

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (WORKING SESSION) APRIL 15, 2003

**PRESENTATION ON THE STATUS OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS
YORK RAPID TRANSIT PLAN (YRTP)
HIGHWAY 7 CORRIDOR AND VAUGHAN NORTH – SOUTH LINK
YONGE STREET CORRIDOR**

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Planning recommends that:

The presentation on the status of the York Rapid Transit Plan's Highway 7 Corridor and Vaughan North – South Link and the Yonge Street Corridor Environmental Assessments BE RECEIVED for information purposes.

Purpose

To receive the presentation on the status of the York Rapid Transit Plan's Environmental Assessments for the corridors located in the City of Vaughan.

Background - Analysis and Options

The Environmental Assessments required to implement the York Rapid Transit Plan have been underway for some time. In order to bring the local councils up to date on the status of the EA's, Regional and/or York Consortium Staff have been providing periodic presentations. In this instance the presentation will address the EA's for both the Yonge Street and Highway 7 corridors. It is noted that the Highway 7 corridor EA also includes the Vaughan North-South Link, which connects the Vaughan Corporate Centre to York University.

The Environmental Assessments have been proceeding expeditiously. In addition, the City has been conducting a number of concurrent studies that are supportive of the rapid transit initiatives. These include the Highway 7 Policy Review and the Steeles Avenue Corridor Study, between Jane and Keele Streets. The City is also co-operating with the Town of Markham on a Thornhill streetscape study. It is expected that the implementation of the recommendations of these studies will parallel and inform the Environmental Assessment processes.

Conclusion

The Environmental Assessments for the Highway 7 and Yonge Street corridors have made considerable progress over the last few months. As part of the public consultation process, YRTP Staff have been providing the affected municipal councils with status updates. Therefore, it is recommended that the presentation by YRTP Staff be received for information purposes.

Attachments

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