

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE NOVEMBER 4, 2002**

### **SNOW CLEARING AT YORK REGION TRANSIT STOPS**

#### **Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works, in consultation with the Commissioner of Community Services, recommends that:

1. The City provide snow clearing services at the Region of York's transit stops located within the City of Vaughan for this upcoming winter season, ending April 30, 2003; and,
2. The costs for providing this service continue to be charged back to the Region of York.

#### **Purpose**

To seek approval to provide snow clearing services at Region of York transit stops for a further winter season.

#### **Background - Analysis and Options**

At its meeting of October 15, 2001, Council approved the following recommendation of the Commissioner of Development Services and Public Works:

*"That as provided in the existing windrow clearing contracts, the City continue to clear snow from Region of York transit stops within the City of Vaughan for the 2001-2002 winter season following which the responsibility for such activity will be transferred to the Region of York."*

On Monday, September 30, 2002, Region of York Transit staff met with staff of the Parks Department and the Public Works Department, to discuss snow clearing services at the transit stops in the City of Vaughan. The Region is still in the process of determining uniform maintenance standards, and determining the best means of providing service at transit locations across the Region. At this point, they are not in a position to go to tender for such work, nor do they have the necessary staff and equipment to do this work in-house. As such, it was requested that the City continue to provide snow clearing services at Region transit stops within the City of Vaughan for this upcoming winter season.

Although the Region of York had already taken over responsibility for providing transit services, the City continued to clear snow from the Region's transit stops last winter season. This service was provided through a combination of the City's windrow clearing contractors, and City staff. The costs for providing this service were charged back to the Region.

Region staff again indicated that the Region would cover the full cost of snow clearing at transit locations if the City would provide this service again for this upcoming winter season. This includes the cost for all work performed by contracted forces, as well as work done by City forces.

#### **Conclusion**

The Region has indicated that they are not in a position to perform this work for the upcoming winter season. Therefore, to ensure snow clearing services are provided at transit stops in the City of Vaughan for the upcoming winter season, it is recommended that the City continue to provide snow clearing services at Region of York transit stops for the 2002-2003 winter season, and that all associated costs be charged back to the Region.

**Attachments**

N/A

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