

**CITY OF VAUGHAN**

**EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 18, 2011**

Item 1, Report No. 46, of the Committee of the Whole (Working Session), which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on October 18, 2011.

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**SMOKING IN OUTDOOR PUBLIC SPACES**

**The Committee of the Whole (Working Session) recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Legal & Administrative & City Solicitor, dated October 11, 2011:**

**Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Legal & Administrative Services & City Solicitor, in consultation with the Director of Recreation and Culture, the Director of Building and Facilities, and the Director of Enforcement Services, recommends that this report be received.

**Contribution to Sustainability**

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council.

**Economic Impact**

There is no economic impact.

**Communications Plan**

Appropriate signage will be erected in and around main entrances of municipally owned buildings in 2012. Information regarding the by-law will be posted on the City's website. Education information will be developed and forwarded to user groups for their membership.

**Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to report back on input obtained at the September 2011 Sports Congress with respect to restricting smoking at outdoor recreational areas.

**Background - Analysis and Options**

On June 28, 2011 Council adopted staff recommendations to restrict smoking at outdoor recreational areas (see attached) and directed "That staff obtain input at the September 2011 Sports Congress with respect to prohibiting smoking at or near wading pools, splash pads, sports fields (including soccer, baseball, etc) playground areas, tennis and basketball courts and report back to a Committee of the Whole (Working Session) in the fall."

An overview of the report entitled Smoking in Outdoor Spaces was presented to sports groups at the September 2011 Sports Congress. There was complete support of the initiative, with enforcement being the only concern raised. Education is key to enforcement and experiences in other jurisdictions indicated that such by-laws are effective and generally supported by the community.

Education information (in the form of pamphlets and brochures) can be provided to sports groups and other users of City facilities, to pass along to their membership. Signage will be erected in appropriate locations. When necessary, By-law Enforcement staff can be called upon to speak to contraveners. As a last resort, a ticket may be issued to individuals who persist in contravening the by-law.

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**Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan**

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set.

**Regional Implications**

Regional Council has requested that local municipalities consider implementing smoking restrictions in recreational areas. Any such restrictions will need to be enforced at the local level.

**Conclusion**

At the September 2011 Vaughan Sports Congress, the initiative to implement smoking restrictions at outdoor recreation areas was presented and there is complete support for the initiative.

**Attachments**

1. Council Meeting Extract - June 28, 2011

**Report prepared by:**

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(A copy of the attachments referred to in the foregoing have been forwarded to each Member of Council and a copy thereof is also on file in the office of the City Clerk.)

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Item 2, Report No. 46, of the Committee of the Whole (Working Session), which was adopted, as amended, by the Council of the City of Vaughan on October 18, 2011, as follows:

**By approving the following resolution:**

***WHEREAS, the York Region 2003 Class Environmental Assessment Study for Teston Road concluded the existing jog at the intersection of Teston Road and Pine Valley Drive needs to be eliminated in the future;***

***WHEREAS, subsequent to the 2003 Class EA a West Vaughan Transportation IEA was undertaken, as a result of the elimination of the Pine Valley Link;***

***WHEREAS, due to the subsequent changes to traffic flow as a result of the Pine Valley Link elimination the West Vaughan IEA did not identify any necessary changes to the Pine Valley Drive and Teston Road intersection at this time and it was not included in the Region's 10 year capital plan;***

***WHEREAS, subsequent to the 2003 Class EA the wetland on the north-west of the intersection has been identified as environmentally significant. Based on this new information any future intersection improvements needs to be revisited by the Region; and***

***WHEREAS, the City is currently processing Block 40/47 proposed Block Plan submission, which borders Teston Road at this intersection;***

***THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City protect for all options of jog elimination and intersection orientation during the 40/47 Block Planning process; and***

**By receiving the following Communications:**

***C2 Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works, dated October 12, 2011; and  
C4 Mr. Frank Greco, dated October 18, 2011.***

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**2 CITY TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN ("NEW PATH")  
CITY-WIDE**

The Committee of the Whole (Working Session) recommends:

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works, dated October 11, 2011, be approved;**
- 2) That whereas the development of rapid transit is central to the City of Vaughan's Transportation Plan; and**

**Whereas the Yonge Street subway extension is a critical link in our transportation network; and**

**Whereas Viva-Next and York Region have implemented a progressive plan to build the Yonge Street subway extension to Richmond Hill, including an approved Environmental Assessment;**

**Therefore be it resolved, that this Council establish a Task Force to develop a strategy to secure the funding required to take this project to completion as soon as possible; and**

**That this strategy be forwarded to Council for its consideration and approval no later than June 15, 2012; and**

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That members of Toronto, Markham and Richmond Hill Council be invited to participate in this Task Force as well as members of the business community;

- 3) That whereas City of Vaughan Council recognizes that truck traffic has been a major cause of traffic gridlock in our City; and

Whereas the City is currently developing the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre to be a pedestrian friendly downtown; and

Whereas Langstaff Road between Creditstone Road and Keele Street is identified as a significant alternative to accommodating truck traffic; and

Whereas the Region of York has directed staff to undertake a study to look at this linkage more closely;

Therefore be it resolved that York Region make this study a priority, including strategies on how to move forward with CN Rail and provide a time schedule on this linkage;

- 4) That the Kirby Road Environmental Assessment be brought forward as soon as necessary to permit the Kirby Road link between Bathurst Street and Dufferin Street being completed by 2021;

