

Morningside Avenue/Markham By-pass Extension EA Study – Works Committee Action

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**11. Morningside Avenue/Markham By-Pass Extension Individual Project
Environmental Assessment Study Status Report (Ward 42 – Scarborough Rouge River)**

Report 6, Clause 5

The Works Committee recommended that:

- (I) City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (May 12, 2005) from the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning and the Acting General Manager, Transportation Services, subject to amending:**
- (A) Recommendation (1) by deleting the words “does not endorse” and replacing them with the words “strongly opposes and formally objects to”;**
- (B) Recommendation (2)(a) by:**
- (i) inserting the words “north and south of Steeles Avenue East” after the words “Alignment C”; and**
- (ii) deleting the words “or widening Steeles Avenue East to a maximum of six traffic lanes”; and**
- (C) Recommendation (2)(b) by adding the words “and Scarborough Community Council” after the words “City of Toronto residents”,**

so that the Recommendations now read as follows:

“It is recommended that:

- (1) City Council advise York Region that it strongly opposes and formally objects to the technically preferred alignment for the extension of**

Morningside Avenue south of Steeles Avenue East, as developed in the Environmental Assessment Study for transportation improvements in the Markham By-pass Corridor south of Highway 407;

- (2) City Council request York Region to:**
 - (a) re-evaluate Alignment C north and south of Steeles Avenue East, that being the City's preferred alignment south of Steeles Avenue East, and advise City Council of the implications of maintaining Steeles Avenue at its approved width of four traffic lanes; and**
 - (b) conduct additional community consultation with City of Toronto residents and Scarborough Community Council following completion of this further evaluation of Alignment C, with notice being provided to the residents in consultation with City staff;**
- (3) the Acting General Manager of Transportation Services and the Chief Planner and Executive Director of City Planning, in consultation with the City Solicitor, report back to Works Committee on the legal and financial implications for the City of Toronto should York Region apply for and receive Environmental Assessment approval for the technically preferred alignment; and**
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.”;**
- (II) the report from the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning and Acting General Manager, Transportation Services be forwarded to Scarborough Community Council for consideration, with a request that the Community Council hold a special evening meeting in October 2005 on this issue; and**
- (III) the report be forwarded to the Province of Ontario, the Regional Municipality of York, the Town of Markham, the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, the Rouge Park Alliance, the Friends of the Rouge Watershed, and the Save the Rouge environmental groups.**

Report (May 12, 2005) from the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning and the Acting General Manager, Transportation Services on the findings to date of the Environmental Assessment Study being conducted by York Region for the extension of the Markham By-Pass southerly from Highway 407 to meet Morningside Avenue in the Morningside Heights Community, and to develop a City Council position on the technically preferred alignment.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) City Council advise York Region that it does not endorse the technically preferred alignment for the extension of Morningside Avenue south of Steeles Avenue East, as developed in the Environmental Assessment Study for transportation improvements in the Markham By-pass Corridor south of Highway 407;
- (2) City Council request York Region to:
 - (a) re-evaluate Alignment C, that being the City's preferred alignment south of Steeles Avenue East, and advise City Council of the implications of either maintaining Steeles Avenue at its approved width of four traffic lanes, or widening Steeles Avenue East to a maximum of six traffic lanes; and
 - (b) conduct additional community consultation with City of Toronto residents following completion of this further evaluation of Alignment C, with notice being provided to the residents in consultation with City staff;
- (3) the General Manager of Transportation Services and the Chief Planner and Executive Director of City Planning, in consultation with the City Solicitor, report back to Works Committee on the legal and financial implications for the City of Toronto should York Region apply for and receive Environmental Assessment approval for the technically preferred alignment; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.