

REGIONAL CAPITAL PROJECTS (5.10 & 7.5)

The Commissioner of Development Services and the Director of Engineering advised that they met with representatives of the Region of York this date. They tabled a presentation which the Director of Engineering reviewed in connection with the Region of York 10-year capital road program.

The key issues include:

- revenue and expenditures
- background details highlighting the traffic congestion and the lack of significant road improvements in Markham
- possible solutions
- funding options
- project management and alternatives

Discussion took place regarding the need for statistics that would substantiate how Markham has fallen behind other municipalities in York Region compared with growth statistics; the need to investigate Woodbine Avenue and Steeles Avenue between 9th Line and Highway 48; timelines; environmental assessments; priority projects; priorities for Markham; and necessary funding.

Moved by Deputy Mayor F. Scarpitti
Seconded by Councillor J. Heath

Whereas residents and businesses in Markham are experiencing unacceptable traffic congestion;

And whereas Markham Council has authorized Markham's road program that expedites Rodick Road, Birchmount Road, and Enterprise Drive to improve service;

Now therefore be it resolved that the presentation by the Commissioner of Development Services and the Director of Engineering providing an update on the Regional 10 year road capital program, be received;

And that the Region of York be requested to advance their road capital program and particularly:

- Highway 7 (Fairburn Drive/Montgomery Court to Sciberras Road) – from 2007 to 2005/2006
- Warden Avenue (14th Avenue to Applecreek Boulevard) – from 2005 to 2004/2005;

And that the Region be requested to include a minimum of an additional \$4.5 million in the Regional budget for 2004 in order to leverage \$17 to \$20 million in development charges for road work in Markham and that they also be requested to work with Town

staff on funding & implementation opportunities to advance the capital projects in Markham;

And that the Region of York be requested to review their draft 2004 and 10 year capital with Town staff to coordinate priorities.