

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – JUNE 18, 2007

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PROVINCIAL ACTION PLAN FOR RAPID TRANSIT
MoveOntario 2020**

WHEREAS on June 15, 2007 the Provincial Government announced the MoveOntario 2020 program, being its 12 - year action plan for rapid transit improvements in the Greater Toronto Area and Hamilton;

AND WHEREAS the plan includes 52 rapid transit projects that will result in 902 kilometres of new and improved rapid transit lines and a total investment of \$17.5 billion, which will promote seamless service across the GTA;

AND WHEREAS the funding formula recognizes the financial constraints faced by municipalities when undertaking large scale capital projects;

AND WHEREAS investment in rapid transit will have a diverse range of benefits, including job creation, fostering economic development and competitiveness, reducing gridlock by providing an alternative to the private automobile and the resulting mitigation of the polluting tailpipe emissions that cause smog and global warming;

AND WHEREAS the plan will support "Smart Growth" consistent with the objectives of the City of Vaughan's Official Plan and the Region of York Official Plan;

AND WHEREAS a number of projects will have a direct and beneficial effect on the City of Vaughan, including the previously approved Spadina Subway Extension to the Vaughan Corporate Centre and new investments in the form of the Yonge Street Subway Extension, the funding of the Viva Rapid Transit System and various upgrades to the GO Rail system including improvements to the Bradford line and a new line to Bolton.

THEREFORE be it resolved:

THAT the City of Vaughan strongly supports the MoveOntario 2020 plan;

THAT the City looks forward to working with the Province, the Greater Toronto Transportation Authority and all other partners to ensure the timely implementation of the rapid transit initiatives envisioned by the plan;

THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Dalton McGuinty, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Greg Sorbara, MPP Vaughan - King - Aurora, Minister of Finance; Mario G. Racco, MPP Thornhill; the Greater Toronto Transportation Authority; and the Regional Municipality of York and the area municipalities in York Region.