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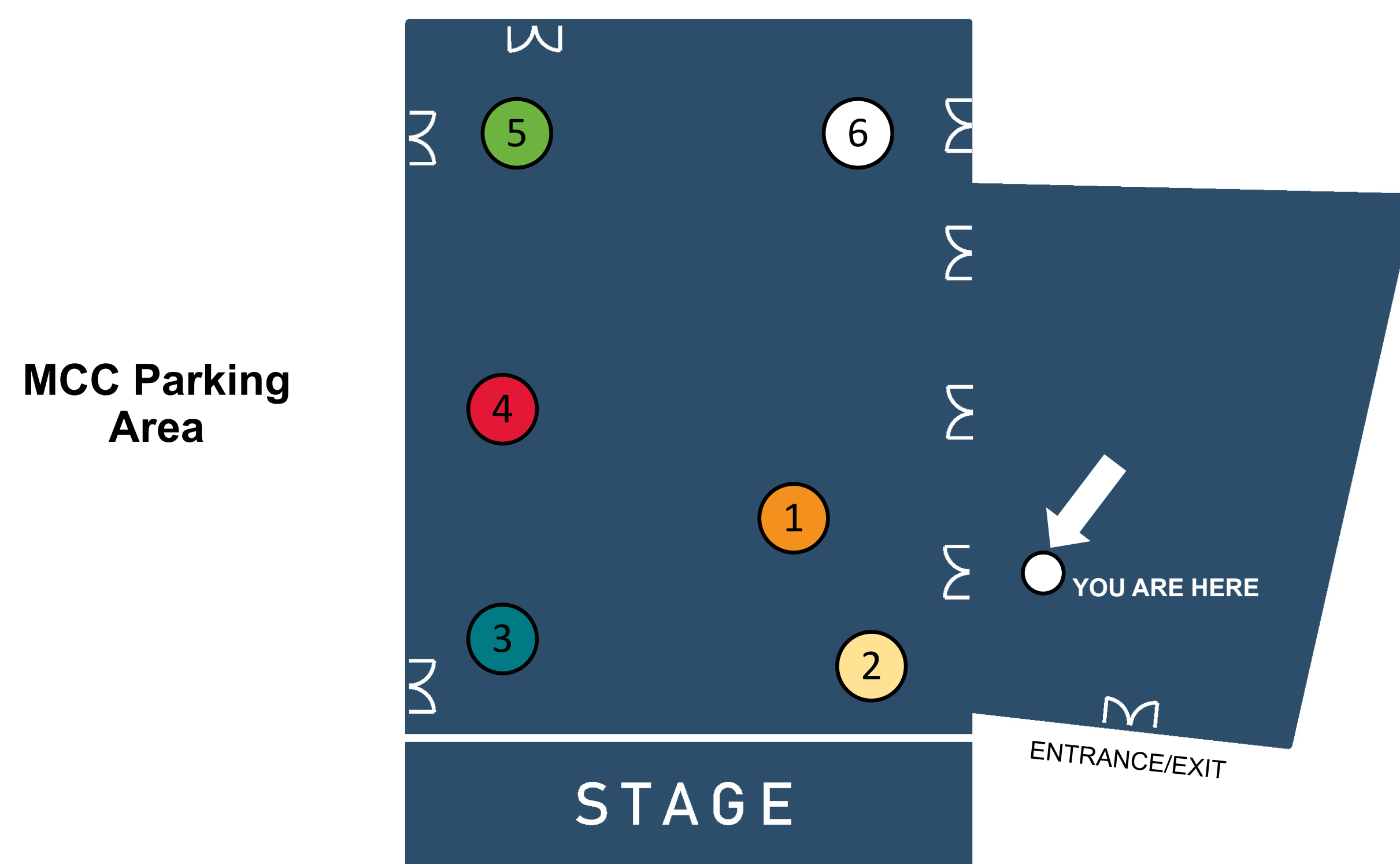
Welcome, and Check-in!

Thank you for attending this Open House respecting the City's Official Plan Update, and Comprehensive Zoning By-law.

