



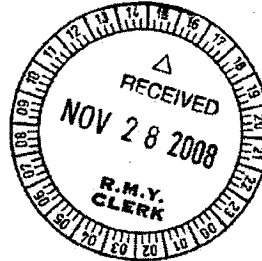
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November 18th, 2008

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FILE No. - *P06*

Dear Ms. Llewelyn-Thomas

**RE: Presentation to Township of King Committee of the Whole
Uploading of 15th & 18th Sideroads between Bathurst Street and Dufferin
Street, and (King City By-pass
(Mid-York East/West Transportation Issues)**

Please find enclosed extract C.O.W. #2008-251 of the Committee of the Whole Report of November 3rd, 2008 outlining your presentation on the Region of York Transportation Master Plan and discussions on the matters of uploading the 15th and 18th Sideroads between Dufferin Street and Bathurst Street to the jurisdiction of the Region of York, and the King City By-pass.

Also enclosed is extract C.O.W. #2008-252 outlining the depositions by the residents regarding the Operations Department Report OP08-18 (Revised) – Road Rationalization Study regarding the 15th and 18th Sideroads which was considered at the same meeting.

For your information and reference, we are also sending copies of the following items:

- Operations Department Report OP08-18 (revised), November 3rd, 2008
- Extract of Committee of the Whole Report of May 12th, 2008
- Operations Department Report OP08-05, May 12th, 2008
- TSH Township of King Road Rationalization Study, April 11, 2008
- Correspondence dated March 23, 2007 re: Motion to request the Region of York to undertake a Class EA to resolve traffic issues in King City

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At its meeting of November 3rd, 2008, Council adopted the recommendations of the Operations Department Report, as amended, as follows:

1. That the Township of King make a formal request through a resolution of Council, to the Region of York, that the 15th and 18th Sideroads, between Bathurst and Dufferin Streets be reviewed for possible repair, maintenance or transfer to the Region of York road system, taking into consideration the protection of the aquifer and kettle lakes, speed issues, road width and the protection of the 100 year old maple trees;
2. That this report and the report prepared by Totten Sims Hubicki (TSH) dated April 11, 2008 be submitted to the Region of York as background material.
3. That once the Region's Report is completed, that staff report back to Council for further direction on this matter.
4. That the Region of York report back on the Mid-York Collector and consider in context with the 15th and 18th Sideroads and including a King City By-pass as soon as possible.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned or Jody LaPlante, Director of Operations if you require any further information.

Yours truly,



Chris Somerville
Township Clerk

c.c. Scott Somerville, CAO
Jody LaPlante, Director of Operations
Stephen Kitchen, Director of Planning

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT

The following item from the Committee of the Whole Report of May 12th, 2008 was adopted by Council at its meeting of May 26th, 2008.

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CAO, JODY LAPLANTE

C.O.W. #2008-117

**Operations Dept. Report No. OP08-05
and Presentation by Totten Sims Hubicki
Re: Road Rationalization Study, 15th and 18th Sideroads,
from Bathurst Street to Dufferin Street**

Jim McEwen, Vice-President of Totten Sims Hubicki, provided Committee with a brief overview of the Minimum Maintenance Standards (Ont. Reg. 239/02) and the Township of King Road Rationalization Study of the 15th and 18th Sideroads between Bathurst and Dufferin Streets. Mr. McEwen introduced Dave Anderson, Project Manager of Totten Sims Hubicki, who proceeded to review the study and explain the traffic counts, traffic needs and roads conditions reflected within the study. He advised members of the Environmental Assessment requirements when performing certain works, as well as the definitions and criteria measurements for Road Classifications. It was noted that the study was amended to correct the York Region Assumption Criteria of the 15th Sideroad as an "indirect" connection to Highway #400.

Committee recommends that the presentation of the Roads Rationalization Study (TSH, May 12, 2008) of the 15th and 18th Sideroads from Bathurst St. to Dufferin St. be received.

DEPUTATIONS

- (i) Frank Moskoff, 115 Watch Hill Road

Mr. Moskoff thanked Committee for the opportunity to speak this evening, and noted he has been a resident of the area for 22 years. He had submitted an e-mail reflecting inaccuracies within the study as distributed at this evening's meeting, and discussed these concerns further. Mr. Moskoff expressed the importance of accurately reflecting within the documentation that the 15th Sideroad is NOT a connector to Highway #400, as was shown on the attached maps within the study, as well as noted within Criteria Chart (listing as "direct" connection to Highway #400, and should be changed to "indirect").

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Should Council adopt a recommendation to submit a resolution to York Region as reflected within the staff report recommendation, he requested that the resolution include a statement that the status of the 15th Sideroad and its future has not been discussed or considered, and this transfer is to improve its current condition only, not as an opportunity to construct a future direct connector road to Highway #400.

