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Subject: Re: Councillor DiPaola's Motion: Major Transit Station Areas

Dear Mayor and the Council,

Regional and Local Councillor Joe DiPaola proposed a Major Transit Station Areas motion for the June 18th, 2019 Committee of Whole meeting. Councillor DiPaola wants to add both Newkirk Road and Stouffville Road GO Stations to the Major Transit Station Areas (MTSA) list in the Regional Intensification Strategy. However, for following reasons we don't think it is appropriate for the Newkirk Road GO Station.

1) First, the road system around the Newkirk GO Station has serious restrictions and is not designated for today's traffic load. During the morning and afternoon rush hours the Newkirk Road Go Station has severe traffic congestion. In anticipation of the oncoming massive population increase along the Yonge Corridor, the traffic congestion in this Go Station will get much worse; therefore, it's not appropriate to create more traffic in this congested area.

2) Second, within a 500 meter radius from the Newkirk GO Station, there is no large vacant lands available. The only large piece of vacant land is the Unity Park, but it's located on the Regional Greenland System. Obviously, it's not appropriate to change an existing park and Greenland into a high-density development area.

3) Last and most importantly, for the aforesaid reasons York Regional didn't select the Newkirk GO Station as the future Priority Transit Corridor MTSA. York Region has studied and selected 30 future Priority Transit Corridor MTSA's (see attached map), of which Richmond Hill has 8.5, accounting for 28.3% in York Region. Richmond Hill accounts for 17.5% of York Region population, in comparison to the population, we already have enough future MTSA's

In considering the existing traffic load, land availability, future large population increase along the Yonge Corridor, and 8.5 planned new MTSA's in Richmond Hill, it's not appropriate to add Newkirk GO Station area to the Major Transit Station Areas in York Region. However, as Stouffville Road GO Station does not have the same restrictions as the Newkirk GO Station area; therefore, we have no objection to add it to the new MTSA's list.

Finally, we suggest that before Council votes on Councillor DiPaola's motion that it should do what it did with Councillor West's motion about declaring a Climate Emergency in Richmond Hill (like they have in Vaughan) as well as his motion for Native Lands Acknowledgement. Just like Council needs "further

study" before it can approve those motions, it should do "further study" before voting on Councillor DiPaola's motion for the reasons I listed above and any others that might come up. We are sorry, but sometimes it looks like Council just makes things up as it goes along without much preparation before voting on important issues.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

John Li

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# MEMBER MOTION

## Section 5.4.4(b) of Procedure By-law

<b>Meeting:</b>	Committee of the Whole <b>X</b> Council
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	June 18, 2019
<b>Subject/Title:</b>	Major Transit Station Areas
<b>Submitted by:</b>	Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola

Whereas Major Transit Station Areas (MTSAs) will form part of the Region's Intensification Strategy; and

Whereas Intensification Strategy will identify Strategic Growth Areas (SGAs) to support achievement of the intensification target and recognize them as a key focus for development; and

Whereas Growth Plan MTSA minimum density targets (residents and jobs per hectare) are 150 for GO rail stations; and

