

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - JUNE 16, 2008

REQUEST FOR SIDEWALK INSTALLATION AT LANGSTAFF ROAD AND PLEASANT RIDGE AVENUE

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works in consultation with the Director of Reserves and Investments recommends:

1. That Engineering staff be authorized to undertake a design and call tenders for the construction of a sidewalk connecting West Crossroads Park with the intersection of Langstaff Road and Pleasant Ridge Avenue, and a sidewalk from that intersection, along the south/west side of Langstaff Road to the commercial plaza at the corner of Langstaff Road and Highway 7, at an estimated cost of \$70,000; and
2. That the project be funded from Capital Project Account EN-1706-08, the 2008 Sidewalk Infill Program.

Economic Impact

Should this project be approved by Council, the estimated cost of \$70,000 for the project would be paid out from the 2008 budget account No. EN-1706-08, which is an account for sidewalk infill projects, funded by City-Wide Development Charges - Engineering. As such, there is no additional economic impact to the 2008 Capital Budget.

Long range financial implications will include operating and maintenance costs associated with this type of infrastructure, including long term replacement, which are not quantified at this time.

Communications Plan

If the project is approved by Council and proceeds to construction, staff will advise the Ward Sub-Committee and will send out a letter to the affected property owners advising them of the project details, start and duration of construction and contact information for contractor and city staff.

Purpose

To comply with Council's direction to investigate the need for and the feasibility of installing a sidewalk in the area of Langstaff Road and Pleasant Ridge Avenue.

Background - Analysis and Options

Council at its meeting on May 26, 2008 (Item 32, Report No. 27 of the Committee of the Whole approved by Council on May 26, 2008) directed:

- “ 1. That Engineering staff, in consultation with the Region of York investigate the need for and the feasibility of installing a sidewalk in the area of Langstaff Road and Pleasant Ridge Avenue to provide pedestrian access between adjacent developments and the plaza at Langstaff and Highway 7.**
- 2. That staff report back to a future Committee of the Whole by June 2008.”**

Local residents have contacted Councillor Racco's office requesting that a sidewalk be built in the Langstaff Road and Pleasant Ridge Avenue area. The Yellowwood subdivision bordered by Langstaff Road, Highway 7 and Dufferin Street has no pedestrian links to allow pedestrians access to the adjacent area on the north side of Langstaff Road. This is of particular concern to

students attending schools north of Langstaff Road, or pedestrians who wish to access the commercial plaza at Langstaff Road and Highway 7. The fence surrounding the park has been subject to repeated damage, possibly due to pedestrians attempting to climb over or break through the fence.

Constructing a sidewalk through West Crossroads Park would greatly improve access to the park and the local subdivision. It may also improve pedestrian safety, and may reduce the incidents of damage to the fence.

Engineering staff have reviewed the site to determine the feasibility of a sidewalk through the study area. A preliminary design was created which conforms to the existing grading and drainage patterns of West Crossroads Park and Langstaff Road, while preserving as much landscaping as possible. The preliminary design has also been reviewed with the Parks Department staff, and their staff will be involved in the detailed design. Refer to Attachment 2 for the preliminary layout.

If Council approves this project, and the design receives timely approval by the Region of York, staff estimates that the sidewalk can be completed before the end of the 2008 construction season.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020

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

- Pursue Excellence in Service Delivery;
- Enhance and Ensure Community Safety, Health & Wellness; and
- Lead and Promote Environmental Sustainability

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

Regional Implications

Since Langstaff Road is a Regional Road, the proposed sidewalk within the Langstaff Road right-of-way would require design approval by the Region. The preliminary design has been forwarded to the Region for comments.

Conclusion

Staff recommends that the sidewalk connecting West Crossroads Park with the intersection of Langstaff Road and Pleasant Ridge Avenue be constructed in 2008 as described in this report at an estimated cost of \$70,000. Sufficient funding is available in the 2008 Sidewalk Infill Program in the Capital Budget.

