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FOR INQUIRIES:**PLEASE QUOTE ITEM & REPORT NO.**

June 30, 2006

Mr. Denis Kelly, Regional Clerk
The Regional Municipality of York
17250 Yonge Street, Box 147
Newmarket, ON
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Dear Mr. Kelly:

RE: RUTHERFORD ROAD NOISE REVIEW

Attached for your information is **Item 5, Report No. 37**, of the Committee of the Whole regarding the above-noted matter which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan at its meeting of June 26, 2006.

You will note that in dealing with this matter Vaughan Council approved the following:

That the Regional Municipality of York, in consultation with the City of Vaughan, conducts a review of the noise levels on Rutherford Road between Weston Road and Babak Boulevard with a view of understanding the actual noise levels being experienced to the anticipated or planned noise levels achieved by the residents;

That the Regional Municipality of York conduct such review during the peak morning and afternoon period;

That should the actual noise levels be higher than the expected or anticipated noise levels, or higher than other arterial roads that the Regional Municipality of York consider reducing the speed limit from the existing 70 KM level; and

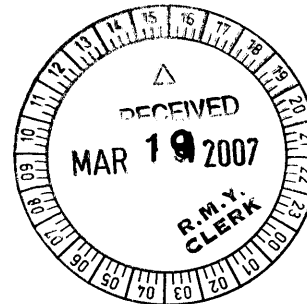
That the Regional Municipality of York also provide recommended solutions to the noise concerns raised by residents including landscape buffers and/or any other recommendation that they may feel is appropriate and report back in the next 30 days.

Sincerely,

J. D. Leach
City Clerk

Attachment:
Extract

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CITY OF VAUGHAN**EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 26, 2006**

Item 5, Report No. 37, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on June 26, 2006.

5**RUTHERFORD ROAD NOISE REVIEW**

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of Councillor Di Vona, dated June 19, 2006:

Recommendation

Councillor Bernie Di Vona recommends:

- 1) That the Regional Municipality of York, in consultation with the City of Vaughan, conducts a review of the noise levels on Rutherford Road between Weston Road and Babak Boulevard with a view of understanding the actual noise levels being experienced to the anticipated or planned noise levels achieved by the residents;
- 2) That the Regional Municipality of York conduct such review during the peak morning and afternoon period;
- 3) That should the actual noise levels be higher than the expected or anticipated noise levels, or higher than other arterial roads that the Regional Municipality of York consider reducing the speed limit from the existing 70 KM level; and
- 4) That the Regional Municipality of York also provide recommended solutions to the noise concerns raised by residents including landscape buffers and/or any other recommendation that they may feel is appropriate and report back in the next 30 days.

Economic Impact

Not applicable.

Purpose

To conduct a review of the noise impact residents are experiencing that abut or located near Rutherford Road and Weston Road area as a result of the street widening and severely increase in traffic volume on Rutherford Road. A review of the actual noise levels compared to the approved or anticipated noise levels is needed and recommendations or solution found to mitigate or minimize any adverse impact of experiencing high noise levels over any standards should it exist.

Background - Analysis and Options

Residents of Weston Downs have expressed concern with the high level of noise they are experiencing for those homes that are near or abutting Rutherford Road. Recently, a resident located on 96 Siderno Crescent 3 homes from a noise attenuation wall and Rutherford Road expressed her serious concern with the increased noise. The home is located some 180 feet from the wall or Rutherford Road and as such should not be experiencing high noise levels, especially so, as a major noise attenuation wall has been constructed.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have been allocated and approved.

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Conclusion

Residents have expressed a quality of life concern with respect to noise levels from Rutherford Road and are looking to the Regional Municipality of York and the City of Vaughan to find a solution.

Attachments

None

Report prepared by:

Councillor Bernie Di Vona