

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - FEBRUARY 19, 2007

STATUS REPORT ON THE PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE MASTER PLAN STUDY

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Planning recommends that the following report be received for information.

Economic Impact

At this time there is no City Budget requirement. However, the final "Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan" will contain recommendations and cost estimates with respect to implementation. These recommendations and estimates will be discussed in greater detail in a future report to Council.

Purpose

On January 22, 2007 Council requested that staff bring forward a status report to the next Committee of the Whole meeting with respect to the implementation of bicycle paths throughout the City of Vaughan.

Background - Analysis and Options

The City in conjunction with the consultant Marshall Macklin Monaghan commenced the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan process in July 2002. The purpose of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan is "to create a comprehensive City-wide pedestrian and cycling network that, when implemented over the next 10 to 20 years, will accommodate a wide range of users and add to existing pedestrian and cycling facilities in the City".

During the preparation of the Study and Plan a comprehensive public consultation process was undertaken. The last meeting was held in the Spring of 2005. Based on the public consultation process, a review of best practices throughout North America and input from City staff, the consultant has prepared a "Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan" and an associated "Technical Appendix".

The Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan Study and draft Plan was carried out by the Policy Planning Department's consultants in close collaboration with the Engineering and Community Services Departments. The successful implementation of the "Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan" requires the cooperation of the Planning, Community Services, Engineering, Finance and Economic Development Departments. The final draft of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan is complete and a report recommending adoption of the Plan has been circulated to the above noted departments for their comment. It is expected that a report and a presentation will be brought forward to a Committee of the Whole Working Session meeting in February or March of this year.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

The report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources for the study have been allocated. Specifically, the undertaking of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan and Technical Appendix is consistent with Vaughan Vision 2007. Specifically, Section 3.2.5 of Vaughan Vision 2007 states it is the City's intention to "Develop and implement bicycle and pedestrian networks."

Conclusion

The final draft of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan is complete and a report recommending adoption of the Plan has been circulated to relevant City departments. The covering report and the draft Plan will be brought forward to a Committee of the Whole Working Session meeting in February or March.

Attachments

None

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