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November 30, 2011



Kathleen Llewellyn-Thomas
Commissioner of Transportation Services
Regional Municipality of York
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Dear Ms. Llewellyn-Thomas,

RE: King Road Class Environmental Assessment Study

Please find enclosed for your information and file, a copy of the extract of C.O.W. Item #2011-223 of the Committee of the Whole Report of November 14th, 2011 and Engineering and Public Works Department Report No: EPW 2011-37 regarding the King Road Class Environmental Assessment Study.

Yours truly,

Kathryn Smyth
Clerk

c.c. Denis Kelly, Regional Clerk, Region of York
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TOWNSHIP OF KING

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT

The following item from the Committee of the Whole Report of November 14th, 2011 was adopted by Council at its meeting of November 14th, 2011. The minutes of the meeting were approved by Council at its meeting of November 28th, 2011.

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ROB FLINDALL

C.O.W. #2011-223

Engineering and Public Works Department Report Number EPW 2011-37
Re: King Road Class Environmental Assessment Study

DEPUTATIONS

- (i) Nancy Hopkinson

Ms. Hopkinson commented she attended the public meeting held by the Region of York on York Region's EA and had the following concerns and suggestions; that Council request the Region expand the Terms of Reference for the EA for King Road between Highway 400 and R.R. 27 to a Municipal Class EA for King Road between Hwy 400 and the King/Caledon border; include a truck by-pass for Nobleton; study the reasons for the 180 accidents in five (5) years; the left turn signal at King Road and Hwy 27 be operational at all times of day; a new study of the Hwy 400

interchange since the major improvements have been undertaken; a study to include information obtained from the East West Corridor study; and that King Road in Nobleton from the 8th to 10th Concessions not be widened.

Committee discussed the staff recommendations and agreed to separate and amend Recommendation #3 to clearly state Council's direction to York Region regarding a Nobleton by-pass and review of all road improvements between the eastern and western limits of the Township.

Committee considered Engineering and Public Works Department Report Number EPW 2011-37 regarding the Region of Yorks' Class Environmental Assessment Study which identified the need for improvements to King Road between Highway 27 and Highway 400 in the Township of King.

Committee recommends that Engineering and Public Works Department Report Number EPW 2011-37 be received, and the recommendations therein be approved, as amended, as follows:

1. That Report EPW 2011-37 be received as information;
2. That the Township of King supports the undertaking and completion of the Class Environmental Assessment (EA) to identify and confirm the need for improvements to King Road between Highway 27 and Highway 400;
3. The Township of King urges the Region of York to expand the terms of reference for the EA to include a By-pass route around Nobleton;
4. The Township of King urges the Region of York to review all King road improvements between the eastern and western limits of the Township;
5. That the Township requests the Regional Municipality of York to consider the following comments when undertaking the Environmental Assessment Study for King Road between Highway 27 and Highway 400:
 - a. Provide analysis of the effects the expansion of Highway 400, and GTA West Corridor Study, and future road network improvements that may occur between Bathurst Street and Highway 400;
 - b. Provide analysis of projected increases in traffic volumes on King Road and other roads in the Township resulting from increased population/economic growth in the surrounding regions including the City of Vaughan, Peel Region, Dufferin County and Simcoe County.
 - c. Provide an analysis of impacts to existing residents along King Road resulting from increased traffic volumes and potential road widenings including impacts related to increased air and noise pollution, vibration, light pollution, and loss of enjoyment of their properties.
 - d. Provision of on-street parking within the built-up area of Nobleton;
 - e. Provision of further urbanization of King Road through the built-up area of Nobleton, including the provision of improved stormwater management for all properties fronting on King Road, sidewalks, streetscaping, lighting, and bike lanes;
 - f. Consideration of phased implementation of road improvements at the intersections of King Road and York Road 27 (Highway 27), 8th Concession, 7th Concession, and Weston Road to address immediate safety and traffic congestion issues along King Road;
 - g. Consideration of reduced speed limits through the built up area of Nobleton;
 - h. Provide an analysis of the benefits of increasing the investment in mass transit systems through-out the Township and surrounding municipalities versus the cost of road widenings and other structural upgrades along King Road;

