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Mr. Denis Kelly
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The Regional Municipality of York
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**REGION OF YORK
CLERK'S OFFICE**

FILE No. - 143



Dear Mr. Kelly:

**RE: Community Services Report – ES 2011-96
Second Concession Road Environmental Assessment – Update # 2**

I am writing to advise that the above referenced report was considered at the Committee of the Whole meeting held on November 21, 2011.

Council, at the regular meeting held on November 28, 2011 adopted the following recommendations:

1. **THAT the Region of York be requested to review the funding options for the segment of Main Street North from Bristol Road to the Town limit as there is significant Regional benefit to this link;**
2. **AND THAT if the Region is amenable to fully funding and constructing the section of Main Street North from Bristol Road to the Town limit, the Town would then implement on-street bicycle lanes from Bristol Road to London Road so as to connect to the off-street path system along the Holland River;**
3. **AND THAT a copy of this report and Council Extract be forwarded to the York Region Clerk and Stephen Collins, Manager, Engineering, Roads Capital Delivery, Transportation Services, York Region, and Mark Nykoluk, Senior Project Manager, Road Capital Delivery, Transportation Services, York Region.**

Yours sincerely,

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November 8, 2011

COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT ES2011-96

TO: Committee of the Whole

SUBJECT: 2nd Concession Road Environmental Assessment – Update #2
File No.: T.30.13.9

ORIGIN: Director of Engineering Services

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT Community Services Report – ES2011-96, dated November 8, 2011 regarding 2nd Concession Road Environmental Assessment – Update #2 be received and the following recommendation(s) be adopted.

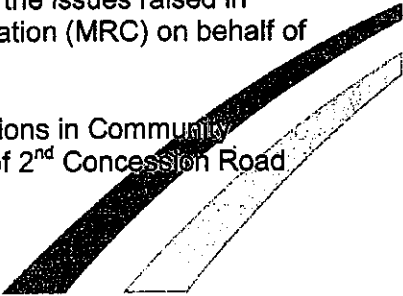
1. THAT the Region of York be requested to review the funding options for the segment of Main Street North from Bristol Road to the Town limit as there is significant Regional benefit in this link;
2. AND THAT if the Region is amenable to fully funding and constructing the section of Main Street North from Bristol Road to the Town limit, the Town would then implement on-street bicycle lanes from Bristol Road to London Road so as to connect to the off-street path system along the Holland River;
3. AND THAT a copy of this report and Council Extract be forwarded to the York Region Clerk and Stephen Collins, Manager Engineering, Roads Capital Delivery, Transportation Services, York Region, and Mark Nykoluk, Senior Project Manager, Road Capital Delivery, Transportation Services, York Region;

BACKGROUND

York Region staff made a presentation to the Committee of the Whole on May 24th, 2011 regarding the process and results of the 2nd Concession Environmental Assessment (EA). The purpose of the EA was to determine the need and cross-section of the widening of 2nd Concession to support the traffic growth due to development. The limit of the study was just south of Green Lane to Queensville Sideroad. At the request of the Town, the study area was extended southward to Bristol Road to determine traffic impacts on Town roads.

In a letter dated June 27, 2011, the Town requested a Part II order with respect to the issues raised in Community Services Report ES2011-43. In response, McCormick Rankin Corporation (MRC) on behalf of York Region, submitted a response to the issues dated August 12, 2011.

At the regular meeting on October 17, 2011, Town Council adopted recommendations in Community Services Report ES 2011-83. The issues have been narrowed to the integration of 2nd Concession Road



and Main Street North. At a meeting between York Region Representatives and Town staff on November 7, 2011, the issues were discussed and progress on the remaining concerns was achieved.

COMMENTS

The purpose of this update report is to inform Town Council of the proceedings and seek direction from Town Council on the issues.

