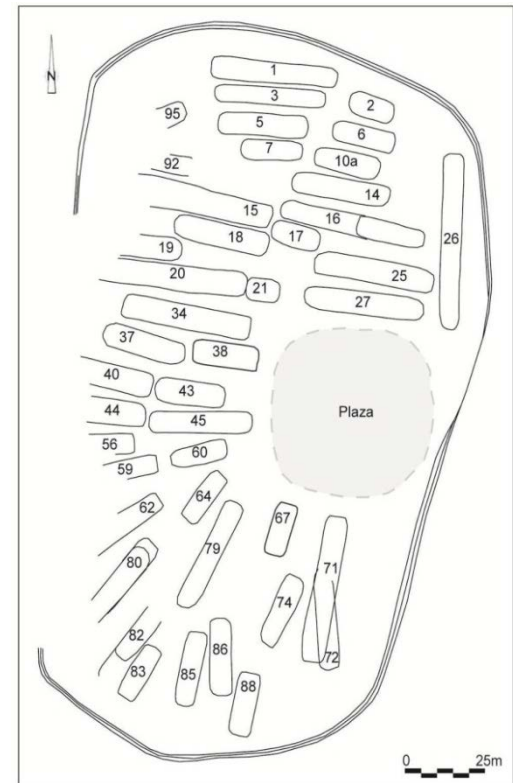


Background

- Archaeological Management Plan Study
 - initiation approved by CouncilSeptember 2010
- Outcomes
 - Draft Archaeological Management Plan
 - Draft Regional Official Plan Policies
 - Archaeological Potential Mapping
- Statutory Public Meeting was authorized on March 28, 2013

Archaeological Resources

- ❑ Fragile, non-renewable physical remains of 11,000 years of human occupation in York Region
- ❑ Artifacts, archaeological sites, underwater archaeological sites



Why Protect Archaeological Resources



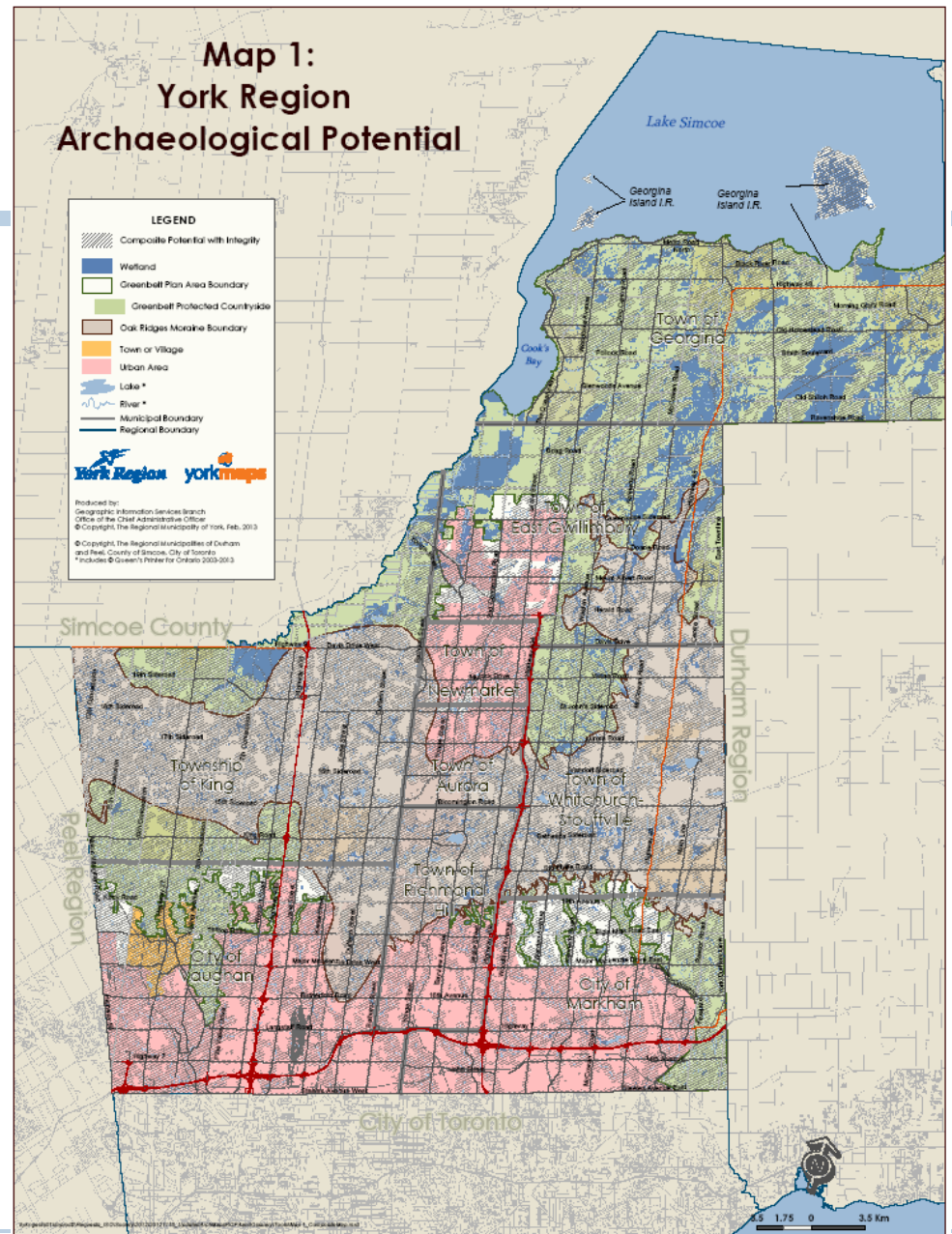
- ❑ Matter of provincial interest
- ❑ York Region recognizes the importance of cultural heritage and archaeological resources
- ❑ First Nations and Métis consultation has indicated need for better protection of archaeological resources
- ❑ Need to integrate the archaeological assessment and development review processes

