

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - JANUARY 19, 2004

CITY WORKS IN REGION OF YORK CONTRACT **LANGSTAFF ROAD RECONSTRUCTION – LANDSCAPED MEDIAN** **ISLINGTON AVENUE TO WESTON ROAD**

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public works in consultation with the Director of Reserves and Investments recommends:

1. That the following resolution be enacted:

“The Regional Municipality of York is requested to include the following works to be funded by the City of Vaughan, as a separate, provisional item in the Regional Municipality of York contract for the reconstruction of Langstaff Road;

- a) Landscaped Median (construction, site supervision and administration)
 - on Langstaff Road between Balding Boulevard and Weston Road at an estimated cost of \$200,000.
2. That provision of funding for the landscaped median be subject to Council approval of this item in the 2004 DRAFT Capital Budget; and
 3. That the Region of York be advised of the foregoing.

Purpose

To include the construction of a landscaped median on Langstaff Road in the Region of York project for the reconstruction of Langstaff Road from Weston Road to Islington Avenue planned for 2004.

Background - Analysis and Options

The Regional Municipality of York is presently finalizing the design for the reconstruction of Langstaff Road from Weston Road to Islington Avenue. It is both advantageous and cost effective for the City to have the Region of York include in their contract the construction of a raised median with patterned coloured concrete and tree planting on Langstaff Road between Balding Boulevard and Weston Road.

As directed by Council at its meeting of October 15, 2002 as per the Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works recommendation, the Region of York was requested to work with the City of Vaughan on the feasibility of incorporating a continuous raised planted center median on Langstaff Road between Pine Valley Drive and Weston Road as part of its Langstaff Road reconstruction project.

The Region of York has met with Urban Design staff at the City of Vaughan regarding the feasibility of constructing a landscaped median Langstaff Road and have agreed that there are possibilities only from Balding Boulevard to Weston Road at various locations.

Funding for the design of the landscaped median on Langstaff Road is being provided by the Region of York under its Landscape Policy. Funding for the construction, site supervision and contract administration share will be the responsibility of the City of Vaughan. Provision has been included in the Draft 2004 Capital Budget, in the estimated amount of \$200,000 to be from Taxation, for Council's consideration.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

This project is consistent with Vaughan Vision 2007 in that it supports community designs to ensure enhanced safety standards (1.1.2) by separating traffic streams and providing pedestrian refuge opportunities, and that the works promote regional and provincial initiatives on transportation infrastructure (3.2.4).

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

Conclusion

Funding from Taxation for the construction, site supervision and contract administration of the landscaped median on Langstaff Road from Balding Boulevard to Weston Road, in the estimated amount of \$200,000, has been included in the draft submissions for the 2004 Capital Budget. Construction of the work would be subject to Council's approval of the funding request.

Attachments

1. Location Map

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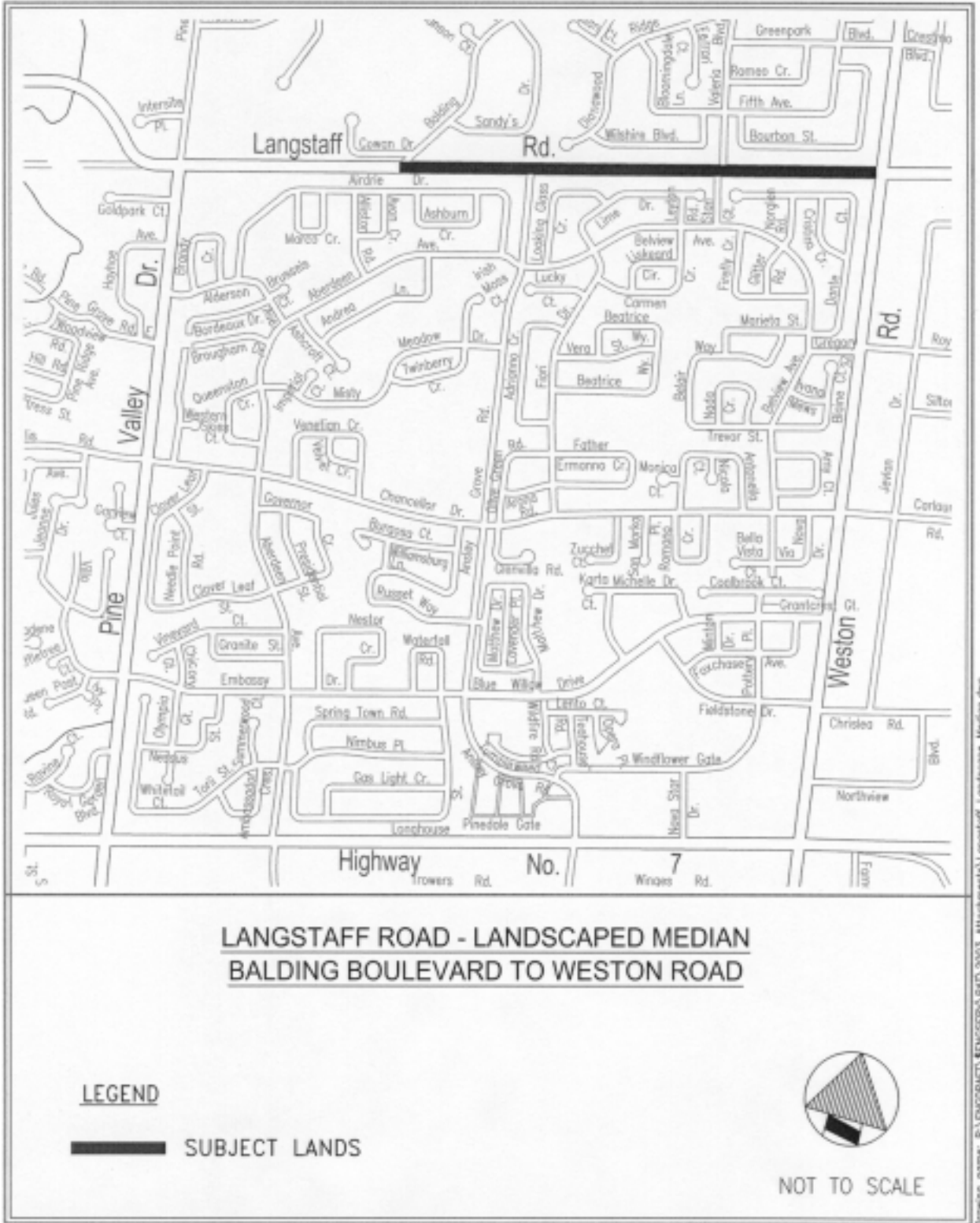
Respectfully submitted,

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