

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

**REPORT NO. 2
OF THE REGIONAL
COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORTATION AND WORKS**

**For Consideration by
The Council of The Regional Municipality of York
on April 27, 2006**

**1
TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE
NASHVILLE ROAD
CITY OF VAUGHAN**

(Regional Council at its meeting on April 27, 2006 adopted the following Clause by directing the Commissioner of Transportation and Works to report back to Committee if the temporary closure exceeds three days.)

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. The temporary closure of Nashville Road (Y.R. 49) east of Huntington Road, in the City of Vaughan, at the Canadian Pacific Railway crossing on April 29 and April 30, 2006 be approved.
2. The Regional Solicitor prepare the necessary by-law.
3. The Regional Clerk forward this report to the Clerk of the City of Vaughan and to Canadian Pacific Railway.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide authorization to temporarily close Nashville Road at the Canadian Pacific Railway (CP) crossing (*see Attachment 1*) to through-traffic to accommodate railway crossing improvements and road reconstruction.

3. BACKGROUND

Canadian Pacific Railway, in a letter dated March 22, 2006, requested a temporary road closure on Nashville Road at the CP crossing east of Huntington Road, where railway crossing rehabilitation is required. In order to complete these activities, it is necessary to temporarily close a section of Nashville Road to through-traffic.

CP originally requested the road closure for May 1 and May 2, 2006. The original dates requested by CP were on weekdays which would cause a disruption in travel for commuters as well as school buses picking up students. Regional staff contacted CP staff to request an alternative construction date on a weekend. CP staff have agreed to change their working dates to April 29 and April 30, 2006 to accommodate Regional staff's request and still meet their timeline.

The temporary road closure will involve the rehabilitation of the mainline crossing and the removal of a side crossing.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

4.1 Rationale for Temporary Road Closures

Where possible, Regional staff co-ordinate the construction activities to keep the roads open to through-traffic. However, it is not always feasible to maintain through-traffic because of the very nature of the work and it is often safer and more cost effective to complete the work under a temporary full road closure.

Temporary road closures, where implemented, reduce safety risks to both the travelling public and work crews and provide a work environment that enhances construction quality. Furthermore, temporary closures significantly reduce the costs and time schedule for any work, thus minimizing public impact and disruption when applied.

4.2 Public Notification and Mitigation

It is the responsibility of CP to notify all affected residents, emergency services (police, fire and ambulance), school bus operators, school transit authorities and the public of the closures at least two weeks prior to the closure.

Road signs notifying the public of the proposed road closure will be placed on Nashville Road a minimum of two weeks in advance of the closure. Temporary road closure schedules will also be posted on the York Region website.

Local access to residents, businesses, schools and other institutions will be maintained.

The temporary road closure for this CP crossing improvement will be a maximum of two days. Once a road closure is in effect, efficient use of the time period will be an obligation of CP and its contractor to ensure that public impact and inconvenience is limited through effective work planning and operations.

Due to the short notice of this request, notification signs have been posted in anticipation of Council approval.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

All costs associated with this temporary closure will be borne by Canadian Pacific Railway.

6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

Signage forewarning the public of the proposed temporary road closure has been placed in advance of the road closure dates. Local traffic will be maintained at all times to provide access to businesses and residences. Emergency services and school boards have been notified to ensure no interruption in service provision.

7. CONCLUSION

It is recommended that authorization be given for the temporary closure of Nashville Road, in the City of Vaughan.

Regional staff will take all necessary precautions to ensure that road closures are kept to a minimum and that appropriate notification is made to all affected parties.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.