Attachments

1. Location Map
2. Preliminary Site Plan

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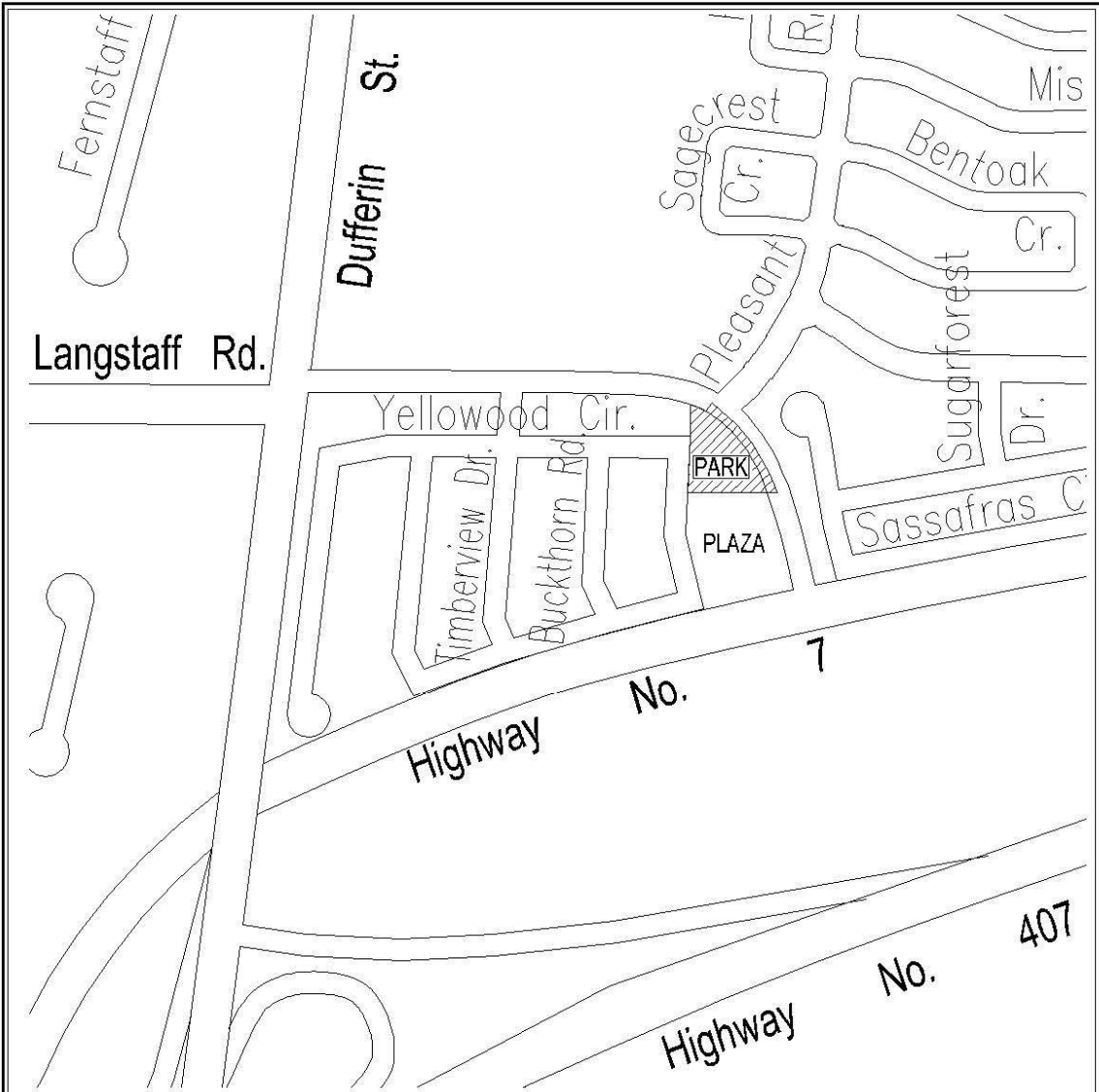
Respectfully submitted,

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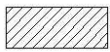
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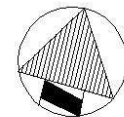


