

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE DECEMBER 3, 2001

**FINANCIAL PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN YORK REGION AND THE CITY OF VAUGHAN
REGARDING THE MAPLE STREETScape**

Recommendation

Councillor Mario Ferri recommends:

That the Region of York be requested to provide matching funds (or better) toward the cost of streetscape improvements on Major Mackenzie Drive between Jane Street and the cemetery at Hill Street and on Keele Street between Rutherford Road and McNaughton Road.

Purpose

The Maple Streetscape Advisory Committee at its meeting on September 26, 2001 requested that a resolution be submitted to Council asking the Region of York to be a partner and a source of financial support for proposed improvements to Major Mackenzie Drive and Keele Street.

Background - Analysis and Options

The purpose of the study is to identify opportunities for streetscape enhancements that establish a clear and attractive identity for Maple consistent with the improvements already accomplished by the City for this area. The City has retained the firm of Terraplan Landscape Architects to undertake a detailed master plan for the Maple streetscape and recommend a phasing plan and associated construction costs. The master plan study area is located in Maple and consists of the lands along Major Mackenzie Drive from the cemetery at Hill Street and the CNR overpass to Jane Street, and along Keele Street from Rutherford Road to McNaughton Road. The master plan is to be designed in concert with the Maple Streetscape Urban Design Guidelines and is intended to bring forward the guideline recommendations to the conceptual plan stage. Community consultation and liaison with the Maple Streetscape Committee will form a critical part of the design process.

As both Major Mackenzie Drive and Keele Street are regional roads, and the Region has adopted a streetscape plan and allocated funds to support the greening of Regional roads, the Region of York will be consulted throughout the design process and is the suitable funding partner for streetscape enhancements that will create a special identity for Maple.

Conclusion

In accordance with the resolution adopted by the Maple Streetscape Advisory Committee it is recommended that the City request the Region of York to participate as a partner and a source of financial support for proposed improvements to Major Mackenzie Drive and Keele Street arrived at through the Maple Streetscape Master Plan Study.

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Respectfully submitted,

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