Tonight's Open House Format:

- 1) Check-in at the registration desk
- 2) Visit the booth(s) that are of interest to you, and ask your questions

Key Map:



- 3) Leave your Exit Survey with City Staff, or at the registration desk
- 4) Learn more about:
 - The Draft OPAs at: RichmondHill.ca/OPUpdate
 - Richmond Hill's Comprehensive Zoning By-law at: RichmondHill.ca/ZoneRH

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Land Acknowledgment:

“ We are gathering on lands that have been home to First Nations Peoples from time immemorial. We acknowledge that what we now call Richmond Hill is on the Treaty Lands and Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the Mississauga and Chippewa Nations of the Williams Treaty. We also recognize that we are on part of the traditional territories of the Haudenosaunee and the Huron Wendat.

We would also like to acknowledge all First Nation, Inuit and Métis peoples from across North America, also known as Turtle Island, who now reside in the City of Richmond Hill. We are committed to re-building constructive and cooperative relationships.”

How to Obtain More Information:

Visit Booth:	Theme:	Scan QR Code :
1	General Official Plan Information / Process	
2	OPA 18.5: Yonge/16th Key Development Area	
3	OPA 18.6: Village Local Centre	
4	OPA 18.8: Oak Ridges Local Centre	
5	OPA 18.7: Newkirk Local Centre	
6	Zone Richmond Hill	



City Vision and Structure

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City Plan Vision:

“By 2051, the City of Richmond Hill will be the centerpiece of York Region and one of the most prominent, complete communities in the Greater Toronto Area.”

City Structure

The City Structure supports complete communities with its components of: Employment Areas, Neighborhoods, Centres and Corridors and the Greenway System. This structure provides the framework for creating diverse places where people can live, work, play and have access to amenities and services nearby.

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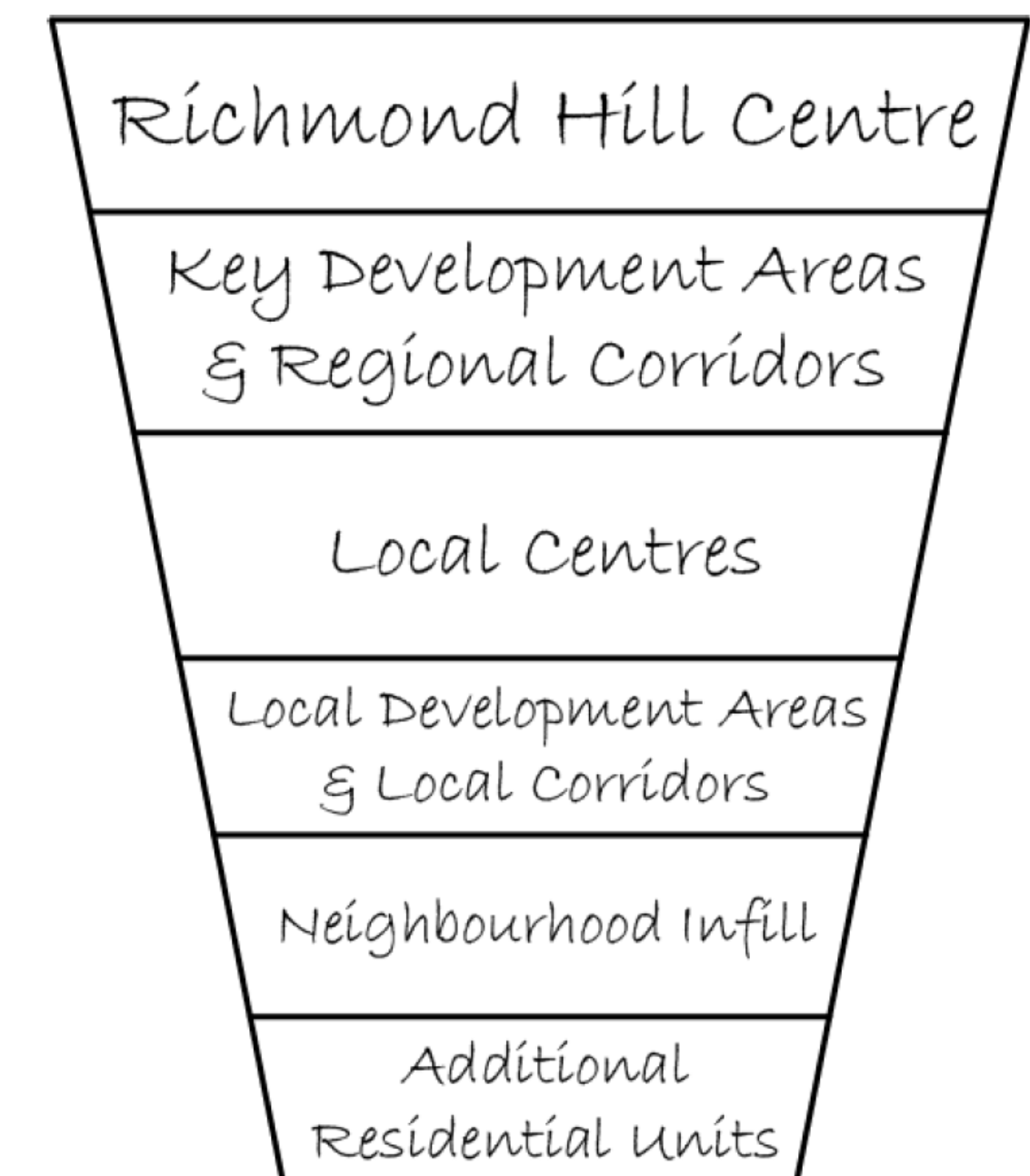
Centres & Corridors

