

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MARCH 5, 2007**

### **PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY STAIR ACCESS FROM MAJOR MACKENZIE DRIVE TO STATION STREET IN MAPLE**

#### **Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Planning recommends:

1. THAT the proposal by the Greater Toronto Transit Authority ("GO Transit") to construct a pedestrian walkway stair access shown on Attachments #2 and #3 BE APPROVED, subject to GO Transit obtaining all necessary approvals from the Regional Municipality of York and the City of Vaughan, which shall include the terms and conditions to be contained in an agreement to be entered between GO Transit, the Regional Municipality of York, and the City of Vaughan.
2. THAT a by-law be enacted authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to execute an Agreement between The Corporation of the City of Vaughan, Greater Toronto Transit Authority ("GO Transit") and the Regional Municipality of York for the design, construction and maintenance of a pedestrian walkway stair access from Major Mackenzie Drive to Station Street, in a form satisfactory to the Commissioner of Planning, Commissioner of Community Services and the City Solicitor.

#### **Economic Impact**

There are no requirements for new funding associated with the design and construction of the pedestrian walkway stair access. GO Transit has agreed to pay for the total costs associated with the design and construction of the stair access which is estimated to be \$120,000.00. However, snow and ice removal costs of \$5,000.00 should be added to the Parks and Forestry Operating Budget.

#### **Communications Plan**

N/A

#### **Purpose**

This report has been prepared to consider a proposal by the Greater Toronto Transit Authority ("GO Transit") for the design, construction and maintenance of a pedestrian walkway stair access from the sidewalk on the north side of Major Mackenzie Drive to the southern end of Station Street in Maple.

#### **Background - Analysis and Options**

On May 8, 2006, Council adopted the following resolution:

"That staff be directed to enter into discussions with GO Transit Staff to request that they complete the design and construction of the stair access from Major Mackenzie Drive to Station Street (Maple GO Transit Station) to the satisfaction of the City."

In 2003, GO Transit renovated the historic station located in the Village of Maple core area on Station Street, a north-south street approximately 0.5 kilometres east of Keele Street, as shown on Attachment #1. Station Street does not intersect Major Mackenzie Drive due to a 7m grade difference between the two streets. Pedestrian and vehicular access to the station is only possible on the east side of the railway as at-grade track crossings are not provided east to west in the area. Vehicular access to the station is by way of Hill Street from Major Mackenzie Drive; however, there is no formal pedestrian route from Major Mackenzie Drive to the station. Pedestrians have created a desire path from the sidewalk on the north side of Major Mackenzie

Drive up a slope on the east side of the railway overpass to Station Street, which is the most direct route possible.

The Development Planning Department has successfully negotiated with GO Transit for it to undertake the design, construction and contract administration of the pedestrian walkway stair access from Major Mackenzie Drive to Station Street (Maple GO Transit Station). The cost of the project will be borne by GO Transit. To this end, negotiations with the involved parties have taken place and an agreement will be prepared thereto.

At the request of the Development Planning Department, GO Transit has agreed to co-ordinate the design of the pedestrian walkway stair access with the enhanced streetscape design work envisioned by the Council approved document "*Village of Maple Streetscape – A Master Landscape Plan & Design Study (April 2003)*" and in keeping with the heritage character of the Maple GO Station. The pedestrian walkway stair access will have Village of Maple-themed lamp standards, trash receptacles, and decorative paving and railings.

The anticipated construction completion of the pedestrian walkway stair access and related work is third quarter 2007.

City Staff are responsible for clearing the snow and ice from Major Mackenzie Drive to Station Street. This operation will commence when possible, one hour prior to the arrival of the first train, at Maple GO Station, when trains are in full operation or during the day if accumulations of ice or snow commence after the first trains arrive based on an estimated 15 occasions to clear ice or snow from the walkway, it is anticipated that this will cost the Parks and Forestry Department \$5,000.00 annually which will be added to the 2007 Operating Budget.

#### **Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007**

This report is consistent with the priorities set forth in Vaughan Vision 2007, specifically 'A-5', "Plan and Manage Growth".

#### **Regional Implications**

N/A

#### **Conclusion**

This proposal provides a GO Transit financed enhanced pedestrian staircase that will be integrated with the pedestrian system linking the GO Station to the future City Civic Centre.

