

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - MARCH 25, 2008

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE FOGAL ROAD BETWEEN HIGHWAY #50 AND HUNTINGTON ROAD

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works recommends:

That the necessary by-law be passed authorizing the temporary closure of Fogal Road from Highway 50 to Huntington Road during the period between April 15, 2008 and July 31, 2008 inclusive to facilitate the timely reconstruction of the road.

Economic Impact

There are no immediate economic impacts resulting from the adoption of this report.

Communications Plan

A comprehensive communication plan will be implemented to inform all stakeholders of the road closure. This communication plan will include written notification of the road closure to the area property owners and stakeholders including emergency public service agencies (police, fire and ambulance) and public and school transit authorities. In addition, the appropriately worded road side signage will be installed a minimum of two weeks prior to the road closure as a means of informing motorists of the temporary road closure accordance with the Ontario Traffic Manual, Book 7. Access Vaughan will be provided with information regarding the closure and associated contact information in order to effectively respond to enquiries from the general public.

Access to the property at 2 Fogal Road (J V Building Supply) will be directly affected by the temporary closure. The owner of this property will be contacted directly and arrangements made to ensure that local access will be maintained at all times during the road closure period.

Since Fogal Road intersects with Highway 50, the road closure and reconstruction works are being coordinated with both the Region of Peel and Region of York.

The contractor will be responsible for the installation and maintenance of all barricades and construction signage in order to provide pedestrian safety and local access around the construction area.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval for the temporary road closure of Fogal Road between Highway 50 and Huntington Road to facilitate the reconstruction of the road.

Background - Analysis and Options

Fogal Road between Highway 50 and Huntington Road is proposed to be widened and reconstructed in order to improve vehicular access to the Vaughan West Employment area and to establish a continuous collector road link to the Highway 427 Arterial Road extension as shown on Attachment No. 1. The Highway 427 Arterial Road extension is currently under construction and is expected to be opened for traffic at the end of July 2008.

The widening and reconstruction of Fogal Road will provide for a 4 lane urbanized road cross-section with storm sewers, street lighting and intersection improvements. These road works are being carried out by Vaughan West II Limited and Conair Consumer Products Inc., pursuant to their Subdivision Agreement dated April 20, 2007 for draft plan of subdivision 19T-03V19, and the

approved construction drawings. Given the extent of the proposed road reconstruction works, and the relatively low volume of traffic on Fogal Road at this time, it is recommended that Fogal Road be closed between Highway 50 and Huntington Road to facilitate the timely completion of the road works. The temporary closure of the road will create a safer environment for the construction workers and will significantly shorten the construction time frame. A shorter construction period will minimize the disruption to the immediate property owners and motorists. During the road closure, emergency access will be maintained at all times. Based on the contractor's proposed work plan, the consultant responsible for the project (Urban Ecosystem Limited) is requesting that Fogal Road be closed for a period of about fourteen weeks from April 15, 2008 to July 31, 2008.

In addition, City Development Engineering staff is currently working with Vaughan West II Limited and Conair Consumer Products Inc. to advance the placement of the top course of asphalt on Zenway Boulevard so that the traveled portion of the roadway will be structurally adequate to accommodate the expected higher than normal traffic volumes when motorists start using Zenway Boulevard to access the Hwy 427 Arterial Extension. Development Engineering staff will continue to work closely with the Region of York and the area developers to facilitate the timely completion of both the Fogal Road improvements and the Hwy 427 Arterial Extension.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020

In consideration of the strategic priorities related to Vaughan Vision 2020, the recommendations of this report will assist in:

- The pursue of excellence in service delivery;
- Enhancing and ensuring Community Safety;
- Promoting effective governance; and
- Planning and managing growth, and economic vitality.

This report is therefore consistent with the priorities previously set by Council.

Regional Implications

Since Fogal Road intersects with Highway 50, the road closure and the reconstruction works are being coordinated with both the Region of Peel and Region of York. Road closure signs will be provided on Highway 50 as a means of notifying motorists of the closure period.

Conclusion

To facilitate the safe and timely reconstruction of Fogal Road between Highway 50 and Huntington Road, it is recommended that a By-law be passed to implement the temporary road closure of Fogal Road during the period of April 15, 2008 to July 31, 2008. A comprehensive communication plan will be implemented to inform all stakeholders of this temporary road closure as set out in this report. In addition, City Development Engineering staff will continue to coordinate with the Region of York, Region of Peel, Vaughan West II Limited and Conair Consumer Products Inc. to ensure that the collector road network and the Highway 427 Arterial Extension are completed and opened to motorists later this summer.

