

Town of Aurora Official Plan Review

General Committee

June 21, 2022



Official Plan Review - Schedule

Phase 1



Background Review

Q3 – Q4 2020

- Project Media Launch
- Community Stakeholder Committee Meeting #1
- Leadership Team Meeting #1
- Self-Guided Walking Tour
- Vision Workshop
- Engagement Summary Report

Phase 2



Background Studies and Discussion Papers

Q4 2020 – Q2 2021

- Vision Survey
- Community Stakeholder Committee Meetings #2 – #5
- Focus Groups
- Public Open Houses
- Leadership Team Meeting #2
- Technical Steering Committee Meeting
- Engagement Summary Report

Phase 3



Policy Development

Q2 2021 – Q4 2021

- Public Planning Meeting
- Engage Aurora Updates
- CSC Meetings #6 - #8
- Public Open House
- Engagement Summary Report

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Phase 4



Official Plan Amendments

Q4 2021 – Q4 2022

- Draft Official Plan released for comment
- LT/TSC/CSC Meetings
- Public Open House
- Update Parks and Environmental Mapping
- Receive and Review Comments Received

Phase 5



Regional Approval

Q1 2023

- Council Adoption
- Official Plan and Secondary Plan Amendments submitted to Regional Council for Approval

Official Plan Review - Engagement

BY THE NUMBERS

STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS AND FOCUS GROUPS



13

Meetings



51

Participants

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSES



6

Meetings



139

Attendees

VISION SURVEY



57

Responses

PROJECT WEBSITE



2148

Unique
Visitors



75

Online
Submissions

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Draft Updated Official Plan

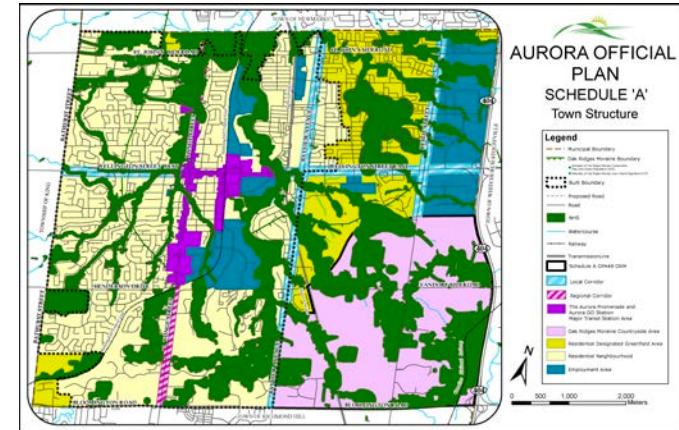
Vision

- **Vision** updated to reflect input from the public
- Updates to **Fundamental Principles**:
 - References to complete communities, climate change, affordable housing
 - Recognition that Aurora's stable neighbourhoods are an asset to the Town
 - Focus on co-locating community facilities
 - New principles focusing on parkland and connectivity