Currently, the Town is taking the position that if 2nd Concession Road south of Green Lane, a Town of East Gwillimbury road, is improved by York Region to meet Regional objectives, then the 2nd Concession Road improvements should be extended to Bristol Road (on Main Street North) and should form part of the construction process. The Town would gain benefit of an urbanized section, sidewalks and bicycle lanes. The estimated cost of these works would be approximately \$400,000.00 as part of the project, and would be substantially higher if the works were undertaken separately at a later date.

York Region's position was that cost sharing arrangements should be entertained for the upgrading of Town infrastructure along Main Street North, since the Regional benefit was not clear to the Region in order to fund the entire project. As well, the Town's Official Plan, Schedule D, does not indicate bicycle lanes on Main Street North.

Town staff believe that this project would be in the best interests of not only the Town, but the Region based on, but not limited to, the following policies in York Region's Official Plan:

- Section 5.2 Sustainable Cities, Sustainable Communities – Objective #3, #8a;
- Section 5.5 Local Centres and Corridors – Objective #3f
- Section 5.6 Building Complete, Vibrant Communities – Objective #12a,b
- Section 7.2 Moving People and Goods – Objective #4-8

In brief, these policies refer directly to active transportation, supporting sustainable transportation, integration of mobility choices, and connectivity that supports a Regional benefit.

Further, York Region has indicated the 2012 Projects selected for the Pedestrian and Cycling Municipal partnership program. While the Town has no projects selected for 2012, the Town has received benefit from this program in the past. Since the 2nd Concession Road construction is scheduled for 2014, it is recommended that the section of Main Street North from Bristol Road to the Town limit be part of this program in 2014 in conjunction with the 2nd Concession Road improvements.

As well, the sidewalk connections would be in place and connected to the sidewalk network, however, this would leave a gap in the on-street bicycle network. Currently, Town staff are preparing a report and implementation plan for the on-street bicycle plan noted in the Official Plan Schedule D. Elements of this plan have been implemented on Woodspring Avenue and Bonshaw Avenue. Even though there are no bicycle lanes proposed on Main Street North, the extension of bicycle lanes from Bristol Road to London Road would create a connection to the off-street bicycle system. With the planned bicycle lane on London Road, and the inclusion of bicycle lanes on Bathurst Street north of Davis Drive under the Region's Environmental Assessment, the Town would have a continuous on-street bicycle lane system from Bathurst Street and Mulock Drive to Main Street North/2nd Concession and Green Lane.

Therefore, it is recommended that on-street bicycle lanes be considered on Main Street North from London Road to the north limit and be implemented along with the improvements to 2nd Concession Road.

BUSINESS PLAN AND STRATEGIC PLAN LINKAGES

Well Planned and Connected...continues to improve the quality of the road network within the Town of Newmarket and connections with our municipal neighbours.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

There was no public consultation with the creation of this report.

HUMAN RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

No impact to current staffing levels.

IMPACT ON BUDGET**Operating Budget (Current and Future)**

No Impact.

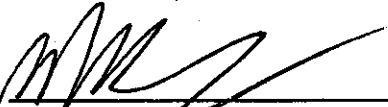
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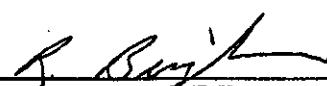
As noted, the road improvements on Main Street North from Bristol Road to the Town limit would be approximately \$400,000.00. The Town is currently seeking the Region to fund this entirely. The implementation of an on-street bicycle lane by the Town from Bristol Road to London Road would be estimated to be \$15,000.00 inclusive of any potential road or catchbasin alterations to suit the designated bicycle lanes.

