RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE SUBMISSION OF THE SPADINA SUBWAY EXTENSION ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2005

WHEREAS the City of Toronto and the Toronto Transit Commission have initiated an Individual Environmental Assessment Study for the extension of the Spadina Subway Line to Steeles Avenue and such study is approaching finalization;

AND WHEREAS the Spadina Subway Extension will result in a comprehensive range of economic, educational, social and economic benefits for the residents and businesses of both the City of Toronto and the broader Greater Toronto Area;

AND WHEREAS the subway extension will facilitate improved linkages to transit systems in adjacent municipalities thereby supporting the transition toward compact urban form and transit supportive development, consistent with contemporary policy at all levels of government;

AND WHEREAS the subway extension will be one of the fundamental building blocks of a new Greater Toronto Area, one that will be more economically competitive, more environmentally sustainable and a better place to work and live;

AND WHEREAS the Environmental Assessment Study was approved for submission to the Ministry of the Environment by the Toronto Transit Commission at its meeting on November 28, 2005 and by the Toronto Planning and Transportation and Works Committees at their joint meeting on November 30, 2005;

AND WHEREAS the aforementioned recommendations are proceeding to the Council of the City of Toronto for ratification at its meeting, which commences on December 5, 2005.

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VAUGHAN HEREBY RESOLVES:

THAT the City of Vaughan strongly supports the extension of the Spadina Subway to Steeles Avenue;

AND THAT it is respectfully requested that Toronto Council approve the Environmental Assessment Study and proceed with its submission to the Ministry of the Environment for approval;

AND THAT the City of Vaughan is committed to working with the City of Toronto, the TTC , York Region, the Federal and Provincial Governments and all other public and private sector stakeholders in planning for the implementation of the Spadina Subway Extension.

AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to City of Toronto Council, the Members of Parliament and the Provincial Legislature that represent the City of Vaughan, the Chair of the Region of York and the members of the Spadina-York Subway Extension Committee.