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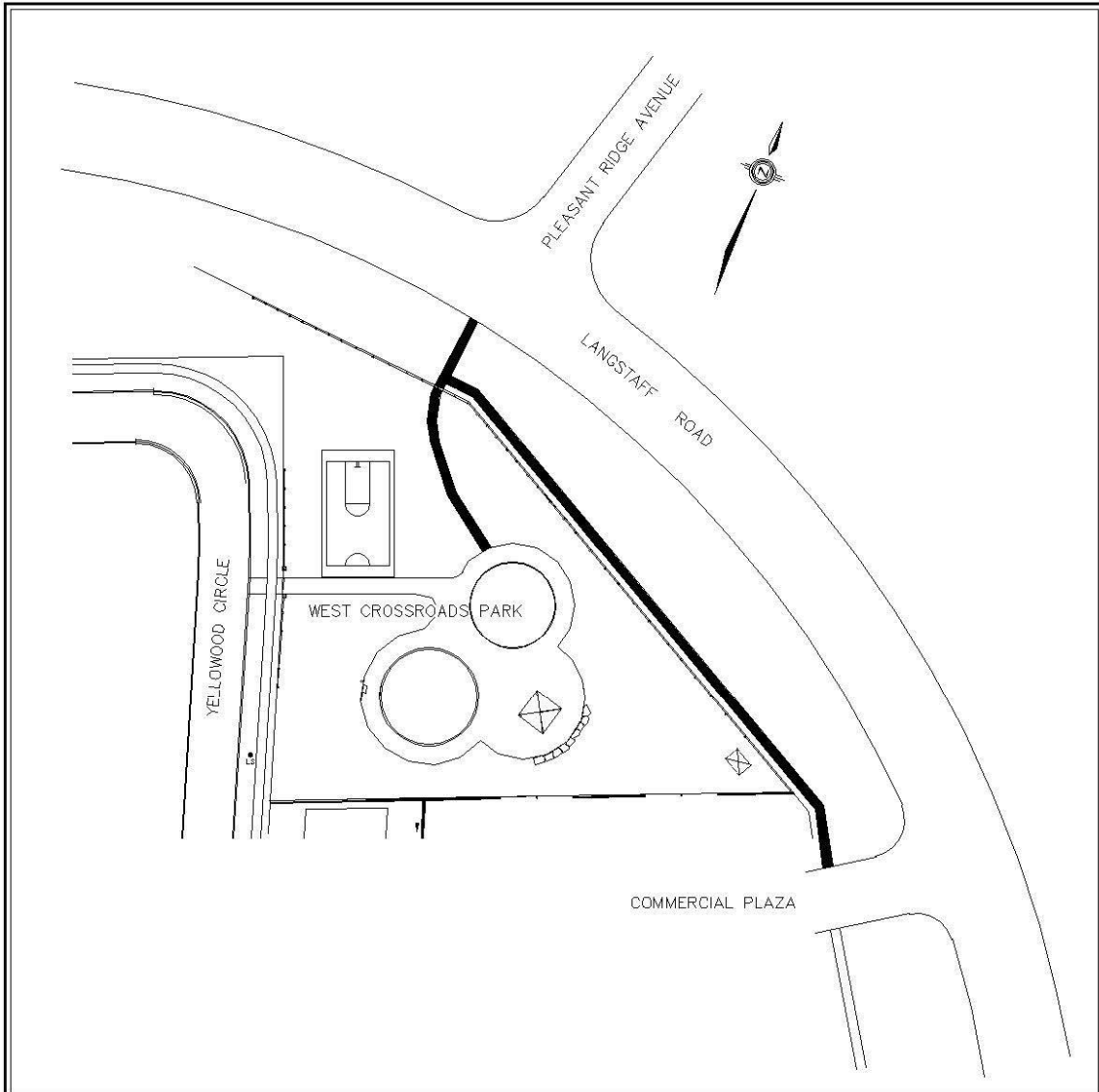
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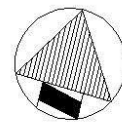


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