COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - FEBRUARY 10, 2009

CN OVERPASS SIGNAGE

Recommendation

The City Manager and the Director of Economic Development recommend:

THAT the Mayor and the Clerk be authorized to execute an Agreement between the Canadian National Railway Company and the Corporation of the City of Vaughan for the erection, installation and maintenance of signage on CN overpasses.

Economic Impact

There is no economic impact to the City.

Communications Plan

Not applicable

Purpose

To receive Council approval for the renewal of the signage agreement between the City and CN.

Background – Analysis and Options

On June 16, 2008, the City entered into an Agreement for signage at CN overpasses. This Agreement has expired as of December 31, 2008.

Article 3.2 of the Agreement stipulated that subject to Vaughan Council approval, the Agreement may be renewed for an additional period of five years, unless CN or Vaughan gives notice of termination pursuant to Article 10.1, which provides for written notice of 90 days for termination.

Since the implementation of the Agreement, the appearance of the CN overpasses has improved and no complaints have been received. Therefore continuation of the Agreement would be recommended.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020

This report is consistent with the priorities set by Council and the necessary resources have been allocated and approved. Specifically this report fulfills Vaughan Vision 2020: Plan and Manage Growth and Economic Vitality.

Regional Implications

Not applicable

Conclusion

The appearance of the CN overpasses has improved over the past year. Extending the Agreement with CN would be recommended. The agreement provides for written notice of 90 days for termination.

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