

Council Information Package

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Region of York
March 16, 2018

From: Coombs, Johanna (OMAFRA) [<mailto:Johanna.Coombs@ontario.ca>] **On Behalf Of** Bailey, Sharon (OMAFRA)
Sent: March 15, 2018 10:44 AM
Subject: Province consulting on Draft Agricultural Impact Assessment Guidance Document

The Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs is seeking comments on a draft [Agricultural Impact Assessment Guidance Document](#). The Guidance Document is focused on helping to satisfy Agricultural Impact Assessment policies found in the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe 2017, the Greenbelt Plan 2017, the Niagara Escarpment Plan 2017 and the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan 2017. It may also be a useful best practice guide elsewhere in the province.

The draft Guidance Document is designed to help municipal planning practitioners, agricultural and environmental assessment professionals, aggregate producers, development and infrastructure proponents, and other decision-makers satisfy new policies in the updated provincial land use plans related to Agricultural Impact Assessments. The document also provides information on how to mitigate impacts from development on agriculture. The Guidance Document will help members of the public and stakeholders better understand the type of work that may be carried out for certain types of development that require an Agricultural Impact Assessment.

Information in the Guidance Document includes:

- A clear definition of an Agricultural Impact Assessment and related provincial requirements
- Technical guidelines and relevant information to include in an Agricultural Impact Assessment to ensure consistency (or an equivalent analysis as part of an environmental assessment)
- A list of mitigation measures and resources that may be considered to avoid, minimize and mitigate impacts on agriculture, including information on rehabilitating land back to agriculture.

Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs has posted the draft Agricultural Impact Assessment Guidance Document for public comment on the [Environmental Registry](#).

Comments on the draft Guidance Document are welcome between **March 15 and July 13, 2018**. You can submit comments by:

- Visiting the [Environmental Registry](#) posting and clicking the 'comment' button
- Email: aia@ontario.ca
- Fax: 519-826-3492
- Mail: Agricultural Impact Assessments

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We look forward to hearing from you.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon Bailey". The signature is contained within a thin black rectangular border.

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March 16, 2018

Mayor Tony Van Bynen
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Dear Mayor Van Bynen:

Re: Public Information Centre - York Region Transit 2019 Transit Initiatives

This letter invites you to a York Region Transit (YRT) Public Information Centre (PIC) in the Town of Newmarket on Tuesday, April 3, 2018, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Newmarket GO Terminal, located at 320 Eagle Street, Newmarket. The PIC date, time and location was discussed and confirmed with the Town of Newmarket CAO's office.

YRT is preparing its 2019 Transit Initiatives and would like to consult with community representatives, members of Council and residents about transit routes and services throughout York Region. Municipal planning staff are also being engaged to solicit feedback to proposed changes within your municipality. All comments and feedback will be incorporated into route revisions, where possible. In addition, we will also be offering online feedback options on all proposed changes. More information will be available on this initiative in the near future.

Input from Council members and residents is very important. We hope that you and/or your staff will be able to attend and provide input into the service planning process. In addition, this outreach activity will allow interested residents to gain a better understanding of YRT's operations and the strategies to be implemented in the upcoming year.

Thank you for helping us to build an innovative, reliable and customer-based transit system.

We look forward to seeing you at the Public Information Centre.

Sincerely,

Wayne Emmerson
York Region Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

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