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TOWN OF NEWMARKET
OFFICIAL PLAN

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PART A – THE PREAMBLE

1. PURPOSE OF THE AMENDMENT

The purpose of this amendment is to enable the Town to participate in Community Improvement Plans in partnership with the Regional Municipality of York.

2. LOCATION

As a general policy of the Official Plan, this amendment applies to the entire Town of Newmarket.

3. BASIS OF THE AMENDMENT

The *Planning Act* has long provided for the ability for municipalities to adopt Community Improvement Plans. Community Improvement Plans allow municipal councils to determine that improvement within a designated community improvement project area is be desirable because of “age, dilapidation, overcrowding, faulty arrangement, unsuitability of buildings or for any other environmental, social or community economic development reason”, as set out in subsection 28(1) of the *Planning Act*. Community Improvement Plans provide additional tools for municipalities to develop policies and programs such as acquiring and selling land, rehabilitating or constructing buildings, providing grants or loans, and other activities based on their own local needs and opportunities to bring about change and growth.

In 2006 the *Planning and Conservation Land Statute Law Amendment Act* came into force which made amendments to the *Planning Act*. This included the addition of the power for upper-tier municipalities to employ Community Improvement Plans for certain prescribed matters. The amendment also added the ability and for lower- and upper-tier municipalities to participate in the programs of one another’s Community Improvement Plans through making grants and loans to one another. In order to participate in the programs of the other tier’s Community Improvement Plans, the *Planning Act* requires that the Official Plan of the municipality contain policies related to such participation. This amendment adds such a policy to the Town’s Official Plan, which then permits Newmarket Council with the option to participate in any Regional Community Improvement Plan.

PART B – THE AMENDMENT

All of this part of the document entitled “Part B – The Amendment”, consisting of the following text, constitutes Amendment No. 23 to the Newmarket Official Plan.

1. POLICIES

The Newmarket Official Plan is hereby amended as follows:

Section 13.4 Implementation is amended to add subsection g) to read “participation in Community Improvement Plans of the Regional Municipality of York”.

2. IMPLEMENTATION

This Amendment to the Official Plan will be implemented as follows:

a) Participation in Regional Community Improvement Plans

The Council of the Town of Newmarket will determine whether to participate in Community Improvement Plans adopted by the Regional Municipality of York. Grants and loans made through such programs will be on such terms as to security and otherwise as the Council considers appropriate.