#### **Attachments**

1. Location Map
2. Maple GO Station Concrete Pedestrian Walkway Stair Access Addition (Plan and Section)
3. Maple GO Station Concrete Pedestrian Walkway Stair Access Addition (Details)

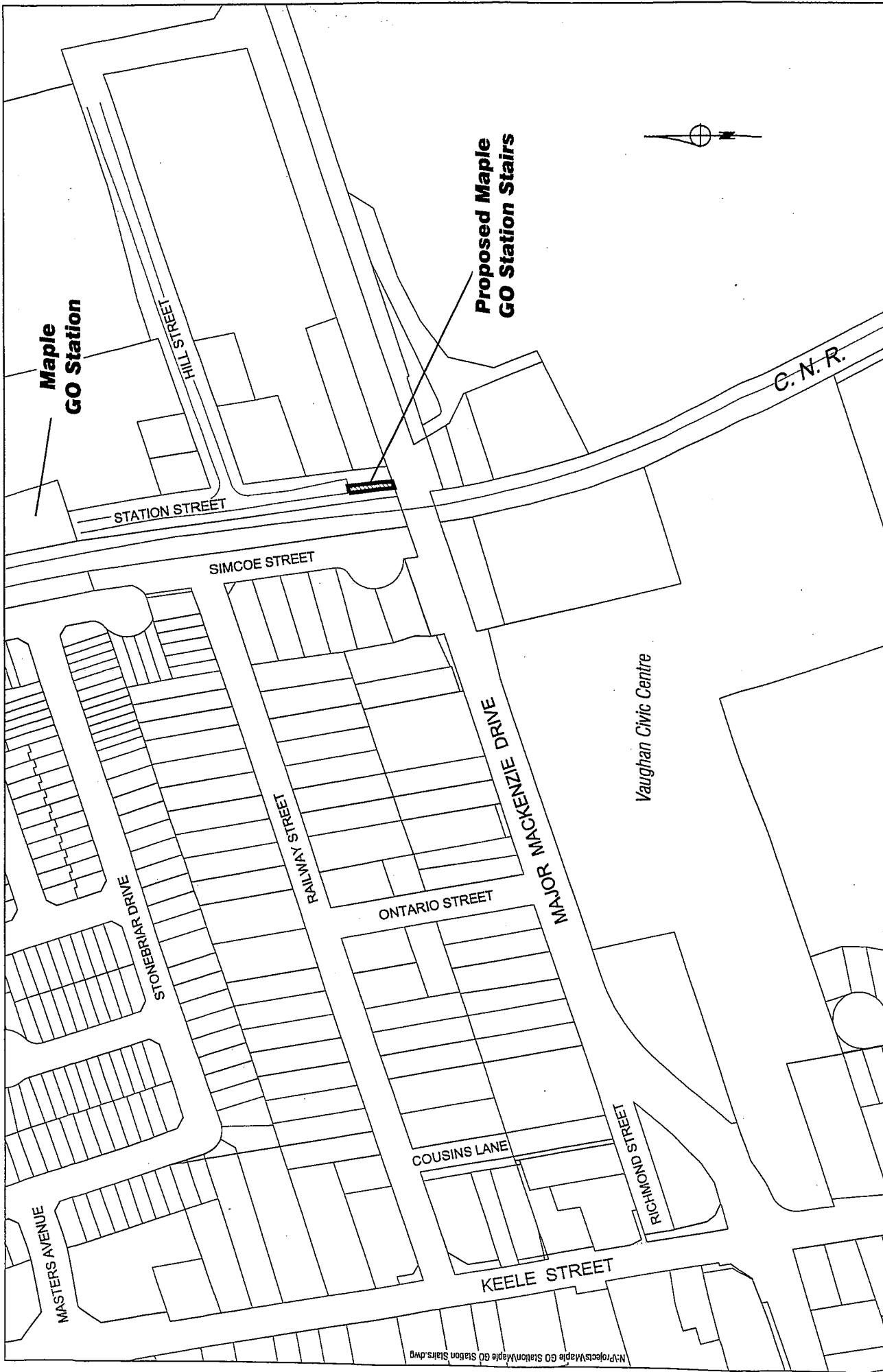
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Respectfully submitted,

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# Location Map Maple GO Station Stairs