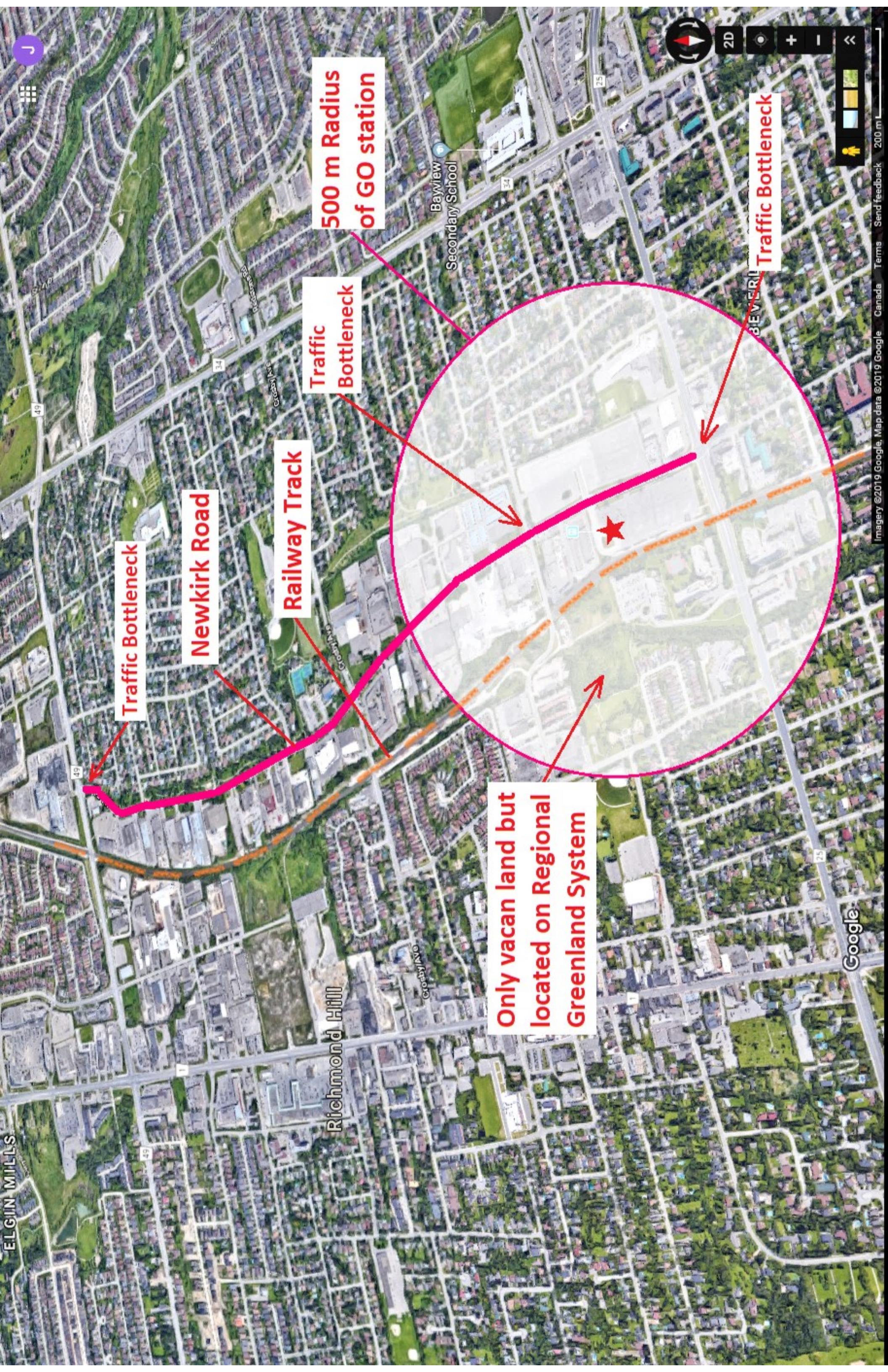
Whereas Richmond Hill has GO Transit stations on Newkirk Road and Stouffville Road;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved:

That staff be directed to communicate to The Regional Municipality of York that Newkirk Road and Stouffville Road GO Stations should be included as Major Transit Station Areas in the Regional Intensification Strategy.

**Moved by:** Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola





Traffic Bottleneck

Newkirk Road

Railway Track

Traffic Bottleneck

500 m Radius of GO station

Only vacan land but located on Regional Greenland System

Traffic Bottleneck

Google



# PRIORITY TRANSIT CORRIDOR MTSAs IN YORK REGION

	Existing MTSa	Future MTSa	Total
Aurora	1	0	1
Aurora/King	0	1	1
King	1	0	1
Markham	8	3	11
Markham/ Richmond Hill	7	0	7
Newmarket	6	4	10
Richmond Hill	0	8	8
Richmond Hill/ Vaughan	0	1	1
Vaughan	4	13	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>57</b>

