COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - NOVEMBER 29, 2004

MAPLE SHERWOOD TRAFFIC CALMING PLAN UPDATE

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works recommends:

That this report be received for information purposes.

Purpose

To provide information regarding the status of the Maple Sherwood Traffic Calming Plan.

Background - Analysis and Options

The Plan was approved by Council at its meeting of February 24, 2003 for the installation of traffic calming measures within the neighbourhood. Details of the plan are illustrated in Attachment No. 1. Staff proceeded with the 30-day statutory comment period Notice in the local papers. A resident sent a letter to the Ministry of Environment requesting that a Part II Order (bump-up) be issued on the project.

Staff submitted the additional information to the Ministry of Environment for their further review and approval on November 2, 2004. A response from the Ministry was received on November 25, 2004. The letter indicates that a decision has been made that an individual environmental assessment is not required. The City is now in a position to proceed with the design and construction for this project. It is planned that staff will prepare the design and tender/contract documents and receive bids on the tender in early 2005. The construction for this work will be planned in the Spring/Summer 2005. A copy of the letter from the Ministry of the Environment is included as Attachment No. 2.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

This traffic study is consistent with Vaughan Vision 2007 as to identify and implement innovative traffic management alternatives to improve general traffic safety (1.1.3).

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

Conclusion

That this report be received for information purposes.

Attachments

- 1. Approved Traffic Calming Plan
- 2. Letter Ministry of the Environment

Report prepared by:

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Respectfully submitted,

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Mr. Mike Dokman Supervisor, Traffic Engineering Services Division The City of Vaughan 2141 Major Mackenzie Drive Vaughan ON L6A 1T1

Dear Mr. Dokman:

On April 24, 2003, this ministry received a request from a member of the public that the City of Vaughan be required to prepare an individual environmental assessment for the proposed Maple Sherwood Traffic Calming project (Project), located in the City of Vaughan (City).

I am taking this opportunity to inform you that, based on a review of the Project documentation, the provisions of the Municipal Engineers Association Municipal Class EA, June 2000 (Class EA), the issues raised in the request, and other relevant matters required to be considered under subsection 16(4) of the Environmental Assessment Act, a decision has been made that an individual environmental assessment is not required.

A more comprehensive discussion of the reasons for this decision may be found in the attached letter to the requester.

With this decision having been made, the City may now proceed with the Project, subject to any other permits or approvals required. The City must implement the Project in the manner it was developed and designed, as set out in the Project File dated October 29, 2004, and inclusive of all mitigating measures and environmental and other provisions therein.

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Please note that failure to comply with the Environmental Assessment Act, the provisions of the Class EA, and failure to implement the Project in the manner described in the Project File, are contraventions of the Environmental Assessment Act and may result in prosecution under section 38 of the Act. 1 am confident that the City recognizes the importance and value of the Environmental Assessment Act and will ensure that its requirements and those of the Class EA are satisfied.

Sincerely,

Leona Dombrowsky

Minister of the Environment

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Attachment

c: Requester

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