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I have concerns about the latest version of the TMP associated with the Airport Employment Growth District.

Modifications were made to the TMP to account for source water protection yet I see no evidence that this has been given serious consideration. ANY additional roads, sidewalks, parking lots and cycling lanes will require winter maintenance. Road salt will be employed to keep these areas safe. Chloride levels in our local streams are rising with each new development that replaces natural spaces. With the proposed provincial changes to stormwater management regulations for construction and maintenance of commercial and multi residential sites, the municipality must do more to ensure our drinking water is safe for future generations. Green infrastructure design specifications are still not settled for appropriate winter maintenance protocols that mitigate the impacts of road salt that is expedited into the subsurface impacting groundwater.

The complete streets concept, while designed for active transportation alternatives, does not attempt to limit the encroachment into natural spaces by reducing motor vehicle and truck roadway lanes.

In addition, I question the timing of this plan as the city has yet to finalize the Biodiversity Action Plan. The forecasted employment figures may also be high considering the changing nature of the work force with many choosing a hybrid option to work from home.

Kindest Regards,
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