

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – FEBRUARY 17, 2003**

### **BATHURST STREET ROAD WIDENING PROPOSED COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

#### **Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works and the Commissioner of Planning recommends:

That the resolution forming Attachment 1 to this report be adopted and forwarded to the Region of York for further action.

#### **Purpose**

To request the Region of York to include improvements to Bathurst Street from Rutherford Road northerly to Mill Street in the Region's 10 Year Capital Plan (2002 to 2011) and in the update of the Regional Development Charge currently under review.

#### **Background**

City Engineering and Planning staff have been examining the requirements for development in Blocks 11 and 12. The Region of York 10 Year Capital Plan (2002 to 2011) includes as a 2011 project, the widening of Bathurst Street to six lanes northerly to Rutherford Road. However, the transportation study examining development in Blocks 11 and 12 has identified that widening Bathurst Street to 6 lanes northerly from Rutherford Road to Mill Street (north of Major Mackenzie Dr.) will be required by 2007 to accommodate both the growth in background traffic and traffic which would be generated from new development in those blocks. This widening is not included in the Region's 10 Year Capital Plan (2002 to 2011) or the Regional Development Charge, which could result in an unnecessary delay in road construction.

The transportation study has also identified that the best time to undertake the widening of Bathurst Street in this area is in 2005. At that time the widening of both Dufferin Street and Teston Road is scheduled to be completed and will provide a "window" of additional traffic capacity in the area. This will help minimize the disruption to traffic during the construction period. The Region should be requested to enter into the necessary front ending agreements with the involved developers in order to commence construction of all the required Bathurst Street widening in 2005.

#### **Conclusion**

It is therefore appropriate to request the Region of York to include the widening of Bathurst Street as outlined above in the Region's 10 year Capital Plan (2002 to 2011) and for the Region to include the work in the Regional Development Charge which is currently under review.

#### **Attachments**

1. Proposed Council Resolution

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**ATTACHMENT NO. 1**

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION  
BATHURST STREET WIDENING**

Whereas the Region of York 10 year Capital Plan (2002 to 2011) only provides for the widening of Bathurst Street to 6 lanes northerly to Rutherford Road;

And Whereas the City has approved the Block Plan for Block 11 and expects to be formally considering approval of the Block Plan for Block 12 in 2003;

And Whereas the construction of the Bathurst/Langstaff Trunk sanitary sewer is expected to be completed in late 2005 thereby providing for the first occupancy of housing to occur;

And Whereas it is understood that Development Groups in Blocks 11 and 12 will front end necessary road improvements;

And Whereas traffic studies have identified the need to widen Bathurst Street to 6 lanes northerly from Rutherford Road to Mill Street by 2007 in order to accommodate growth in both background traffic and new development in Blocks 11 and 12;

And Whereas planned road improvements to both Dufferin Street and Teston Road will provide a window of additional capacity in the area facilitating construction on Bathurst Street in 2005;

And Whereas it is necessary to initiate the engineering and environmental assessment process necessary to obtain the required approvals to commence construction of the road widening to Bathurst Street in 2005 for completion by 2007;

Now Therefore the Council of the City of Vaughan requests the Region of York to immediately include the widening of Bathurst Street to 6 lanes from Rutherford Road to Mill Street within their 10 Year Capital Plan (2002 to 2011);

And Further that the Region of York enter into the necessary front ending agreement with the Block 11 and Block 12 Developers' Groups in order to commence the Environmental Assessment process and Capital Plan (2002 to 2011) necessary to achieve the defined widening of Bathurst Street to 6 lanes by 2007;