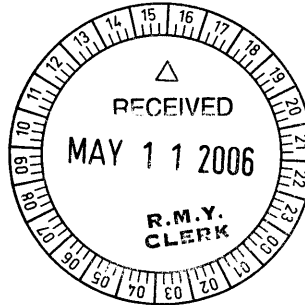


May 3, 2006

Mr. Denis Kelly
Regional Clerk
Corporate Services Department
York Region Administration Building
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REGION OF YORK
CLERK'S OFFICE

FILE No. - *folo*

Dear Mr. Kelly:

City Council on April 25 to 27, 2006, adopted, without amendment, the following Motion:

J(20) Bayview Avenue Class Environmental Assessment Study - Opposition to Widening of Bayview Avenue North of Steeles Avenue East to Highway 407
Moved by Councillor Shiner, seconded by Deputy Mayor Feldman

"WHEREAS the City of Toronto is currently conducting the Yonge Street Surface Transit Improvements Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study; and

WHEREAS the Primary study area extends along Yonge Street, from Steeles Avenue East to Finch Avenue, and the Secondary Study Area extends westerly to Bathurst Street and easterly to Bayview Avenue, from Highway 401 to Steeles Avenue East; and

WHEREAS Yonge Street between Finch Avenue and Steeles Avenue East is the busiest bus corridor in Toronto used by the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC), GO Transit, York Region Transit and Brampton Transit; and

WHEREAS high levels of traffic congestion currently exist along Yonge Street; and

WHEREAS this study will address improvements on surface bus transit for both City of Toronto and York Region residents; and

WHEREAS Curb Reserved Bus Lanes, lanes exclusively for the use of buses, are being considered as a viable improvement for bus transit along Yonge Street and would remove two lanes previously used for vehicular traffic; and

WHEREAS the Regional Municipality of York is currently conducting a Bayview Avenue Class Environmental Assessment Study to determine existing and future road needs and improvements on Bayview Avenue, from south of John Street (just north of Steeles Avenue East) to north of Major Mackenzie Drive within the Towns of Markham and Richmond Hill; and

WHEREAS the Regional Municipality of York study will address increasing the number of lanes on Bayview Avenue; and

WHEREAS areas of urban sprawl create the need for better transportation and public initiatives for public transportation and York Region has the VIVA system; and

WHEREAS Bayview Avenue is a gateway for transient traffic entering the City from the north; and

WHEREAS future road widening of Bayview Avenue, north of Steeles Avenue East, will create more pressure from transient vehicles on Yonge Street, Bathurst Street, Bayview Avenue, Leslie Street and Don Mills Road; and

WHEREAS more road surface creates a greater area for rain water runoff into the Don River sewer system, potential erosion of river banks and possible flooding;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council advise the Regional Municipality of York that it is opposed to any widening of Bayview Avenue north of Steeles Avenue East to Highway 407, and expresses grave concerns on the hardships that additional urban sprawl, transient traffic, as well as more hard surface, will have on neighbouring communities to the south;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT North District Transportation Division staff be requested to review the York Region proposal and report to the Works Committee, through the North York Community Council.”

Council also considered the following:

- Notice of Public Consultation Centre #1 regarding the Bayview Avenue Class Environmental Assessment Study, issued by the Regional Municipality of York.



for City Clerk

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Attachment

Sent to: City Clerk, the Regional Municipality of York
General Manager, Transportation Services

- c. Deputy City Manager Fareed Amin
Administrator, Works Committee
Administrator, North York Community Council



THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

BAYVIEW AVENUE CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STUDY

South of John Street to North of Major Mackenzie Drive

NOTICE OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION CENTRE #1

The Regional Municipality of York is undertaking a Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) study to determine existing and future road needs and improvements on Bayview Avenue (Y.R. 34), from south of John Street to north of Major Mackenzie Drive (Y.R. 25) within the Towns of Markham and Richmond Hill.

The study is being conducted in accordance with Schedule 'C' of the *Municipal Class Environmental Assessment* (June 2000) process under the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*. The study will review the need and justification for possible improvements to the existing corridor, alternatives to the undertaking, alternative methods and include an evaluation of impacts on the natural and social environment. Upon completion of the study, an Environmental Study Report will be filed for public review.

Public consultation is an important part of the study. To ensure that anyone with interest in the study has an opportunity to be involved and provide input before any decisions are made on a preferred concept for corridor improvements, two public consultation centres will be held at key points in the study. Details of the first Public Consultation Centre are shown below. The second Public Consultation Centre is expected to be held later this year.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION CENTRE #1

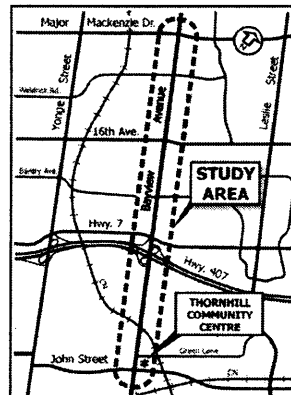
The first Public Consultation Centre will be held on:

Date: Tuesday, April 4, 2006
Time: Open House (Drop-In) 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Formal Presentation at 7:00 p.m.
Place: Thornhill Community Centre
Upper Arena Lounge (2nd Floor)
7755 Bayview Avenue
Markham

The purpose of this first public consultation centre is to obtain public input after reviewing: the problem being addressed, the collection of background information and the alternatives being considered for Bayview Avenue. Anyone with an interest in the study is invited to attend and participate. If you cannot attend and would like to provide comments, please forward them by April 21, 2006 to:

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