

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (WORKING SESSION) NOVEMBER 9, 2004

HIGHWAY 7 POLICY REVIEW

- I. **HIGHWAY 7 LAND USE FUTURES STUDY AND OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENTS**
- II. **JANE/7 EMPLOYMENT AREA REDEVELOPMENT STUDY**

FILE NO. 15.87

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Planning recommends

1. THAT the final results of the Highway 7 Policy Review prepared by The Planning Partnership BE RECEIVED including:
 - a. the Highway 7 Land Use Futures Study and associated draft Official Plan Amendments, and
 - b. the Jane/7 Employment Area Redevelopment Study.
2. THAT a statutory public hearing be held early in 2005 for the Highway 7 Land Use Futures Study draft Official Plan Amendments so comments from Council and the public may be received prior to finalizing the draft amendments for Council adoption.
3. THAT the attached final reports and draft Official Plan Amendments resulting from the Highway 7 Policy Review, BE FORWARDED to the Region of York for their information.

Purpose

The purpose of this report and presentation is to inform Council respecting the results of the Highway 7 Policy Review and to propose a workplan for completing the review and associated draft official plan amendments.

Background

The City of Vaughan's Highway 7 Policy Review is now complete. A Committee of the Whole Public Hearing on the City's draft Official Plan Amendments as presented today should be scheduled for early 2005.

On June 28, 2004 Council adopted the recommendation of the Commissioner of Planning that the Region not adopt its proposed ROPA 43 (Regional Centres and Corridor) until the City of Vaughan had considered its land use studies in the regional corridor that are nearing completion (Highway 7 Policy Review, Steeles Corridor Land Use Review, Centre Street Study).

York Region is intending to consider adoption of ROPA 43 in December of this year. While the City's OPAs respecting Highway 7 are expected to generally support ROPA 43, the City amendments have not yet been adopted by Council.

In response, Staff should also now provide a report on the Region's proposed ROPA 43 to the next Committee of the Whole Working Session on November 23, 2004. Staff would prefer that the Region of York have the City's position (i.e. adopted OPAs) on Highway 7 prior to its consideration of ROPA 43; however lacking this, the City should forward the results of its Highway 7 Policy Review including draft Highway 7 Official Plan Amendments to the Region of York for their consideration prior to adoption of ROPA 43.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have been allocated and approved.

Conclusion

The City of Vaughan's Highway 7 Policy Review is now complete. A Committee of the Whole Public Hearing on the City's draft Official Plan Amendments as presented today should be scheduled for early 2005. Should the Committee concur, the recommendation of this report can be adopted.

Attachments

1. Highway 7 Land Use Futures Study (Councillors Only)
2. The Highway 7 Land Use Futures Study - Official Plan Amendments (Councillors Only)
3. The Jane /7 Employment Area Redevelopment Study (Councillors Only)

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