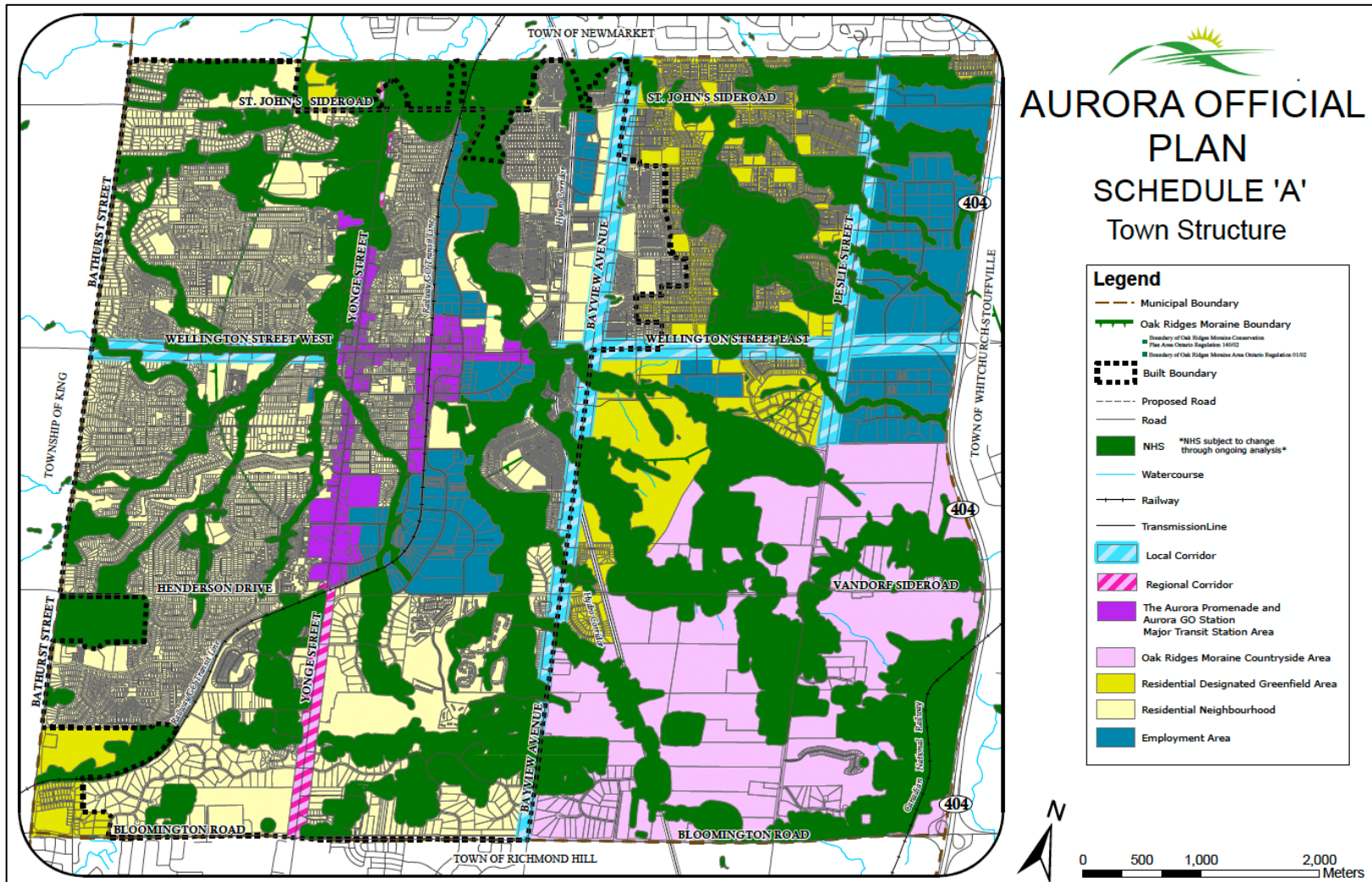


Town Structure & Growth Management

- Reorganized key functional elements of the Town's Structure
- Direct growth to newly characterized **"Strategic Growth Areas"**
 - **Promenade and MTSA, Regional Corridor, Local Corridors,**
 - Minimum MTSA density: 150 P+J/hectare
- Focus on **"gentle intensification"** within Existing Residential Neighbourhoods
- Updated **growth projections**
 - Intensification target: 45%
 - DGA density target: 55 P+J/hectare



Town Structure Plan



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Design Excellence

- Town-wide policies
- Focus on **placemaking**
- Focus on high-quality design for **public and private realms**
- **Public Realm:**
 - Blocks/lots, streetscapes, pedestrian environment, views and focal points
- **Private Realm:**
 - Built form, site and parking design, neighbourhood design
- Direction for creating Public Art Master Plan and Cultural Master Plan



Housing

General Housing Policies

- Focus on “missing middle” housing options
- Updated affordable housing targets
- Clarification and simplification of policies on various housing types

Land Use Designations

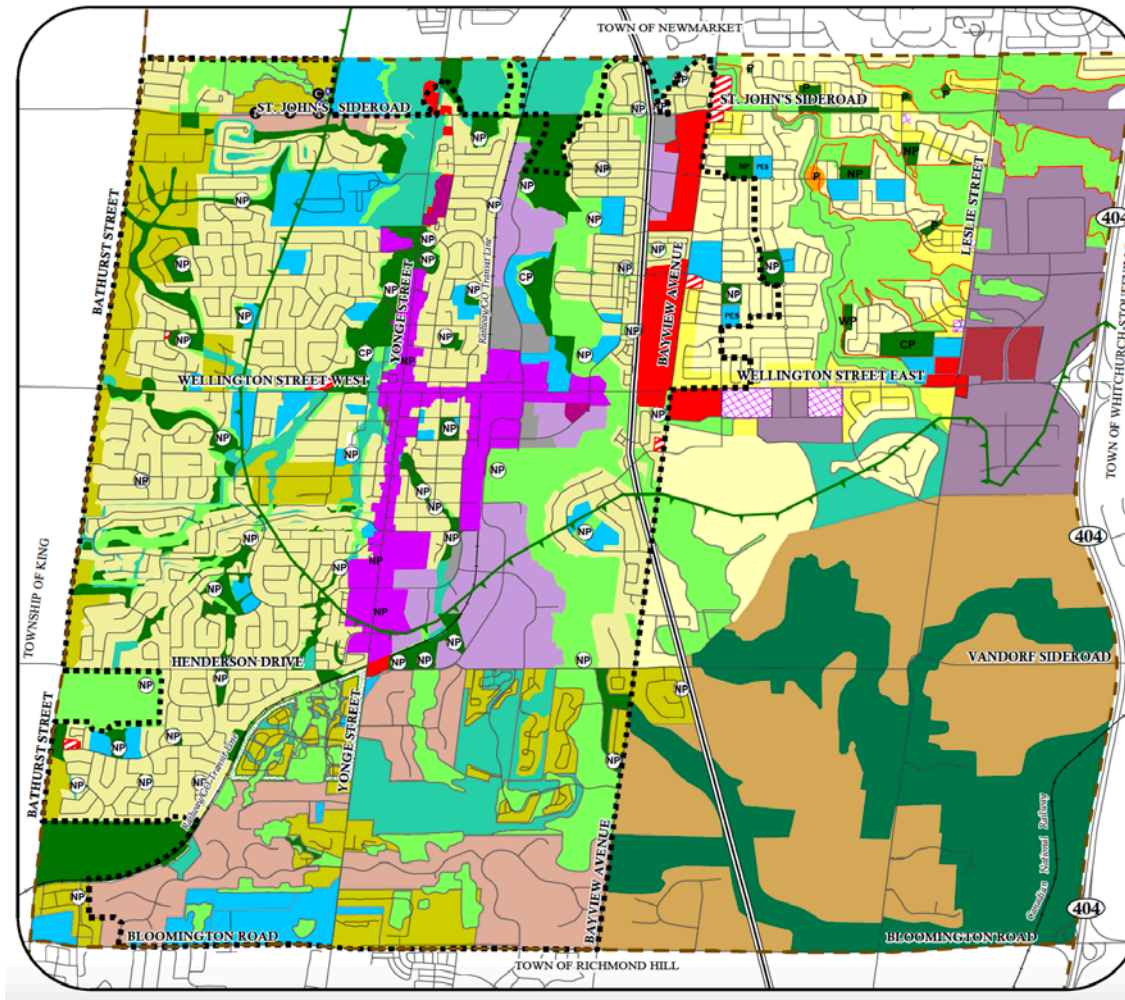
- Streamlined land use designations
- Encouraging and permitting denser housing forms on the edges of Stable Neighbourhoods