Transit Infrastructure

Provincial Planning and Other

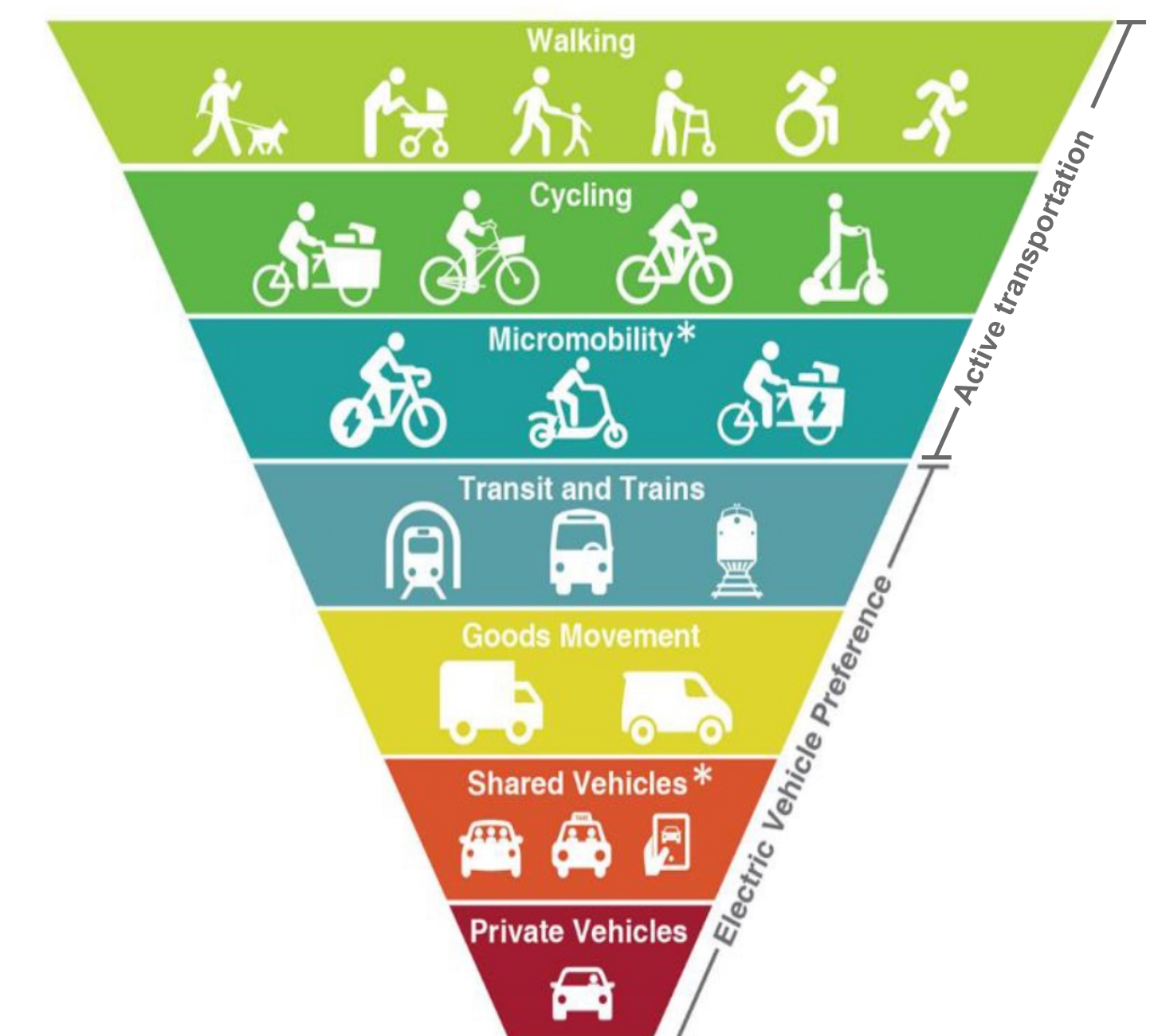
Intensification Hierarchy

Provincial policies require municipalities to identify appropriate locations for intensification and transit-supportive development. Richmond Hill's intensification hierarchy complements the City structure and is intended to clarify the City's priorities for where new growth is to occur within the City.



Mobility Hierarchy

As the City grows and urbanizes, Regional policies require the City to prioritize active transportation and transit over other modes of travel, to address issues such as climate change, traffic congestion, and public health. The Mobility Hierarchy provided in the Official Plan prioritizes active transportation, transit, and goods movement over single-occupant automobiles, and provide a range of choice in mobility with the goal of balancing limited street capacity and competing uses.



Official Plan Update Pillars

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When updating its Official Plan, the City will evaluate proposed changes based on how well they respond to the following four pillars:



Design Excellence

This pillar supports great architecture, and seeks to provide well-designed public and private spaces. It promotes the creation of memorable destinations in our communities via parks, trails, and open spaces, and seeks to improve access to community services through different modes of travel while allowing for spaces to adapt to changing needs of society and the environment.

Green and Sustainable

This pillar supports innovation in “green” building standards, and the achievement of Richmond Hill’s path to a low carbon future. It also supports use of “green infrastructure” and enhancing the City’s existing natural heritage features and functions.

