# Welcome: Workshop

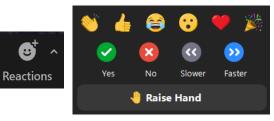
While we are waiting for everyone to join the call: Take a moment to familiarize yourself with Zoom. For technical support, please feel free to use the chat function.

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# Newkirk Local Centre Workshop

November 22, 2022



## Tonight's Agenda

7:00 Welcome and Introductions

- 7:05 Purpose of Workshop
  - Official Plan Update Background
  - Policy Context for planning the Newkirk Local Centre
  - Questions
- 7:25 Workshop Break out rooms
- 8:40 Report back
- 8:55 Next Steps

#### 9:00 Adjourn



### Purpose of Workshop



To inform the preparation of official plan direction to direct growth within this area over the long term.

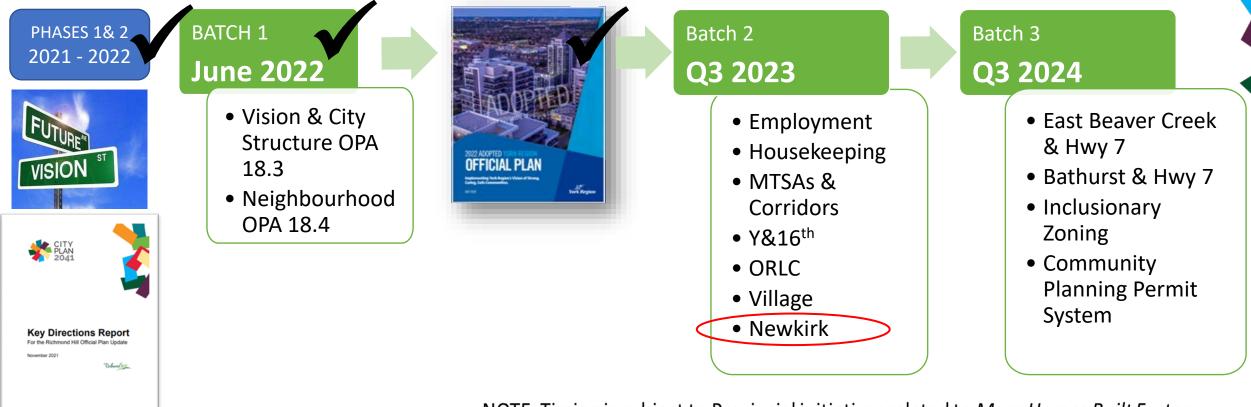
What do we hope to achieve in this workshop?

- Discuss matters that are interest to you in relation to this area.
- Receive feedback from public and stakeholders on what planning direction is needed for this area to implement City Plan Key Directions.



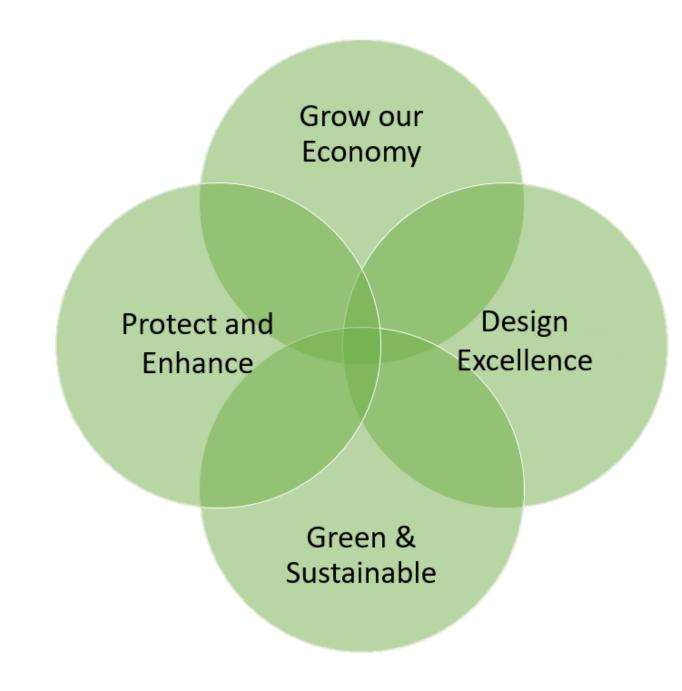
#### **Official Plan Update Phase 3 Process**

Phase 3 consists of consultation on and development of Official Plan Amendments which will be advanced in three batches:



NOTE: Timing is subject to Provincial initiatives related to *More Homes Built Faster: Ontario's Housing Supply Action Plan* (See: ERO <u>019-6162</u>)

