

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE JUNE 16, 2003**

### **ALBION-VAUGHAN ROAD RECONSTRUCTION** **TOWN OF CALEDON** **REGION OF PEEL**

#### **Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works recommends:

1. That this report be received for information purposes; and
2. That the Town of Caledon be requested to keep the City informed on any future works planned for the Albion-Vaughan Road.

#### **Purpose**

This report is to provide Council with a summary of the proposed Albion-Vaughan Road reconstruction being carried out by the Town of Caledon.

#### **Background - Analysis and Options**

At the meeting of the Committee of the Whole on September 9, 2002, Council resolved as follows:

“...that the deputation of Mr. Phillip Henriques, 32 Boyne Highlands Court, Concord, L4K 1K4, be received, and staff provide a report on the status of the proposed King-Albion By-pass and the strategies required to address this issue.”

In 1983 the Town of Caledon completed a study, entitled the Bolton Transportation Study (1983), that outlined the need for improvements to the arterial road network and recommended several improvements to the existing road network to provide the required road capacity to meet the transportation needs for the growing community. The Bolton Area Traffic Study (1991) updated the previous study's traffic conditions and identified existing and future transportation deficiencies in Bolton. The study concluded that Townline Road (Albion-Vaughan Road) would not be able to support future traffic demands without some improvements to the existing road and included as follows:

“Congestion in the core area is forcing traffic to use other routes, such as Townline Road (Albion-Vaughan Road), a road which is discontinuous south of King Street and considered to be inadequate, because of road surface condition and poor geometry to function as an arterial road.”

In 1991, the Town of Caledon initiated the Bolton Arterials Roads Environmental Assessment (EA) to determine the preferred and recommended arterial roads in the Bolton community; Albion-Vaughan Road was included as part of the EA. The purpose of the EA was to resolve the transportation deficiencies, support the growth of the Bolton urban area as planned in the Town OP, and decrease traffic congestion in the Town core. This EA involved considerable public participation including public meetings, a citizens' liaison committee, meetings with stakeholders and interest groups, and a technical liaison committee that included Vaughan staff participation. In 1997, the EA was completed and recommended the reconstruction of Albion-Vaughan Road as a 2-lane road from Queensgate Boulevard north to Nunnville Road where it will continue with new road construction between Nunnville Road and Old King Road along the unopened road allowance (there will be a truck climbing lane in the south direction south of Old King Road) and Albion-

Vaughan Road will be reconstructed northerly from Old King Road to approximately 1 km north of King Street, as shown on Attachment No. 1.

In March of 2002, the Town of Caledon gave budget approval for the reconstruction of Albion-Vaughan Road in accordance with the approved Bolton Arterial Road Environmental Assessment. Presently, work is progressing on the deck of the new bridge over the Humber River and on the base surface of the new road link. In consultation with Town of Caledon staff, we are informed that the base asphalt road surface may be completed by late summer or early fall of this year.

The entirety of the present construction on Albion-Vaughan Road is located north of the City of Vaughan and along the common municipal boundary separating the Town of Caledon from the Township of King. However, in a report to Town of Caledon Council dated May 15, 2000, future works for the section of Albion-Vaughan Road that represents the common municipal boundary between the City and the Town of Caledon, from Highway 50 to Queensgate Boulevard, were identified as follows:

*"2008 - Albion Vaughan Road, Regional Road 50 to Queensgate Boulevard –*  
This section was reconstructed by the Town in 1988, however, it was not constructed to a full arterial standard, the shoulder widths are too narrow. It is anticipated that the surface will be deteriorated by this date, therefore, we are anticipating the reconstruction to a full arterial standard in 2008. The estimate work is \$2,900,000.00 to be funded 53% from D.C. and 47% Town funds."

### **Conclusion**

The Town of Caledon is proceeding with the construction of Albion-Vaughan Road north of the City as part of the planned improvements to the area road network. It is recommended that this report be received for information purposes and that the Town of Caledon be requested to keep the City informed on any future works planned for the Albion-Vaughan Road.

### **Attachments**

1. Location Map

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# ATTACHMENT No. 1