6. That Township staff be authorized to participate in the Technical Advisory Committee for the project and provide further comments on technical matters to the Region, and report back to Council where appropriate;
7. That the Clerk send a copy of this report and the adopted recommendations to the Regional Municipality of York, City Vaughan, Town of Richmond Hill, Town of Aurora, Town of Newmarket, Town of East Gwillimbury, County of Simcoe, County of Dufferin, and Regional Municipality of Peel.

KATHRYN SMYTH
CLERK

TOWNSHIP OF KING

DATE: November 14, 2011
TO: Committee of the Whole
FROM: Engineering & Public Works Department
SUBJECT: Report Number EPW 2011-37
King Road Class Environmental Assessment Study

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Engineering & Public Works Departments respectfully submit the following recommendations:

1. That Report EPW 2011-37 be received as information;
2. That the Township of King supports the undertaking and completion of the Class Environmental Assessment (EA) to identify and confirm the need for improvements to King Road between Highway 27 and Highway 400;
3. That the Township requests the Regional Municipality of York to consider the following comments when undertaking the Environmental Assessment Study for King Road between Highway 27 and Highway 400:
 - a. Creation of traffic by-pass routes around the existing communities of Nobleton and King City through upgrades and expansion of other roads within the Region and Township;
 - b. Provide analysis of the effects the expansion of Highway 400, and future road network improvements that may occur between Bathurst Street and Highway 400;
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2. PURPOSE & BACKGROUND

York Region is undertaking a Class Environmental Assessment Study to identify and confirm the need for improvements to King Road between Highway 27 and Highway 400 in the Township of King. The study is being conducted in accordance with the *Municipal Class Environmental Assessment* (October 2000, as amended in 2007) as a **Schedule "C"** undertaking.

At the Council meeting of November 1, 2011 staff from the Regional Municipality of York Transportation Services Department made a presentation to Council outlining the Problem/Opportunity Statements that will guide the Environmental Assessment study along with the proposed planning solutions identified by Transportation Services Department Staff. At that meeting Council and Township staff were asked to provide comments to the study team.

3. ANALYSIS & PROPOSALS

The Region of York Transportation Master Plan was revised and updated in November 2009. King Road between Highway 27 and Highway 400 was identified in the Master Plan as requiring arterial road improvements subject to a future Environmental Assessment Study.

The Township is a key stakeholder in the environmental assessment process and has sought input and comments from staff and members of Council at the earliest stages of the study. The Region has also requested that Township staff participate in the Technical Advisory Committee for the study. Staff recommend that Council support the Region in the

undertaking of the Environmental Study, and that Township remain fully engaged in the Environmental Assessment process. Council will have the numerous opportunity to provide comments and direction to staff throughout the process. Following submission of the Environmental Study Report (ESR), Council may choose to support the findings or to provide formal comments to the study team and the Ministry of the Environment outlining any serious environmental concerns that remain unresolved.

This report outlines the key comments and recommendations from Council and staff that have been identified at this time.

The following comments were provided to the Project Team by members of Council and staff from the Engineering & Public Works Department for consideration when undertaking the Environmental Assessment Study for King Road between Highway 27 and Highway 400:

- a. Creation of traffic by-pass routes around the existing communities of Nobleton and King City through upgrades and expansion of other roads within the Region and Township;
- b. Provide analysis of the effects the expansion of Highway 400; and future road network improvements that may occur between Bathurst Street and Highway 400;
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- i. Provide an analysis of the benefits of increasing the investment in mass transit systems through-out the Township and surrounding municipalities versus the cost of road widenings and other structural upgrades along King Road;