### Pillars of the OP Update



### Policy context for this area

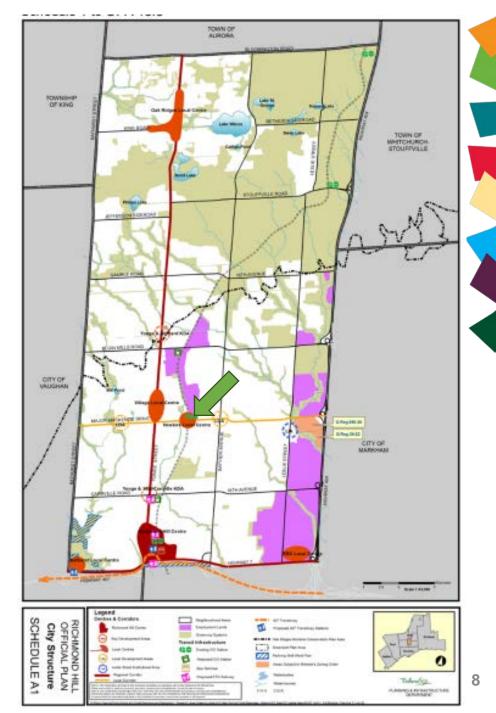
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- Provincial and Regional policies state that intensification should be focused on lands adjacent to major transit routes, at densities and in a form that is transit supportive, providing a mix of uses, walkable, connected, with a diverse public realm.
- The new Regional Official Plan identifies the Newkirk Local Centre lands within a Protected Major Transit Station Area(s) with a minimum density of 150 residents and jobs per hectare.

Updated City Policy Context (OPA 18.3) **CITY STRUCTURE** identifies centres and corridors in areas near existing or planned rapid transit stations as areas that are planned for intensification and a mix of uses.

**Centres** are recognized as focal points and destination areas where a mix of uses shall be required. (Policy 3.1.3 (5) )

Local Centres are intended to function as mixed-use centres to serve adjacent neighbourhoods. They will be transit supportive, complete community areas, each with a unique character due to the existing built context, cultural heritage and/or natural heritage that exists within them (per Official Plan Figure 2).



### Key Directions for Newkirk Local Centre







**Objective:** Provide policy direction to create a distinct centre and to address relevant Key Directions, such as:

- Provide clear vision statement "mixed use commuter connector" (to be confirmed today)
- Create a cohesive sense of place
- Identify public realm needs (i.e. parks, trails, pedestrian and cycle friendly streets) to create amenity rich communities
- Support development of a new mixed use community and encourage structured commuter parking to allow for intensification opportunities;
- Provide new, and maintain existing, affordable housing.
- Ensure land use compatibility with adjacent employment uses.
- Allocate minimum and maximum (FSI) density

## Centre Specific OPA Key Elements

Amend Chapter 4.5 Local Centre policies to provide:

- Planning vision for this area and identify a forecasted growth for it,
- Area specific policies that are an **exception to general policies** or that are **unique** to the area, where needed.
- Schedules identifying Centre boundary, land use and/or character areas, public realm elements (conceptually), and allocation of density on a block basis.

#### Examples of Area Specific Schedules:

#### **Character/Land Use**





#### Density



#### Questions

### Workshop

To inform policy development, the discussion will be about:

- Vision for this Local Centre
- Land use in this area
- Opportunity for new parks, trails and/or streets



#### Area Context











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### Growth Assumptions for the Centre

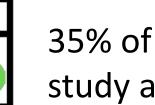
Study Area





31.88 ha.

**Streets and Parks** 



study area

**Residential Units** 



2,216 **new** units

Commercial/Office **Gross Floor Area** 



69,471 sq. m.

16

**Residents &** 

285 Jobs/ha.

## Workshop Approach & "Ground Rules"

- One voice at a time
- Share ideas, and allow others an opportunity to do so as well
- Be respectful of and openminded to others' ideas
- Stay focused on the discussion at hand

**NOTE:** This workshop is one of several inputs that will be considered when planning for this area.



#### Break Out Session

#### ACTIVITY #1: VISION What does this vision mean to you?



"An affordable, mixed-use community anchoring a transit station that connects commuters from across the City."

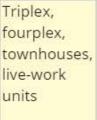








#### ACTIVITY #2: LAND USE & CHARACTER AREAS What kind of buildings would we need in the area to accommodate the planned for residents and jobs?



Low-rise apartment



Mid-rise apartment (generally mixed-use)

Tall apartment (generally mixed-use)









### Report Back

#### **Report Back**

Share your break out room highlights!





## Next Steps

### Next Steps

- Online survey (closes November 30, 2022)
- Consolidate comments and feedback
- Official Plan Update Committee Meeting(s) early 2023
- Release What We Heard Report and draft OPAs for public consultation (TBD)
- Open House (TBD)
- Council Public Meeting (TBD)
- Receive all feedback and revise OPAs as needed
- Council Meeting to adopt of proposed OPAs (Fall 2023)



#### Stay involved and *Let's Plan Our City*!



Complete online survey about the topics covered in today's workshop by November 30, 2022.



Learn more about the Official Plan, how it is used, and think about what matters to you.

Attend future meetings.

Discuss issues and concerns with staff, your Regional and Local representatives, as well as your colleagues and neighbours.



Make oral/written submissions at Council meetings.

#### Visit: Richmondhill.ca/OPUpdate

E-mail: OPUpdate@richmondhill.ca

#### Thank You! To serve you better, please complete the event feedback survey (see link in the chat).