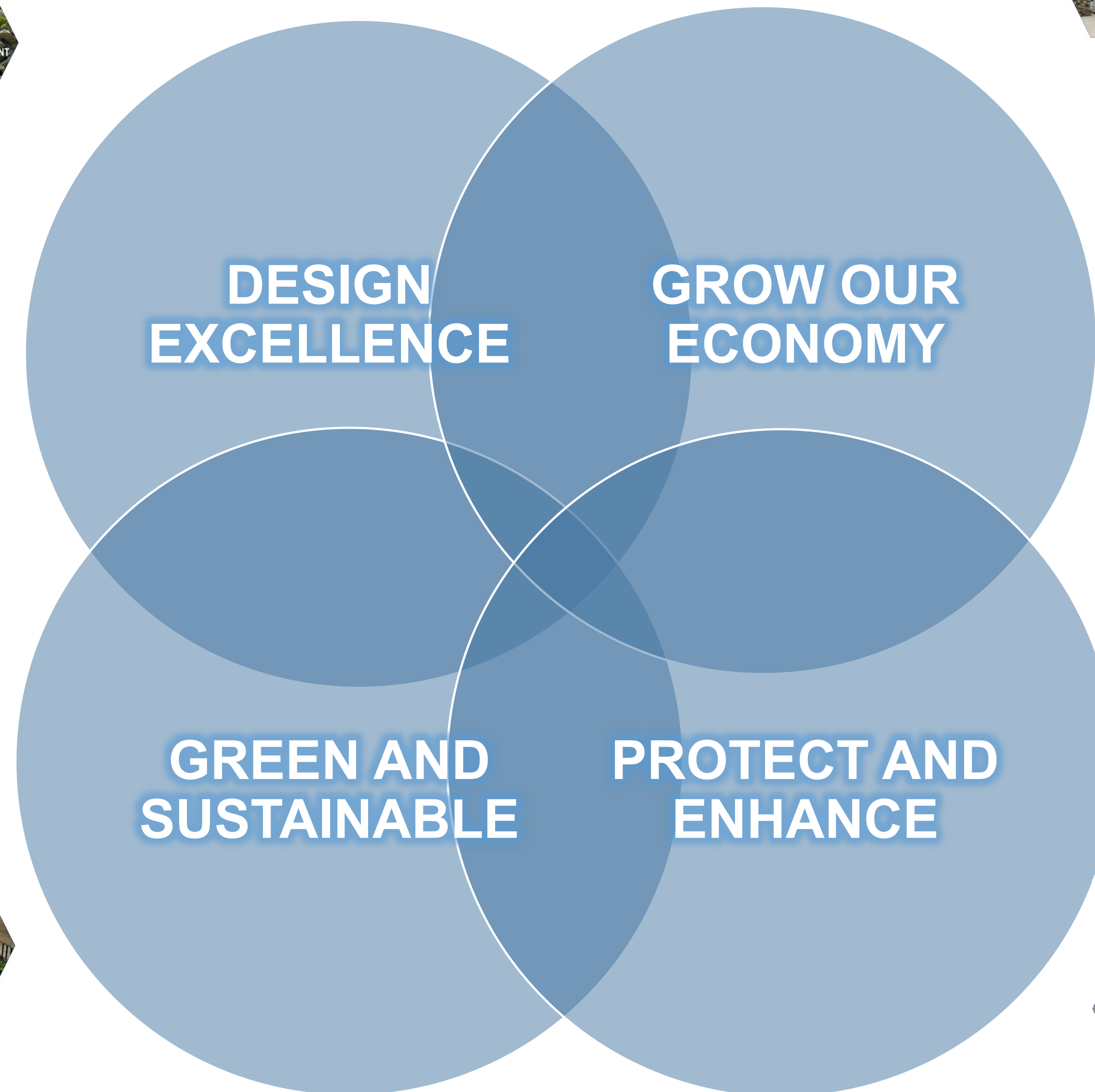


Grow Our Economy

This pillar supports enabling conditions to attract and retain talent. It seeks to provide a policy environment to facilitate business opportunities, and to provide the necessary infrastructure to support and expand the City’s local business base.

