

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MAY 20, 2008

**CENTRE STREET PARKING LOT REORGANIZATION DESIGN
AND STREETScape MASTER PLAN STUDY**

Recommendation

Councillor Shefman recommends:

1. THAT the Commissioner of Planning be directed to prepare a terms of reference and work plan for the Centre Street Parking Lot Reorganization Design And Streetscape Master Plan Study and report to the June 3, 2008 Committee of the Whole with a proposed terms of reference and the feasibility study being conducted in house by the Department.

Economic Impact

It is intended that the study will be completed in house by the Development Planning Department, Urban Design Division.

Communications Plan

A communication plan will follow as part of the terms of reference.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to obtain Council direction to proceed with the "Centre Street Parking Lot Reorganization Design And Streetscape Master Plan Study" on the basis of the Terms of Reference and Work Plan to be prepared by the Development Planning Department.

Background – Analysis and Options

The Centre Street Improvement Area is generally located within the Thornhill Heritage District (from approximately 121 Centre Street to the intersection of Centre and Yonge Street), shown on Attachment #1.

The visual attractiveness and image of this section of Centre Street is of prime importance, and it is intended that a Parking Lot Reorganization Design And Streetscape Master Plan Study would create a comprehensive public realm for this heritage district that will provide an attractive urban framework to promote private sector investment.

The current parking lot situation at the rear of the buildings on the north side of Centre Street is disorganized and fragmented. A new plan to integrate and reorganize the parking would be a benefit to the land owners in this area.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020

This report is consistent with the priorities set forth in Vaughan Vision 2007, particularly "Plan & Manage Growth & Economic Vitality".

Regional Implications

To be determined by the terms of reference.

Conclusion

The Centre Street Parking Lot Reorganization Design And Streetscape Master Plan Study should be considered as the final piece that will guide future development in the Centre Street Heritage District, and encourage its evolution into a strong community image by enhancing the heritage character of the streetscape, parking lot organization and pedestrian realm.

Should Council concur, the recommendation should be approved to enable the Development Planning Department staff to proceed with the preparation of a term of reference for Council consideration.

Attachments

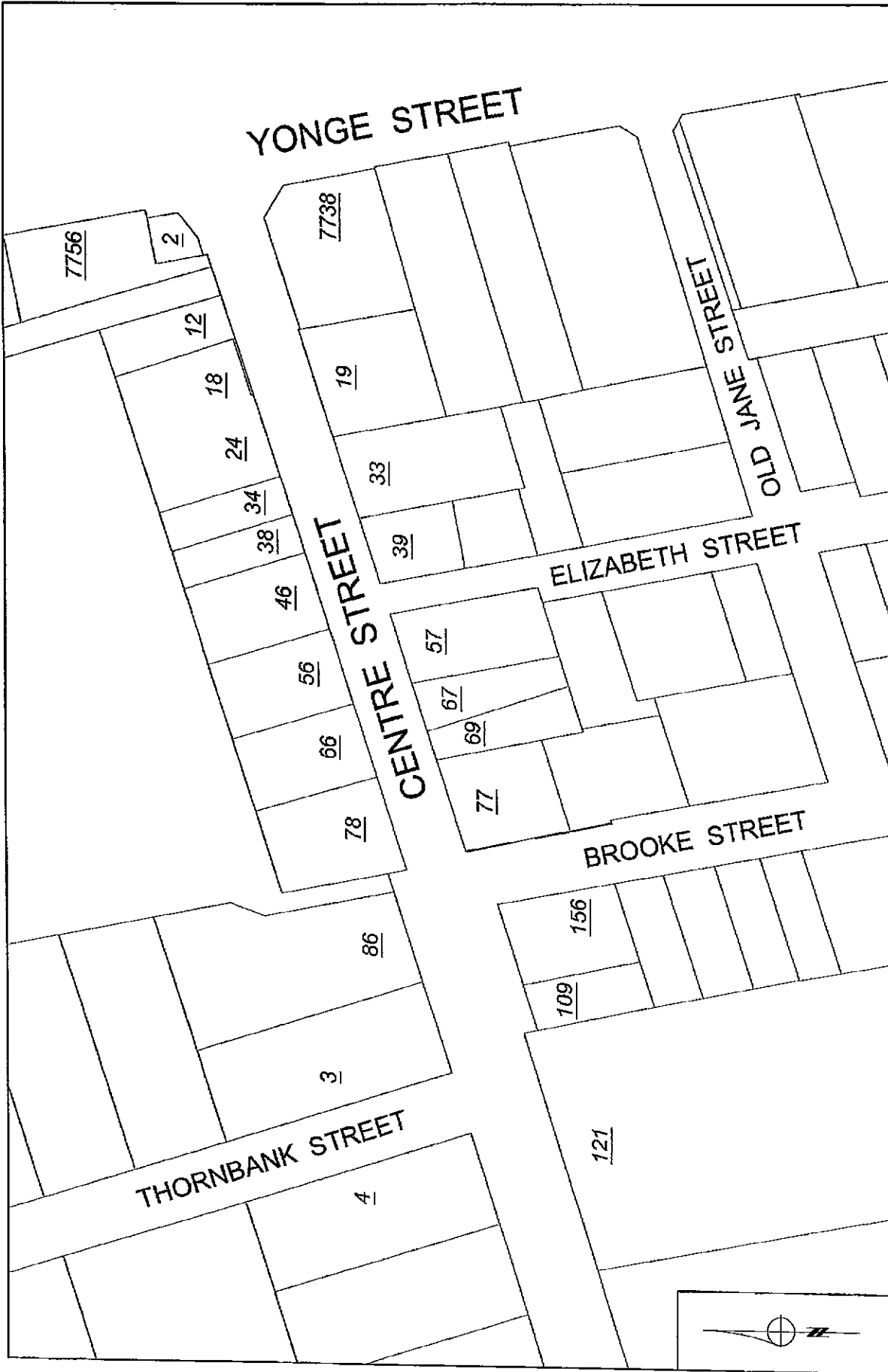
1. Location Map

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Respectfully submitted,

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Development Planning Department

Location Map

Part of Lots 30 & 31,
 Concession 1

APPLICANT:
 The City of VAUGHAN

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