

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE APRIL 19, 2004

CITY WORKS IN REGION OF YORK CONTRACT DUFFERIN STREET RECONSTRUCTION - LANDSCAPED MEDIAN NORTH OF RUTHERFORD ROAD WITHIN THE CARRVILLE VILLAGE DISTRICT CENTRE

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Planning in consultation with the Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works recommends:

1. That the Urban Design and the Engineering and Public Works Departments request the Region of York to establish the location of the future landscaped median, including an underground irrigation system, in their design for the reconstruction of Dufferin Street within the Carrville Village District Centre.
2. That a copy of this report and Council's minutes be forwarded to the Region of York.

Purpose

To request the Region of York to establish the location of the future landscaped median, including an underground irrigation system, on Dufferin Street, north of Rutherford Road in the Carrville Village District Centre in their design for the reconstruction of Dufferin Street.

Background - Analysis and Options

One of the objectives of the (draft) Carrville Village District Centre plan is the creation of an identifiable place for the Carrville Village. An important design feature to achieve this sense of place is the installation of landscaped medians on the Regional roads around which the Centre is located. Medians within District Centres is in keeping with both the Region's streetscape (arterials), and the Centres and Corridors initiatives, and will help the Region to articulate its support for Regional nodes and local centers, and enhancement of the associated arterial roads.

Commitment by both the City and the Region to the construction of the Carrville Village District Centre median will give a clear indication that this area is to have a distinctive character that will evolve over time.

The Regional Municipality of York is presently finalizing the design for the reconstruction of Dufferin Street, north of Rutherford Road to Major Mackenzie Drive. It is advantageous to establish the location of the future median in the Region's design at this time.

City and Region staff have met regarding the feasibility of incorporating this median in the Dufferin Street reconstruction design at this time. York Region is prepared to support this on the basis that it will allow additional time for the both City and the Region to prepare a comprehensive plan for the construction, timing and funding this median.

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works is prepared to work with the Region of York to establish the location of the future median.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

This project is consistent with Vaughan Vision 2007 in that it supports the implementation of the Carrville Village District Centres tertiary plan established by OPA #600. It also supports community designs to ensure enhanced safety standards (1.1.2) by separating traffic streams and providing pedestrian refuge opportunities, and it promotes regional and provincial initiatives on transportation infrastructure (3.2.4).

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

Conclusion

Council direction is required to request the Region of York to include the location of a future landscaped median on Dufferin Street north of Rutherford Road in the Carrville Village District Centre, as part of the Region of York's design for the reconstruction of Dufferin Street between Rutherford Road and Major Mackenzie Drive, planned for 2004. Should Council agree, the Recommendation of this report can be adopted.

Attachments

1. Location Map

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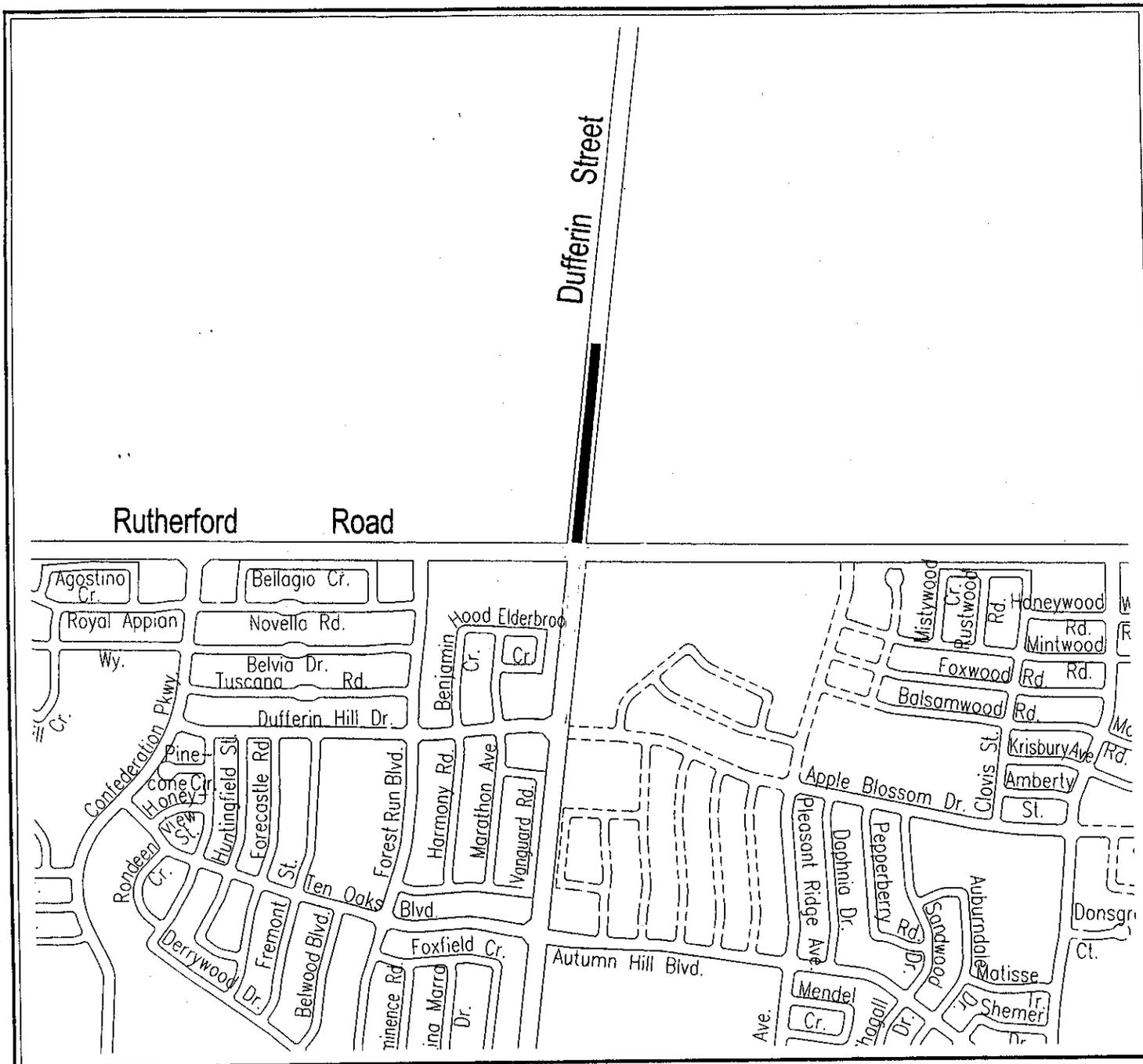
Respectfully submitted,

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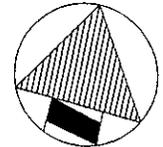
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LEGEND

 SUBJECT ROAD LOCATION



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