Protect and Enhance

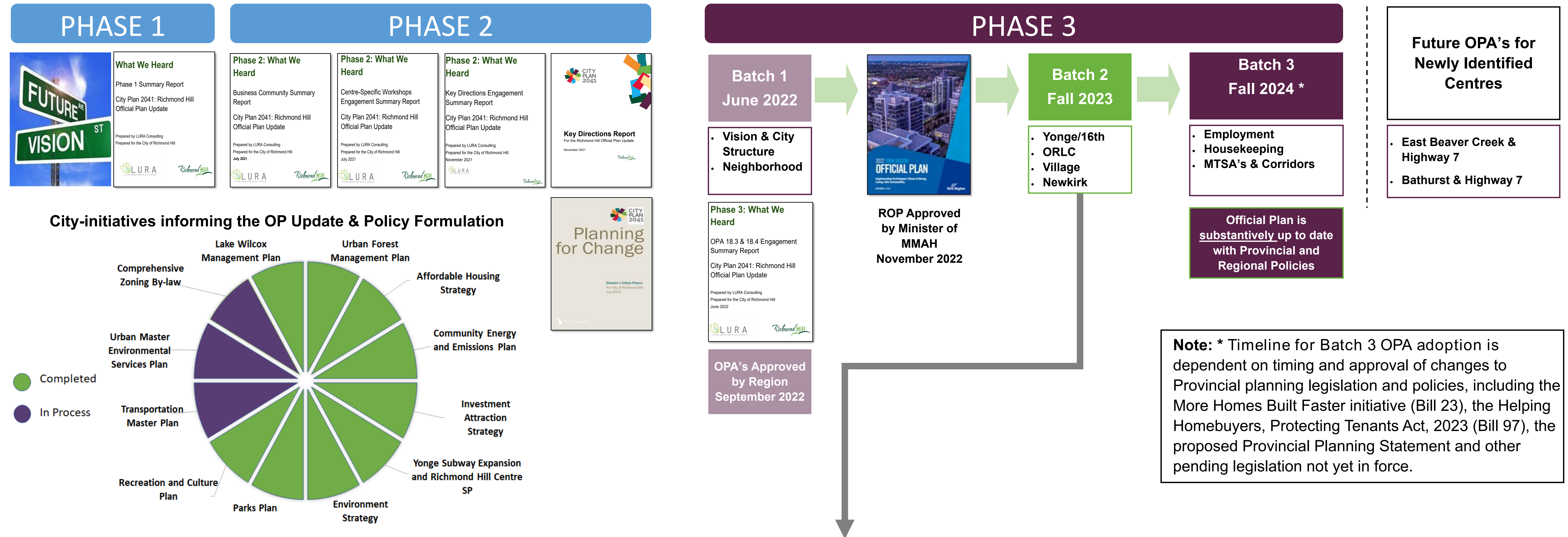
“Our cherished places” pillar - Ensures that while we change, we don’t lose what is important to us. This pillar seeks to enhance and promote a Richmond Hill identity. It responds to the diversity of cultures and lifestyles within our community, and supports a greater mix of housing types, tenures and levels of affordability.



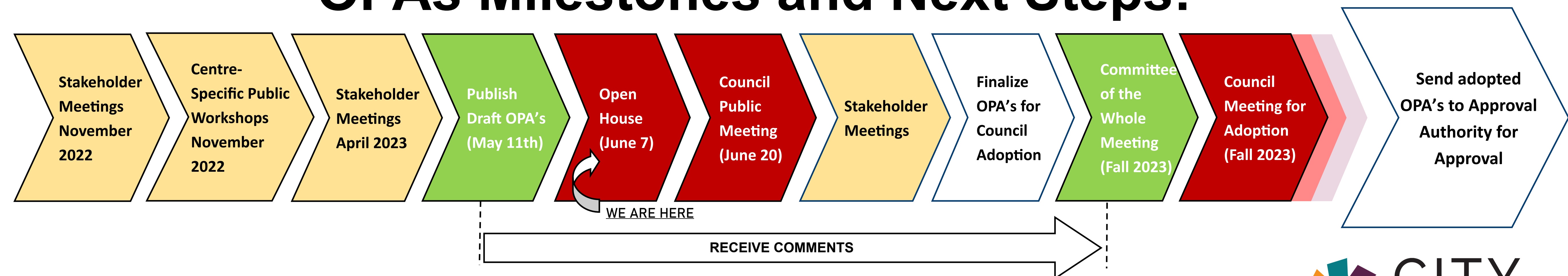
OP Update Process and Next Steps

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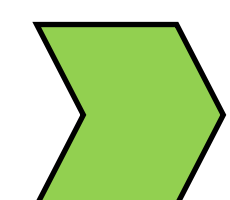
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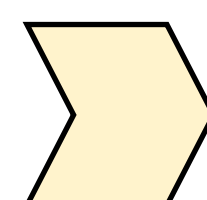
OPAs Milestones and Next Steps:



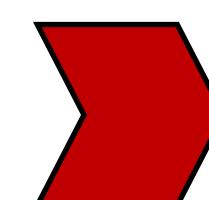
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RELEASE OF OPA MATERIALS



STAKEHOLDER MEETING(S)



STATUTORY MEETING UNDER THE PLANNING ACT



CITY PLAN



Major Transit Station Areas (MTSAs)

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What are Major Transit Station Areas?

