

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - MAY 11, 2010

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION YONGE STREET SUBWAY

Recommendation

The Intergovernmental Relations Committee recommends that:

Whereas the City of Vaughan's is committed, through its Official Plan Development process to the development of a transit oriented community, and

Whereas congestion is continuing to increase on the roads in our City and other municipalities in York Region, and

Whereas, through the leadership of York Region Transit VivaNext, preliminary planning, including an Environmental Assessment has been approved for the Yonge Street subway extension from Finch to the Richmond Hill Centre, and

Whereas Metrolinx, the GTHA transit planning and coordination authority has identified the Yonge Street extension as a priority transit project,

That the Council of the City of Vaughan communicate to the Premier of the Province of Ontario, the Prime Minister of Canada, the Chair of the Region of York, the Chair of Metrolinx, the TTC and the municipalities of Markham, Richmond Hill and Toronto, the urgency of moving forward on the development of the Yonge Street Subway without delay, and

That support be given to immediately initiating appropriate studies to investigate alternative funding models to support the development and implementation of this transit project.

Contribution to Sustainability

N/A

Economic Impact

There is no economic impact associated with this report.

Communications Plan

Correspondence will be sent to the parties listed.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to request the support of all necessary parties to immediately initiate appropriate studies to investigate alternative funding models to support the development and implementation of the Yonge Street subway extension from Finch to the Richmond Hill Centre.

Background - Analysis and Options

The Intergovernmental Relations Committee, at its meeting of April 13, 2010 recommended:

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Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

This report is consistent with the goals and initiatives of Vaughan Vision 2020.

Regional Implications

N/A

Conclusion

The Intergovernmental Relations Committee recommends that Council request all necessary parties to initiate the process regarding the development and implementation of this transit project.

Attachments

N/A

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Respectfully submitted,

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