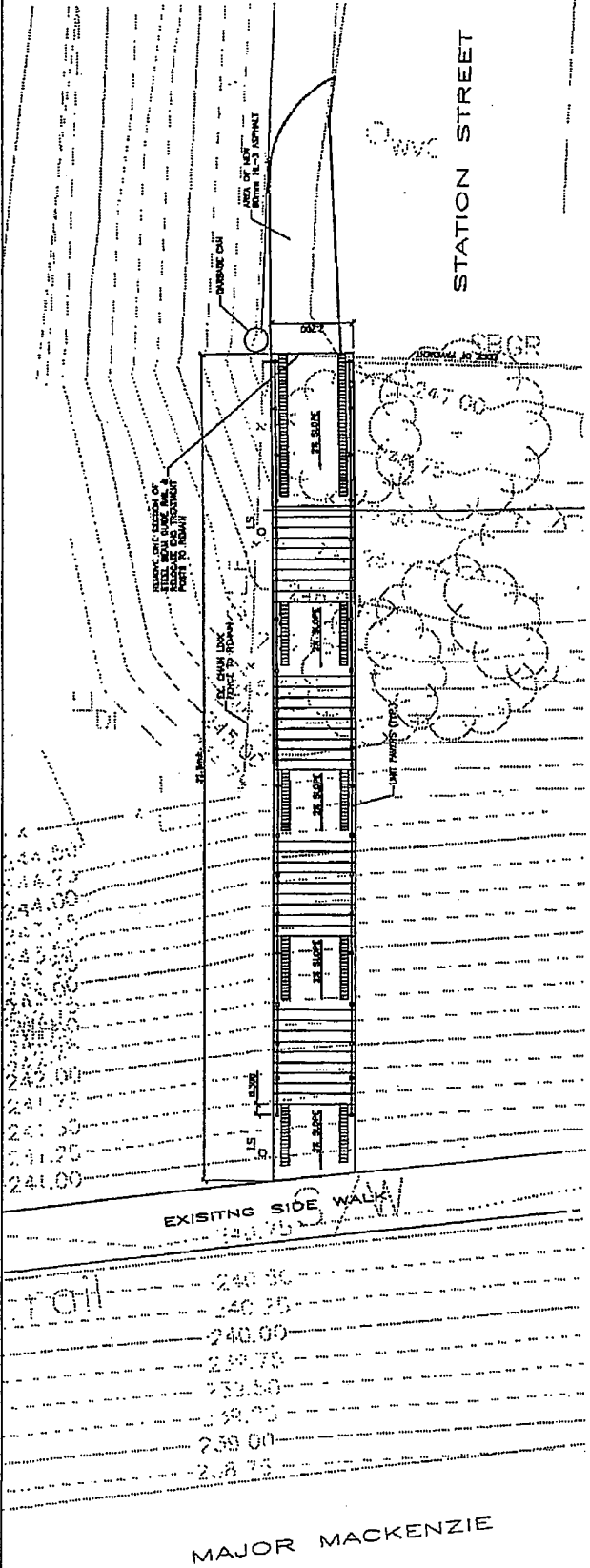
# Attachment 1



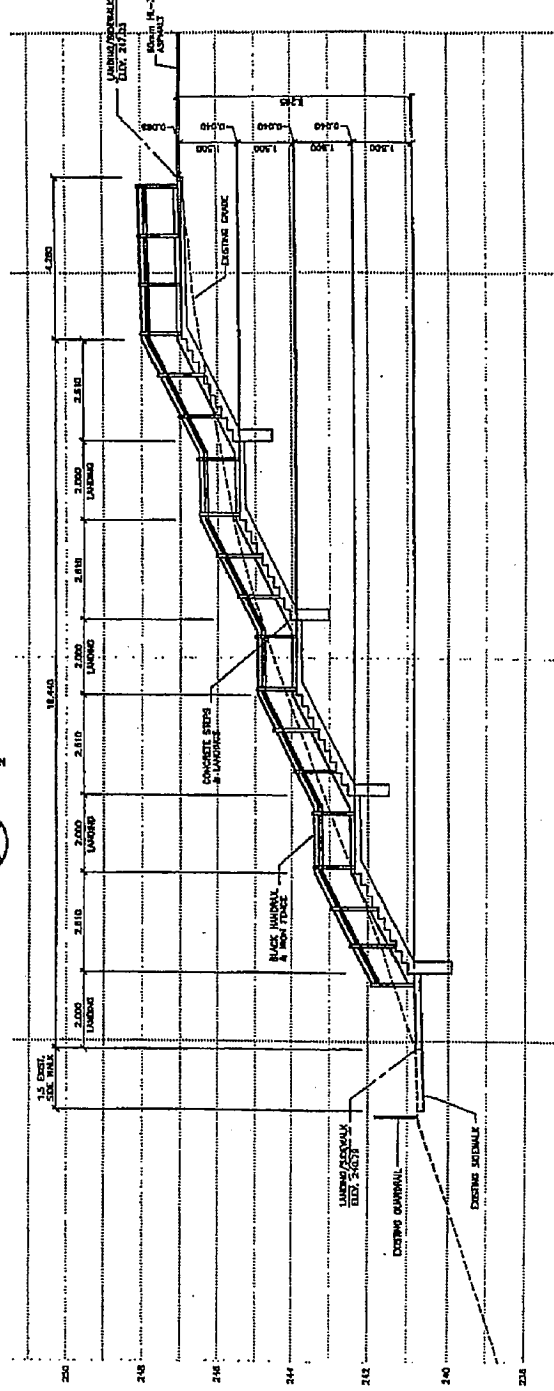
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Part of Lot 21,  
Concession 3



GENERAL ARRANGEMENT - CONCRETE STAIR  
SCALE 1/8" = 1'-0"



STAIR PROFILE

# Plan and Section Maple GO Station Stairs



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