Major Transit Station Areas are lands that are within an approximate distance (radius) of 500-800 metres of a transit station or stop, along an existing or planned priority transit corridor.

These areas are intended to be developed as mixed-use, transit supportive communities that provide access to local amenities, jobs and housing that meet the daily needs of residents and will support future development around higher order transit stations (such as Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), GO Rail, and Subway).

What is a “Protected” Major Transit Station Area?

Protected Major Transit Station Areas (or “PMTSAs”) are MTSAs that have been identified and subsequently approved by the Minister as “protected”, under the provisions of the *Planning Act*. The 'protection' afforded to these areas relates to matters that are not subject to appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal. Designating major transit station areas as “protected” is also a prerequisite to enable the use of an Inclusionary Zoning By-law to facilitate the provision of affordable housing within the MTSA.

When planning for PMTSA’s, lower-tier municipalities, like Richmond Hill, must update their Official plan to include policies that identify:

the minimum number of combined residents and jobs per hectare that are planned to be accommodated in the area;

the authorized uses of land in the major transit station area and of buildings or structures on lands in the area;

the minimum densities authorized with respect to buildings and structures on lands in the area.

The Region of York has worked collaboratively with the City of Richmond Hill to identify the boundaries of each MTSA, alongside general policies and requirements. The City is required to develop detailed policies for MTSAs in its Official Plan to ensure they align with the Region’s policies.

Protected Major Transit Station Areas that have been identified in Richmond Hill

The York Region Official Plan (ROP), which was approved by the Province in November 2022, identifies **seventeen (17) MTSA’s in Richmond Hill**. Each of these station areas are classified as ‘protected’.

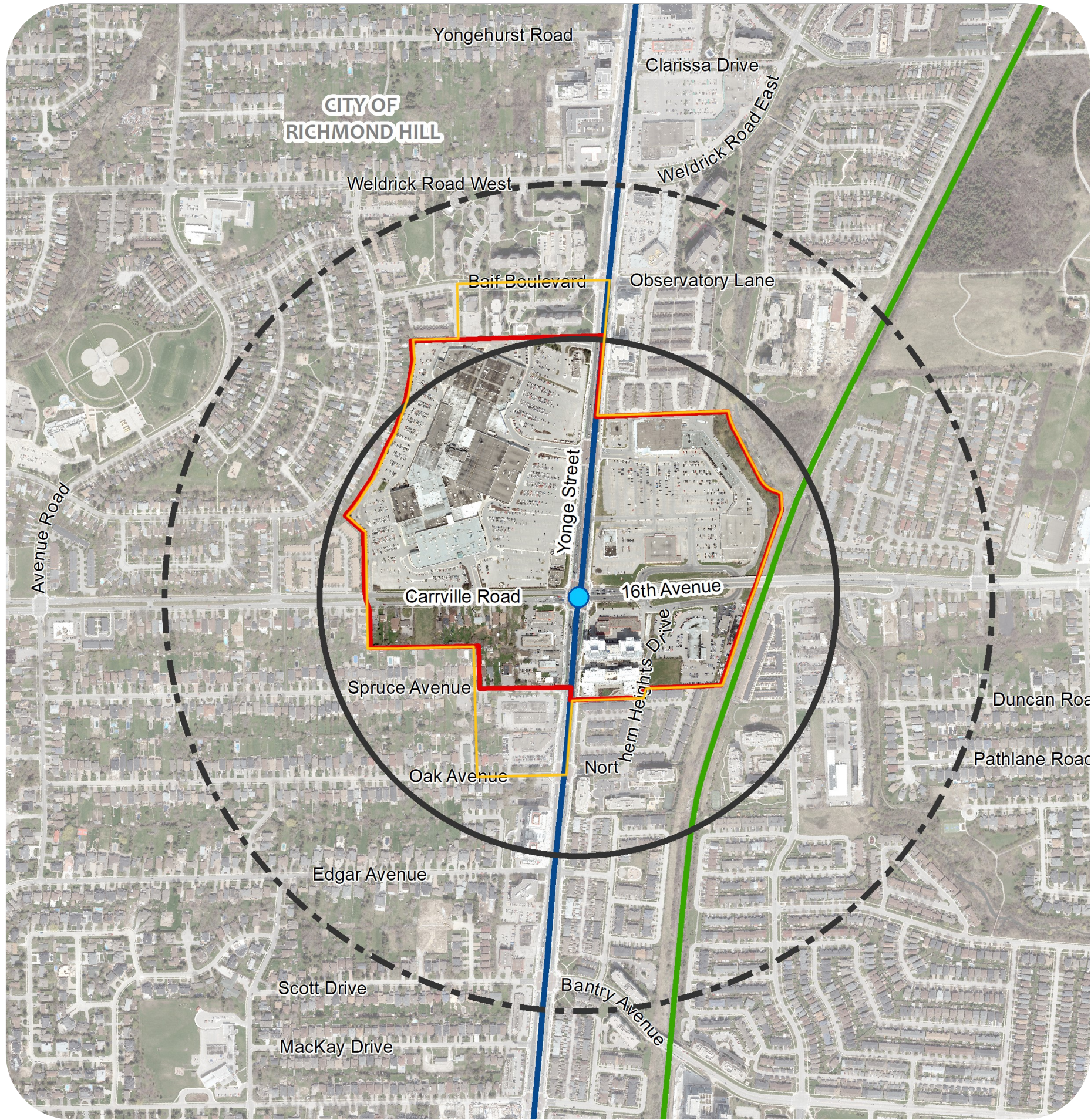
Three of the four centre-specific OPA areas that are the subject of tonight’s Open House discussion are identified as “protected” MTSAs. This includes the *Yonge/16th KDA*, *Newkirk Local Centre* and the *Village Local Centre*. The *Oak Ridges Local Centre* is not an MTSA identified in the Region’s Official Plan.

