

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – FEBRUARY 2, 2004

REQUEST FOR STAFF ATTENDANCE PROPOSED ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WORKS UPLANDS III AREA

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works recommends:

That Engineering staff attend a Community Meeting, to be scheduled as soon as possible, regarding the proposed Phase 3 of the Uplands road reconstruction works (Thornhill Ave./Yonge St. area) currently under design.

Purpose

To seek Council's approval for Engineering staff to attend a Community Meeting, to be scheduled as soon as possible, regarding the proposed road reconstruction works in the South Uplands neighbourhood.

Background

Engineering staff are currently designing the road, storm sewer and watermain reconstruction works in the Uplands Area. This is the third and final phase of the reconstruction program in this area and is part of the Council approved 5-year road program. A funding request for construction has been submitted for consideration in the 2004 Capital Budget deliberations. It is planned to complete the work in 2004 subject to funding approval.

An initial mailout package was sent to all residents on Helen Ave., Thornhill Ave., Fairlea Ave. and Parkway Ave. indicating the proposed works and seeking resident input by comment sheet to determine the preferred treatments. A second reminder notice was also circulated near the end of the commenting period to encourage participation.

To date, resident preference has indicated a desire to preserve the rural cross-section (ie. open ditchlines and driveway culverts) throughout the neighbourhood. In order to clearly indicate to the residents the implications of maintaining the open ditches and to reach a consensus on homeowner desires, it is prudent to convene a Community Meeting to further explain the various options and finalize the concept.

Staff will arrange for a suitable venue, date and time and inform the affected area residents by hand-delivered notice once details are finalized.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have been allocated and approved for the design and community consultation.

Conclusion

In order to clarify local public opinion with regard to the type of road improvement works planned for the South Uplands neighbourhood, it is prudent to conduct a Community Meeting at this time prior to finalizing the design concept. Such a meeting will be scheduled as soon as possible so as not to unduly delay the project planning process. Should Council approve the necessary funding following the 2004 Capital Budget deliberations staff, would be able to expedite the tendering process and undertake construction in the 2004 construction season.

Attachments

None

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