Current ROP Policies

- ❑ Develop an Archaeological Management Plan, including protocols for protecting archaeological resources
- ❑ Protect or manage archaeological resources on sites prior to development or site alteration
- ❑ Investigate the potential for secure reinterment site and interpretive centre

Archaeological Potential Map

- ❑ Illustrates areas where potential exists for the discovery of archaeological resources
- ❑ Signal for local planners to ensure Stage 1 & 2 archaeological assessments are completed
- ❑ Approved by Council March 2013



Proposed ROPA 6 Policies

- ❑ Correspond to the 4 stages of archaeological assessment
- ❑ Clarify roles and responsibilities of different stakeholders
- ❑ Demonstrate Council's expectations regarding preservation of significant archaeological resources

Proposed ROPA 6 Policies (continued)

- ❑ Encourage communication of archaeological and cultural heritage
- ❑ Explain process to be followed in the event that a burial site is discovered
- ❑ Encourage development of contingency plans for protection of archaeological resources in urgent situations

Proposed ROPA 6 Policies (continued)

- ❑ Commit the Region to undertaking appropriate archaeological assessments as part of public works and other land-disturbing activities

- ❑ Policy regarding investigation of secure reinterment site and interpretation centre is retained

Proposed ROP Policies (continued)



- Commit to development of a First Nations and Métis Consultation Tool



- Sets schedule for review of archaeological resources policies in the ROP

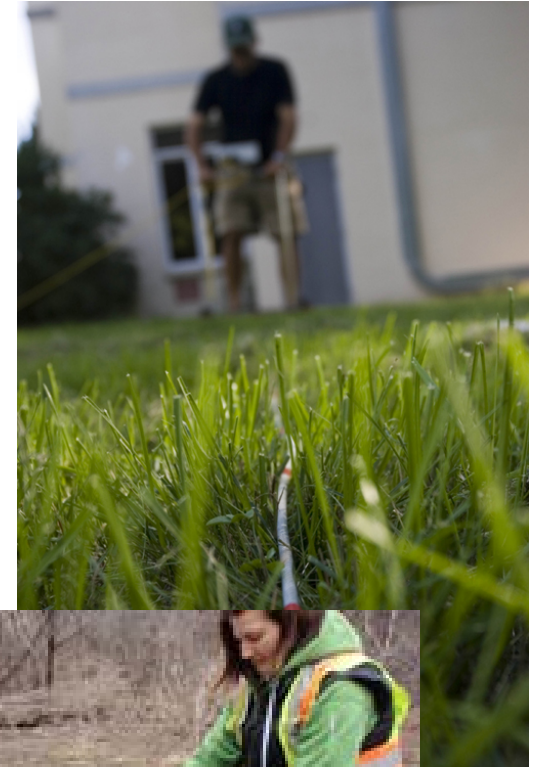
Consultation to Date

- ❑ Steering committee
 - ❑ 7 consultation meetings with stakeholders
- ❑ Statutory Public Meeting
- ❑ Written comments from members of the public



Next Steps

- Recommendation Report
 - Winter 2014
- Issue Notice of Adoption



Recommendations

1. Public input be received at the statutory public meeting on November 7, 2013.
2. A recommendation report be prepared on Amendment No. 6 for future consideration by Council.