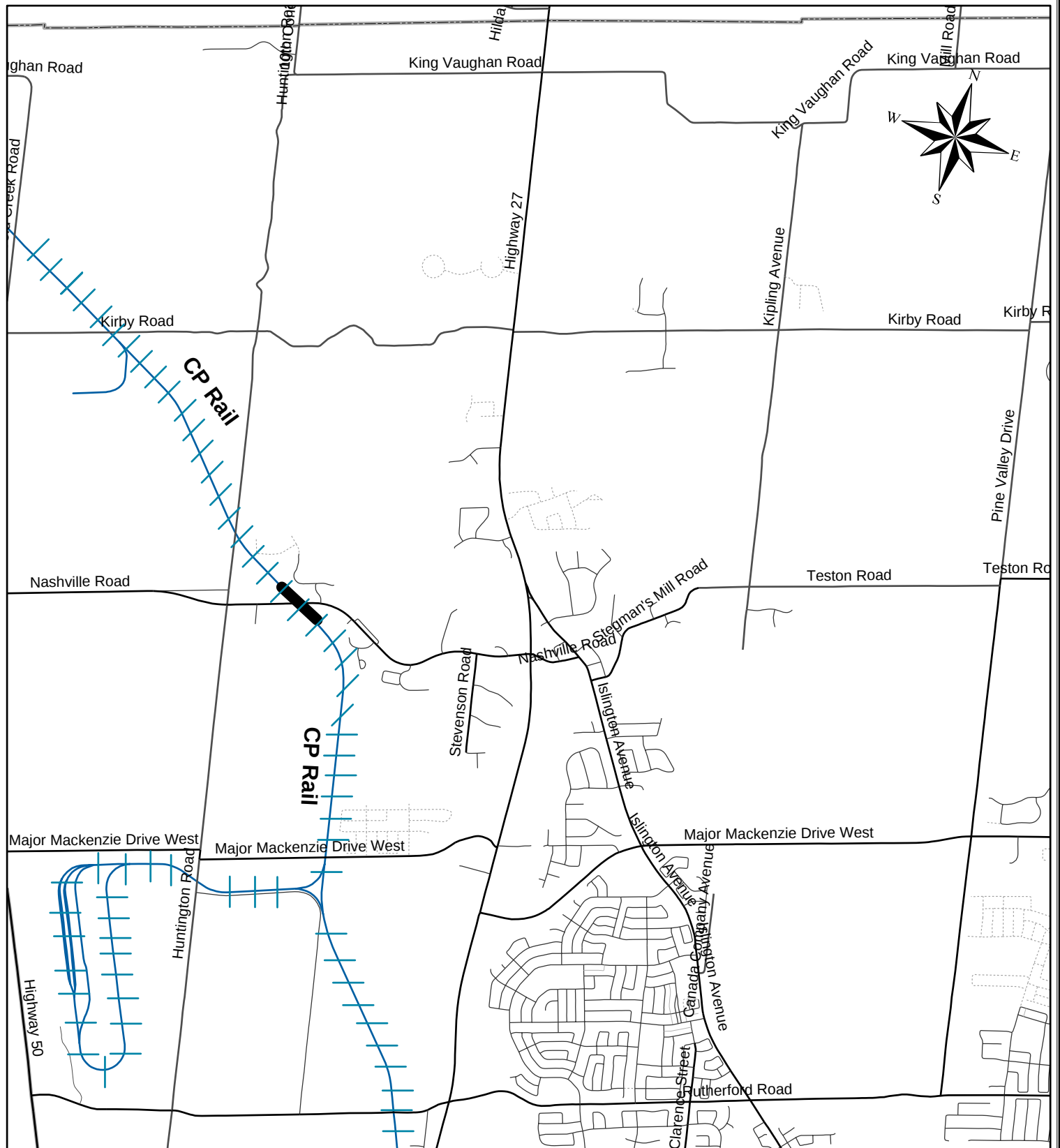
(The attachment referred to in this clause is attached to this report.)

Respectfully submitted,

**April 4, 2006
Newmarket, Ontario**

**B. Macgregor
Commissioner of
Transportation and Works**

(Report No. 2 of the Commissioner of Transportation and Works was adopted, as amended, by Regional Council at its meeting held on April 27, 2006.)



LOCATION PLAN

Temporary Road Closure
Nashville Road
City of Vaughan

Study Area



ROADS BRANCH - OPERATIONS