

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF KING****FAX**

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Traffic Issues

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Please find enclosed the extract of Minutes COW#2004-274 and a copy of the presentation by Mr. Dobson, King Township Chamber of Commerce

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## **TOWNSHIP OF KING**

### **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT**

The following item from the Committee of the Whole Report of October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2004 was adopted by Council at its meeting of November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

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**STEPHEN KITCHEN  
DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS**

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**C.O.W. #2004-274**

**TOM DOBSON, KING TOWNSHIP CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
RE: TOWNSHIPWIDE TRAFFIC ISSUES**

Tom Dobson, King Township Chamber of Commerce appeared before Committee to present an overview of traffic issues facing King Township. He advised that the traffic problems are not caused by the Township's own residents, they are the result of the growth in surrounding York Region municipalities. Mr. Dobson advised that the Chamber is requesting that York Region undertake traffic studies that will recommend and implement actions to resolve the traffic issues, and added that it is imperative that Township Council, staff and residents have input in the process.

Mr. Dobson requested that Council ask the Region of York to initiate studies that will result in actions taken to:

- provide an alternative east-west route through Mid-York;
- alleviate traffic through King City and Nobleton;
- implement action to calm traffic on King Road; and
- provide plans that when implemented will avoid a north-south congestive problem.

Mr. Dobson submitted a copy of the deputation to the Clerk.

Discussion ensued on the selection of a route for a by-pass for King City, and the need to identify alternate options for east-west traffic.

Committee recommends that the deputation by Tom Dobson of the King Township Chamber of Commerce on Township-wide traffic issues be received and that the recommendations therein be supported; further, Committee recommends that Mayor Black bring this matter up at the Regional Council Meeting and that the Region of York be requested to undertake studies to alleviate the traffic problems King Township is experiencing and that the process include opportunity for input from Township staff, Council and residents.

**CHRIS SOMERVILLE  
CLERK**

## **TRAFFIC ISSUES – KING TOWNSHIP**

### **PURPOSE OF PRESENTATION**

The King Township Chamber of Commerce is pleased to present to the Mayor, Council, Staff and Residents their collective view of traffic issues facing King Township.

It is hoped that studies will be initiated by York Region and supported by King Township that will recommend and implement actions solving identified traffic issues. It is imperative that King township personnel have considerable input into these studies- otherwise actions will be implemented without King Township consent.

### **BACKGROUND**

The Region of York projects that by the year 2021 additional lanes will required to handle traffic through the East-West Mid-York corridor. King and North Vaughan Townships are identified as Mid-York. Currently King Road of which there are 4 lanes Yonge St. to Highway 400 ( through King City) and two lanes 400 to Bolton (through Nobleton) handling this traffic load. The critical question is  
- where are the remaining additional lanes to be located?

Noise, pollution, congestion, road deterioration, truck traffic ( especially line haul) numerous complaints (pedestrian safety), speeding, lack of traffic calming especially through the villages, and the inability for street-scape improvements are now characteristics of King Road. King Township Councillors continue to identify serious traffic problems in the villages of King City and Nobleton. The Mayor's Task Force on Transportation also noted serious traffic problems on King Road (presentation made to Council May 2003)

### **CAUSAL FACTORS**

The movement of goods and people through King Township (especially East-West) and to a lesser degree (North-South) is now overwhelming and will only dramatically increase. Viable alternatives are not available. It is not the relative low growth in King Township causing the problem but the massive external growth – eg. Bolton, Tottenham, Barrie, Vaughan, Newmarket- the Yonge St. corridor.

The high cost of the 407 toll road, congestion on the 400 series of highways and lack of viable alternatives add to the traffic flow.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

It is requested that King Township council ask York Region to initiate studies that will result in actions taken to:

- 1) provide an alternative east-west route through Mid-York.
- 2) alleviate traffic through King city and Nobleton
- 3) implement action to calm traffic on King Rd.
- 4) provide plans that when implemented will avoid a North South congestive problem

It is also suggested the King Township Staff, Council Members and Residents have significant input into this process.

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**Attention: Ontario Municipal Mayors & Regional Chairs**

As you may be aware, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care is proceeding with implementation of Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs) – geographically-based organizations that will plan, coordinate, and fund the delivery of health services locally.

LHINs will build on the strengths of our local health organizations and allow for better matching of health care resources to the needs of communities.

The Ministry plans to work closely with its partners and stakeholders, including the public, in communities to ensure the successful implementation of the 14 LHINs across the province.

In that regard, you are invited to attend one of the 14 LHIN community planning workshops that the Ministry is organizing across Ontario. If you are unable to attend, you are more than welcome to send representatives from your municipal/regional council.

These workshops are designed to kick-start the process of communities self-organizing to prepare the ground for the transition to LHINs in each area. This process reflects the Ministry's belief that many of the solutions that will guide LHIN implementation lie within the community itself. This is an important first step in an ongoing process for engaging providers, associations, and community groups in the development of LHINs in each area.

The workshops will take place between November 19 and December 8, 2004. For more information on LHINs, workshop schedule and location details, or to register to attend a workshop, please visit the Ministry's Website at <http://www.health.gov.on.ca/transformation>. If you have any problems registering, please contact Tina Lawrence at (416) 314-0485.

Thank you very much for your participation in this important initiative.

Sincerely,

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