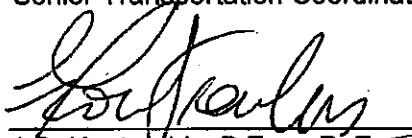
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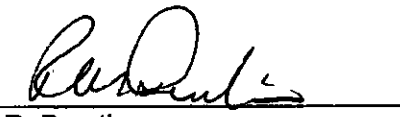
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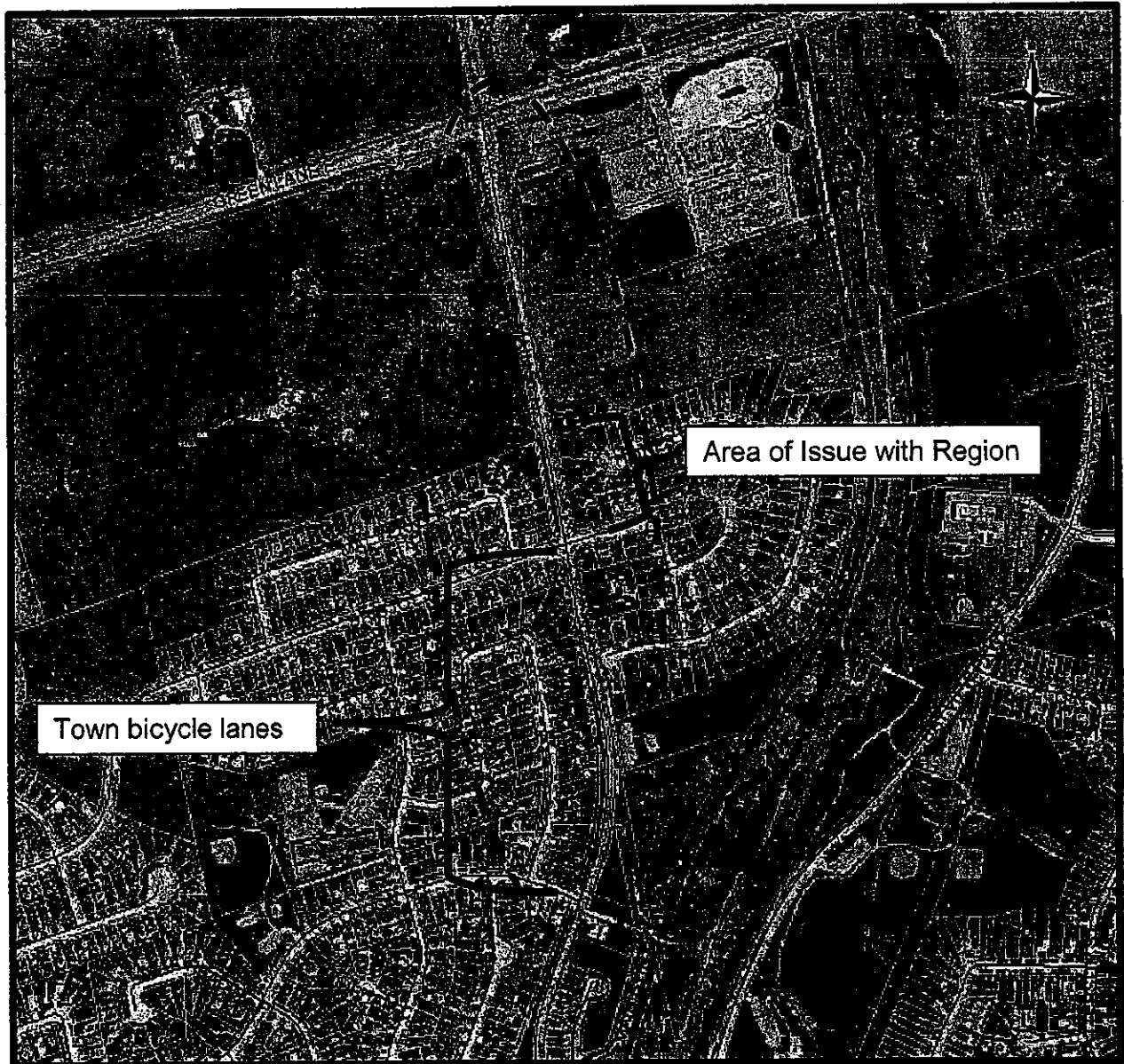

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Area of Review