COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SEPTEMBER 5, 2006

STREETSCAPE MASTER PLAN STUDY - ISLINGTON AVENUE, KLEINBURG

Recommendation

Mayor Michael Di Biase recommends:

- 1. That the Commissioner of Planning be directed to prepare a Terms of Reference for a Streetscape Master Plan Study for Islington Avenue in the Village of Kleinburg in accordance with the policies setforth in OPA No. 601 The Kleinburg-Nashville Community Plan and the Kleinburg-Nashville Heritage Conservation District Study and Plan; and
- 2. That the Terms of Reference be prepared and presented for consideration to the September 18, 2006 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Economic Impact

The budget for the preparation of the Streetscape Master Plan Study will be identified in the Terms of Reference. As part of the Terms of Reference, a requirement will be that the final Streetscape Master Plan contain cost estimates for the implementation of proposed work.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to direct staff to prepare a Terms of Reference for the preparation of a Streetscape Master Plan for the Village of Kleinburg.

Background - Analysis and Options

OPA No. 601 – Kleinburg-Nashville Community Plan contains multiple policies and references related to the need for a streetscape master plan for the Village of Kleinburg. Specifically, Section 4.7.6.3 Islington Avenue states:

"In recognition of Islington Ave. as the primary entrance into Kleinburg and its importance as a public amenity area, a comprehensive streetscape design shall be developed for the public right-of-way of Islington Ave. between Major Mackenzie Dr. and the McMichael Gallery, that incorporates the following features:

- traffic calming measures with particular attention to the intersection of Islington Ave. and Bindertwine Blvd.;
- a consistent landscaping treatment that effectively screens the rear yards of existing residential properties backing onto Islington Ave.;
- landscaped boulevards on both sides of the street that incorporate public sidewalks, landscaping, pedestrian-scaled street lighting and other streetscaping elements; and,
- well-marked pedestrian crossing areas at identified locations.

In addition, the comprehensive streetscape design shall include the public right-of-way of Islington Ave. north of Nashville Road to Regional Road 27".

The City's commitment to improving and reinforcing the built form and heritage landscape of Kleinburg is further reinforced in Section 9.8 of the Kleinburg-Nashville Heritage Conservation District Plan. The Heritage Conservation District Plan recommends that a streetscape master plan should be prepared and identify items that should be considered during its preparation.

Location

The primary focus for the streetscape improvement polices contained within OPA No. 601 and the Heritage Conservation District Plan is Islington Avenue between Major Mackenzie drive and Highway 27 (See Attachment 1).

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

This report is consistent with the polices setforth in Vaughan Vision 2007. Specifically, Section 4.6.1 which "encourages the preservation of significant historical structures and communities".

Conclusion

The City of Vaughan recognizes the unique character of the Village of Kleinburg and is committed to preserving and enhancing the landscape features that make it a special place. The best method in which to achieve this goal is through the preparation of a Streetscape Master Plan for the Village of Kleinburg as identified in OPA No. 601 – The Kleinburg Nashville Community Plan and the Kleinburg Nashville Heritage Conservation District. Therefore, the Commissioner of Planning requests Council's direction to prepare a Terms of Reference for a Streetscape Master Plan for Kleinburg for consideration at the September 18, 2006 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Attachments

1. Location Map

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Di Biase Mayor

