

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MARCH 6, 2006**

**PROPOSED REGION OF YORK  
COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL CENTRE (WASTE TRANSFER STATION)  
AT DUFFERIN STREET/HIGHWAY 407**

**Recommendation**

Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco recommends:

1. THAT the Planning Department be requested to initiate an amendment to site specific Zoning By-law 75-2004 and to proceed to a Public Hearing to consider prohibiting the use of a Community Environmental Centre (Waste Transfer Station of any kind) on the City owned lands bounded by Dufferin Street and Highway 407.
2. THAT the City of Vaughan staff work with Region of York staff to identify a new location for the Region's Community Environmental Centre (Waste Transfer Station) within the City of Vaughan.

**Economic Impact**

There is no economic impact.

**Purpose**

To initiate an amendment to Zoning By-law 75-2004 for the lands located at Dufferin Street and Highway 407, north of the Hydro Corridor to consider prohibiting the specific use of a Waste Transfer Station, of any kind, from the Section 3.10 Public Uses provision of By-law 1-88. In addition, Vaughan staff be directed to work with Regional staff in exploring other sites within the City of Vaughan that are more suitable for a Waste Transfer Station.

**Background - Analysis and Options**

The City of Vaughan lands bounded by Dufferin Street and Highway 407, north of the Hydro Corridor currently contain a Public Works Yard. The lands are zoned EM1(H) Prestige Employment Area which permits Public Uses on City lands under Section 3.10 of Zoning By-law 1-88. The Public Uses section of the Zoning By-law allows the use of any land or the erection or use of any building for the purposes of the public service by the City, Region, Conservation Authority, Government of Ontario or Canada; Ontario Hydro or local board.

The City lands at Dufferin Street and Highway 407 have been identified as a potential site for the Region's Community Environmental Centre (Waste Transfer Site). It is recommended that the site specific by-law for these lands be reviewed to consider prohibiting a Waste Transfer Station of any kind at this location.

**Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007**

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council in Vaughan Vision 2007.

**Conclusion**

The Development Planning Department be directed to initiate an amendment to Zoning By-law 75-2004 and to proceed to a Public Hearing to consider prohibiting a Waste Transfer Station of any kind on the City owned lands. Furthermore, Vaughan staff be directed to work with Regional

staff in identifying an alternative site within Vaughan to permit the Region's Community Environmental Centre (Waste Transfer Station).

**Attachments**

None

**Report prepared by:**

Respectfully Submitted,

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