How are lands within MTSA’s planned?

Planning for MTSA’s is a top-down approach, which starts with the upper-tier Provincial Planning Framework and the York Region Official Plan.

The ROP delineates the boundaries of each MTSA, and sets a minimum density target for each station area. It requires lower-tier municipalities, like Richmond Hill, to plan for MTSA’s in more detail through the Official Plan in order to achieve the minimum density target assigned to each area.

Yonge/16th/Carville BRT Station and Major Transit Station Area Example 500-800m Radius around Transit Station Stop



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Existing Transit

- Bus Rapid Transit Station
- GO Rail Line
- Bus Rapid Transit Corridor

Provincial P/MTSA Definition

- 500m radius
- 800m radius

Regional P/MTSA Definition

- 300 R&J/ha
- P/MTSA Delineated Boundary

Note: Planning for adjacent PMTSAs will occur via future MTSA and Corridors OPA

Richmond Hill PMTSA Implementation

- Proposed KDA Boundary

Richmond Hill Official Plan

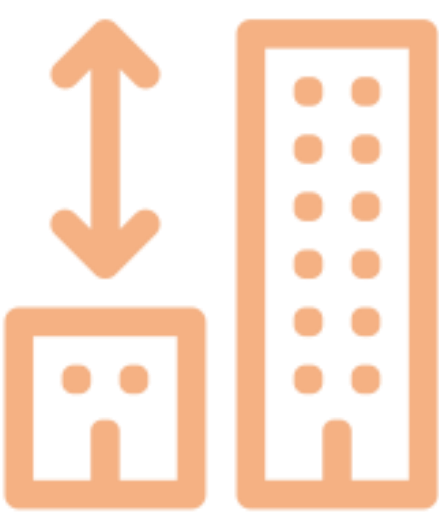
MTSA’s will be implemented through a combination of the City’s Official Plan, and Zoning By-law. In addition to carrying forward the delineated boundaries and minimum density targets from the ROP, through the City’s Official Plan, the City will:



Designate appropriate land uses



Identify minimum and maximum densities



Identify building height requirements



Establish policies that are unique to each MTSA