- 5) That whereas the Vaughan Transportation Master Plan is highly dependant on the implementation of transportation improvements at both the Provincial and Regional levels; and

Whereas many of these Provincial and Regional rapid transit, freeway, and road improvements are subject to financial needs which are currently uncommitted by these levels of government;

Therefore be it resolved, that City staff be directed to report back on the structure and resource requirements for the development of a comprehensive prioritized strategy to approach all levels of government to try to secure funding commitments for these vital transportation improvements;

- 6) That staff report back to the Council meeting of October 18, 2011, on the joggle at Pine Valley and Teston Road;

- 7) That the deputation of Mr. Antony Niro, 333 Laurentian Blvd., Maple, L6A 2V3, be received; and

- 8) That the following Communications be received:

C1 Presentation material, entitled "Vaughan Transportation Master Plan"; and

C2 Mr. Cam Milani, dated October 11, 2011.

**Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works recommends:

1. THAT the presentation on the Draft Transportation Master Plan be received;
2. That the Draft Transportation Master Plan study report be approved in principal;
3. That staff be authorized to issue the notice of study completion for the Transportation Master Plan study report; and

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4. That staff report back to a future Council Committee meeting on the financial implications associated with the implementation of the Transportation Master Plan to be used as input to the on-going Development Charges Update Study and financial forecasting exercises.

#### **Contribution to Sustainability**

A number of key sustainability principles form the foundation to the conclusions and recommendations of the Transportation Master Plan. A summary of these principles and associated policies is presented in Item 1, Report No. 5 of the Priorities and Key Initiatives Committee Meeting of June 13, 2011 included as Attachment No. 1 to this report.

#### **Economic Impact**

There are no immediate budgetary impacts resulting from the adoption of this report. However, additional operating and capital funding will be required in future years to successfully implement the recommendations of the Transportation Master Plan (TMP). Recommendation No.4 of this report recommends that staff review the financial implications associated with the implementation of the TMP and report back to a future Council Committee meeting.

#### **Communications Plan**

A summary of the public consultation program conducted during the Transportation Master Plan study is presented in Item 1, Report No. 5 of the Priorities and Key Initiatives Committee Meeting of June 13, 2011 included as Attachment No. 1 to this report. A more detailed summary of all public consultation dates / meetings held throughout the duration of the Transportation Master Plan study is also included on Attachment No. 2.

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to respond to Council's direction originating from the adoption of Item 1, Report No. 5 of the Priorities and Key Initiatives Committee Meeting held on June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011 with respect to the Draft Transportation Master Plan Study.

#### **Background – Analysis and Options**

A staff report and associated presentation by AECOM Canada Ltd. on the City's Draft Transportation Master Plan Study was presented to the Committee of the Whole at the Priorities and Key Initiatives Committee Meeting of June 13, 2011 (Item 1, Report No. 5). This report was subsequently adopted by Council on June 28, 2011 thereby providing the following direction to staff:

*“That the presentation by Mr. Doug Allingham and Mr. Dick Gordon, AECOM Canada Ltd., and the presentation material, entitled “Transportation Master Plan”, dated June 13, 2011, be received and that all of the comments made be addressed;*

*That a copy of this report and the Draft Transportation Master Plan study report be forwarded to the Region of York for review together with a request for any comments to be returned by September 16, 2011; and*

*That a future 1-day workshop be scheduled to provide an opportunity to address the issues identified by Members of Council.”*

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Accordingly, this report and associated presentation has been prepared in response to this direction. In addition, a detailed written response to all questions raised by Members of Council on June 13, 2011 has been prepared by AECOM Canada Ltd. and is included as Attachment No. 2 to this report.

#### Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

In consideration of the strategic priorities related to Vaughan Vision 2020, the recommendations of this report will assist in:

- The pursuit of excellence in service delivery;
- Enhancing and ensuring community safety, health and wellness;
- Leading and promoting environmental and financial sustainability;
- Attracting, retaining and promoting skilled staff;
- Demonstrating leadership and promoting effective governance; and
- Planning and managing growth and economic vitality.

This report is therefore consistent with the priorities previously set by Council.

#### Regional Implications

As one of the key stakeholders, Regional staff was involved in the Study consultant selection process and participated on the Technical Advisory Committee throughout the duration of the Study.

In accordance with Council's direction of June 28, 2011, a copy of the Draft Transportation Master Plan Study and associated staff report were forwarded to the Region of York for review and comment on July 22, 2011. Subsequently, Regional staff comments were received on September 28, 2011 and are currently under review by staff.

Generally, the comments received from Regional staff are supportive of the focus of the City's TMP and are generally in agreement with its conclusions and recommendations. However, further information and/or clarification has been requested with respect to specific technical data presented in the draft report.

Staff will address the Regional comments and make any necessary changes to the final Transportation Master Plan Study report.

Moving forward, close coordination and collaboration with Regional staff and related transportation programs / initiatives will be extremely important in establishing effective inter-jurisdictional implementation of the City's Transportation Master Plan.

#### Conclusion

With Council's approval in principal of the Draft Transportation Master Plan, staff will address the comments that have been received to date by Members of Council and Regional staff. Upon completion of any required revisions, a final notice of study completion will be issued pursuant to the requirements of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process.

#### Attachments

1. Extract From Council Meeting Minutes of June 28, 2011  
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2. Response to Questions / Comments from Members of Council

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