Attachments

1. Attachment No. 1 – Location Plan

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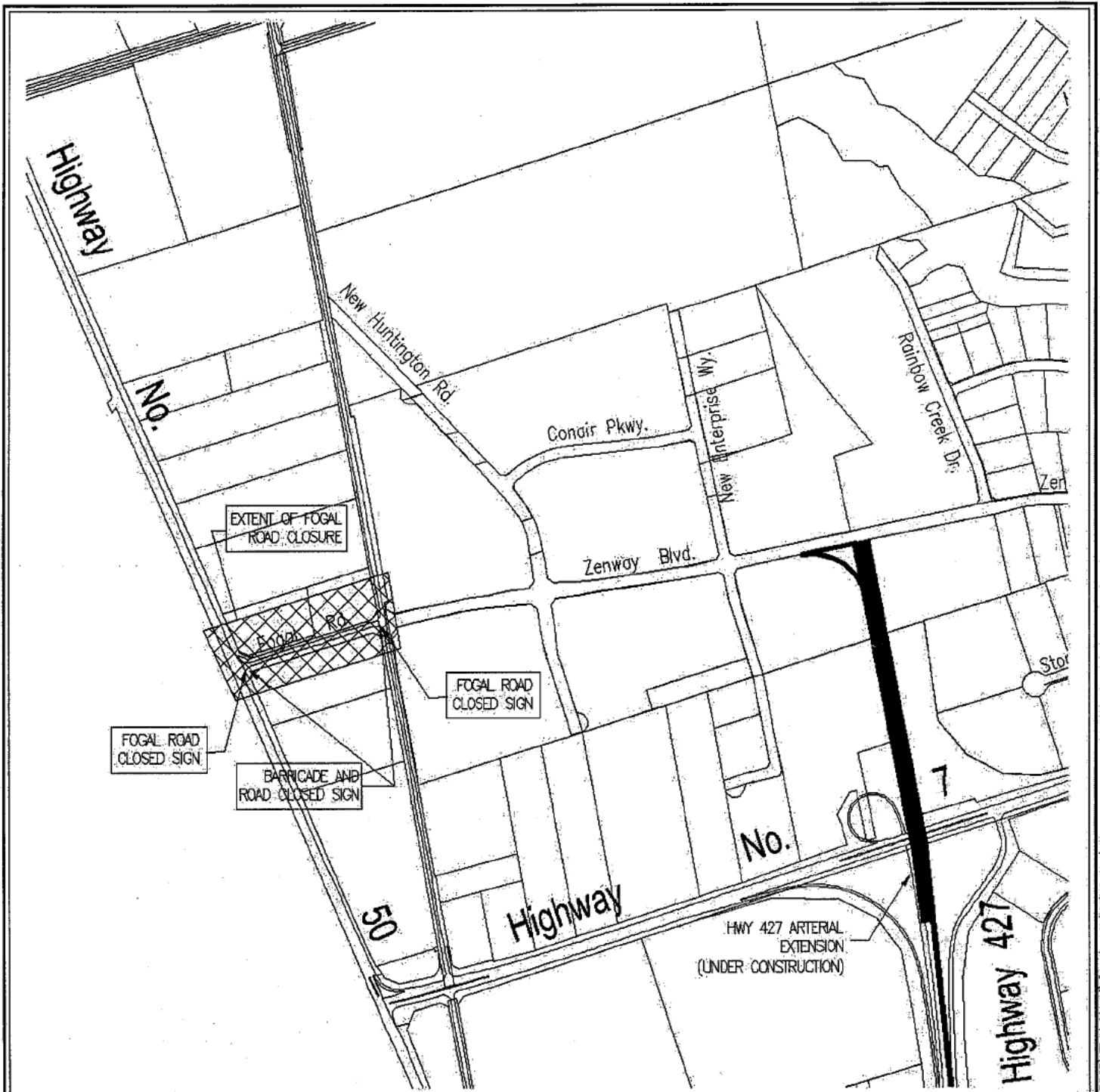
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ATTACHMENT No. 1

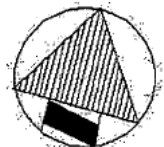


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SUBJECT SITE



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