

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – JUNE 21, 2004

STEELES AVENUE REQUEST FOR STATUS REPORT

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works recommends:

That this report be received for information.

Purpose

To report on the status of the construction on Steeles Avenue and traffic signal coordination between Yonge Street and Dufferin Street, in response to Council direction. Refer to Attachment No. 1 for the road section under review.

Background - Analysis and Options

At its meeting of December 15, 2003, Council directed:

- 1. “That staff be directed to provide a report to the Committee of the Whole on the Status and details of discussions between the Region of York and the City of Toronto regarding resurfacing and widening of Steeles Avenue between Yonge Street and Dufferin Street, traffic signal co-ordination and any other traffic and transportation matters relating to the Steeles Avenue corridor; and**
- 2. That the City of Toronto be requested to expedite the resurfacing and widening of Steeles Avenue from Yonge Street to Dufferin Street.**

Engineering staff discussed the above direction with City of Toronto staff and report back as follows:

- The widening of Steeles Avenue will be necessary in the future between Bathurst Street and Townsgate Boulevard. Several issues that need to be considered prior to the widening are the potentially pending land development applications, additional right-of-way requirements and the undertaking of the Environmental Assessment process. The estimated time frame for this work to be all completed is in the year 2008;
- At this time, there are no plans to resurface Steeles Avenue, however, the City of Toronto will provide general maintenance to the road such as pothole repair, etc.; and
- The traffic signals along Steeles Avenue between Bathurst Street and Yonge Street are on a common cycle length of 100 seconds for each signalized intersection. This is typical for this type of road.

Staff requested that the resurfacing and widening of Steeles Avenue between Bathurst Street and Yonge Street be expedited. However, the City of Toronto has advised that the timing of the widening is approved through their Capital Works program for the year 2008, taking into account the above noted matters that need to be firstly addressed.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and no resources are required.

Attachments

1. Location Map

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ATTACHMENT No. 1