The following comments were provided to the Project Team by members of Council and staff from the Engineering & Public Works Department for consideration when undertaking the detailed design of any improvements to King Road:

- a. Avoidance of barrier curbs outside of the built-up area of Nobleton to facilitate the movement of farm implements and machinery;
- b. The use of medians and turn lanes where appropriate, and the avoidance of centre medians where they would impede the movement of farm implements;
- c. Provision of additional signalized intersection(s) between Highway 27 and Greenside Drive, where appropriate, to provide a safe location for pedestrian crossings.
- d. Provision of sidewalks, enhanced "streetscaping" and other urbanization within the built-up area of Nobleton to enhance pedestrian movements;
- e. Provision of on-street parking and other measures to support local businesses and to reduce speeds within the built-up areas of Nobleton.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising from the recommendations made in this report. The Staff time and resources necessary to participate in the Technical Advisory Committee can be accommodated within the existing staff compliment and budgets.

Staff advise Council that costs for the construction of sidewalks; provision of street lighting, "streetscaping", the provision of Stormwater management facilities for properties outside of the Regional Road allowance, and other related improvements are the responsibility of the local municipality. Funding for these projects may come from general levy taxation, development charges, local improvement charges, grants or other sources.

5. ATTACHMENTS

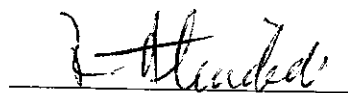
Attachment 1 – Notice of Public Consultation Centre #1

Prepared and Submitted by:



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Reviewed by:



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Director, Engineering and Public Works

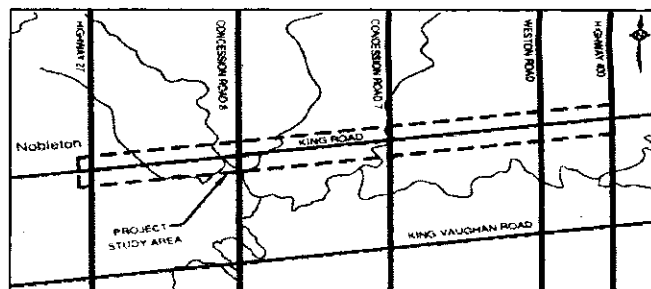
NOTICE OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION CENTRE #1

**CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STUDY
King Road between Highway 27 and Highway 400
Township of King**

York Region is undertaking a Class Environmental Assessment Study to identify and confirm the need for improvements to King Road between Highway 27 and Highway 400 in the Township of King. The study is being conducted in accordance with the *Municipal Class Environmental Assessment* (October 2000, as amended in 2007) as a **Schedule "C"** undertaking.

York Region is inviting residents and other stakeholders to attend the first of two Public Consultation Centres (PCCs) for this Study. The first PCC will discuss the:

- Existing conditions and previous work undertaken in the area
- Need and justification for improvements to King Road
- Evaluation criteria
- Evaluation of alternative solutions
- The preferred solution(s)



The PCC will be held at:

Date: Thursday, November 10th, 2011

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Presentation: 6:30 p.m., followed by discussion groups

Location: Dr. William Laceby Nobleton Arena and Community Centre
15 Old King Road, Nobleton, Ontario

The format of the PCC will be an informal drop-in centre with a presentation at 6:30 p.m., followed by discussion groups. Members of the Project team will be in attendance to answer questions and receive comments.

Consultation during the Study, proposed future work, and measures aimed at minimizing environmental impacts will be documented in an Environmental Study Report (ESR). The ESR will be made available for public review when it has been completed at the end of the Study. The status of the project will be documented on the Region's website www.york.ca in the Public Notices section.

Anyone with interest in this Study is encouraged to provide input before any decisions are made. As part of the consultation process, a mailing list for notifications is being compiled. If you wish to receive information about the Study or to provide comments, please contact either of the project team members listed below.

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York Region Chairman and CEO

Commissioner of Transportation Services

Thank you for your participation in this study

Attachment 1