

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - JANUARY 20, 2003**

**HIGHWAY 407 ETR – ESCALATING TOLLS**

**Recommendation**

Mayor Michael Di Biase recommends that the following resolution be passed and forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, York Region MPPs, Minister of Transportation, all GTA Municipalities, Region of York and 407 ETR:

“WHEREAS Highway 407 is a major transportation corridor extending through the City of Vaughan;

AND WHEREAS use of Highway 407 has diverted a significant amount of traffic, especially trucks, from Regional Road 7 and other Regional and City roads within the City of Vaughan;

AND WHEREAS rising tolls on Highway 407 have significantly increased the cost to motorists using the highway;

AND WHEREAS many motorists are beginning to use the adjacent Regional and City roads to avoid the high cost of using Highway 407 which is causing excessive traffic, elevated air pollution levels and gridlock within the City of Vaughan;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Vaughan requests that 407 ETR reduce or cap tolls to encourage the use of Highway 407.”

**Purpose**

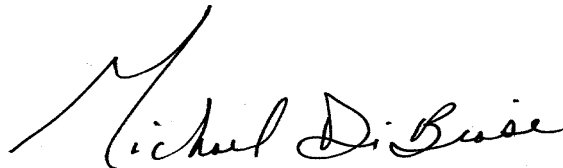
The purpose of this report is to seek Council's concurrence to the passing of the above resolution that responds to the increasing cost of tolls on Highway 407.

**Background**

Vaughan residents have voiced concerns regarding the increasing number of motorists, especially trucks that are starting to use the arterial road network within the City of Vaughan to avoid the escalating cost associated with traveling Hwy 407. This displaced traffic is contributing to elevated air and noise pollution levels and is causing gridlock within the City.

Accordingly, it is recommended that Council pass the above resolution that requests 407 ETR to reduce or cap tolls to encourage the use of Highway 407.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Di Biase". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michael Di Biase  
Mayor