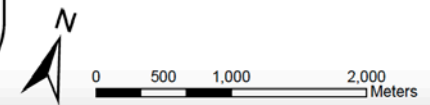
THE HOUSING CONTINUUM



Land Use Plan



AURORA OFFICIAL PLAN SCHEDULE 'B' Land Use Plan



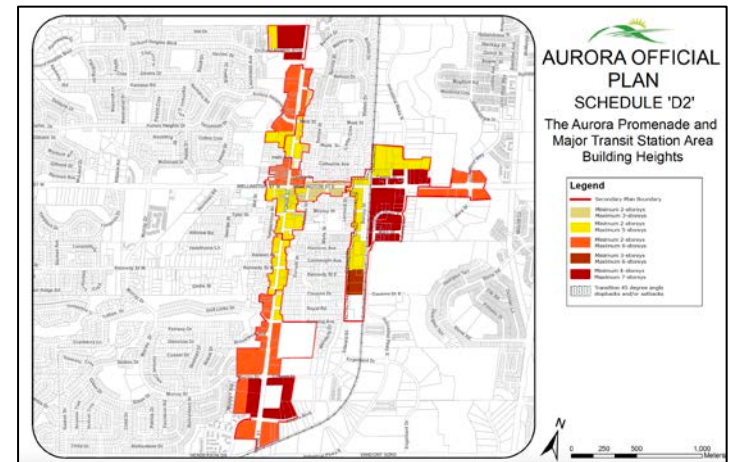
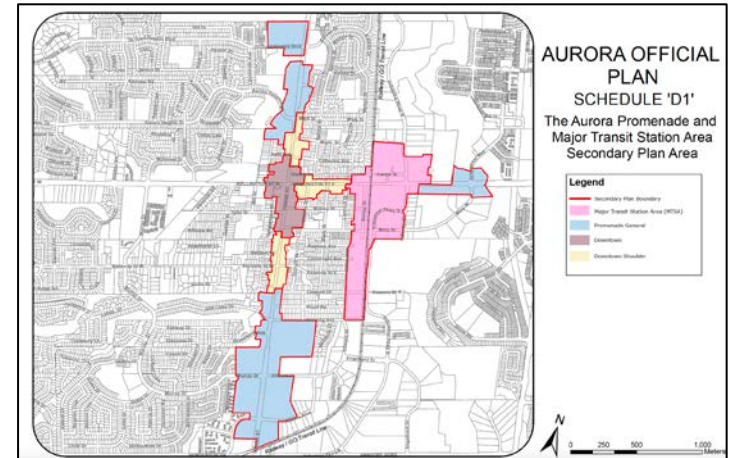
Economy

- Changes to reflect updated Provincial and Regional policies on employment conversions
- Consolidated and simplified land use designations (no differentiation between greenfield and non-greenfield areas)
- Applicable land use designations from Secondary Plans brought into OP
- New **Mixed Use designation**
 - At-grade commercial uses and active street frontage;
 - Appropriate transitions to low-rise



Aurora Promenade and MTSA

- Updated Aurora Promenade and MTSA Secondary Plan
- Inclusion of MTSA
- Updated Height Schedule
- Focus on density in the MTSA
- Focus on transition to adjacent low-rise areas
- Simplification of policies



Next Steps

- **Summer and Fall 2022**
 - Receive comments and make revisions as necessary
- **Winter 2023**
 - Town Council Adoption
 - Send Official Plan to Region for Approval

Thank You



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