Committee recommends that the Deputation by Mr. Moskoff and the e-mail be received.

(ii) Andrea Loeppky, 17130 Keele Street

Ms Loeppky appeared before Committee on behalf of Concerned Citizens of King Township (CCKT), citing their objection to a lack of adequate notice and information to affected residents, and requesting deferral of this matter to provide additional time for the public to fully assess the implications and impact of uploading roads to the Region of York. She suggested that many roads within King Township are being used by commuter traffic, and that with the impending growth in surrounding areas, this will escalate in future years. She opined that transferring the roads to the Region would have serious implications for the residents, including loss of control over the roads with respect to speed limitation, expropriation to widen the roads, 'spill-over' effect to other roads with an increase in traffic on other roads in King Township such as Keele Street and Jane Street which would impact the residents on those roads, increasing traffic in King City. She advised that the Region's priority is moving traffic, not the safety of the residents. Ms Loeppky noted a 10% reduction of traffic over the last year indicated in the study and wondered if this might be a trend. She questioned the cited safety issues because the speed limit is set at 40 and 60 kph.

Ms Loeppky suggested that these two sections are not unique, that there are many deficient roads within King Township and to upload a small portion of municipal roadways to the Region appears to be rationalized through financial necessity to do so. She added that decisions of this Council should not be dictated by financial concerns. Ms Loeppky suggested that staff come up with some strategies to reduce traffic on these roads so that they can be reduced from Class 3.

Committee recommends that the Deputation by Ms Loeppky be received.

(iii) Rob Wilson, 1273 18th Sideroad

Mr. Wilson submitted a petition and letter to the Clerk, on behalf of residents of the 18th Sideroad, opposing the transfer of these roads to the Region and read from the letter for member's consideration. The letter clearly notes concerns that such a transfer is to satisfy the need of east-west commuter traffic and York Region's projected growth and need for connection to Hwy. #400. It stresses the negative impact to the affected

residents to proceed with such a transfer, as the Township will relinquish full control, and in all likelihood these sections will be widened to accommodate the increased traffic. Mr. Wilson noted that the current conditions of the roadway have not been a complaint by the local residents, that routine maintenance and lower speeds is sufficient, and that it is these conditions that can deter commuters from its use.

Committee recommends that the letter and petition and Deputation from Mr. Wilson be received.

(iv) Karen Fiorini, 925 15th Sideroad

Ms Fiorini advised that she is an affected resident of the current conditions of the 15th Sideroad, that the road is in disrepair and has been that way for years. She acknowledged that the traffic volume is largely commuter traffic, not local, but that steps and mitigating measures can be used to discourage this type of use. She stressed the risk to residents entering this road from their driveways due to blind spots and speeds of commuter traffic, and questioned why the 40 km speed limit is not adequately enforced. Ms Fiorini noted the risk to neighbourhood children waiting for their school bus, and questioned the need for the number of transit buses now using the road mainly to service Seneca College students, adding that if residents wanted to use these buses they cannot access them at their own driveways, but have to go to the bus stop located at either Bathurst or Dufferin Street. Ms Fiorini asked that this section of road should not be improved to become an arterial road to commuters, but rather maintained as a local roadway only, serving its local residents.

Committee recommends that the Deputation by Ms Fiorini be received.

(v) Rocchisa Picheca, 1076 15th Sideroad

Ms Picheca apologized for her lack of preparation to present her concerns to the members as she had not received a copy of the report in advance of the meeting. She noted that she is a new resident and has invested additional monies in her property due to the necessity of replacing the well which had been contaminated with sand/salt use on the roads. Should it become a Regional road, she is concerned that her property frontage may be expropriated for necessary road widening for road improvements, which will subsequently bring the pollution closer to her new well. She expressed concern that it will also reduce her lot area, and voiced concerns of a 2.5 acre lot becoming less than 2 acres, thereby limiting any building construction should her home perish in a fire. Ms Picheca added they moved to the area for its beauty and rural setting, and objects to her roadway becoming a Regional Road.

Staff clarified that if her home was destroyed by fire, the lot area would not restrict the reconstruction and replacement of the damaged dwelling.

Committee recommends that the Deputation by Ms Picheca be received.

(vi) Stephen Elia, 1360 15th Sideroad

Mr. Elia noted his lack of receiving adequate notice to assess the report and implications. He advised that the 15th and 18th Sideroads are rural concessions, and should not be commuter roadways, citing his concern with the environmental significance of the area, and that these roads are within the Oak Ridges Moraine.

Mr. Elia recommended that if liability is a matter of concern that actions such as posting "use at your own risk" signs could be posted. He added that the slower 40 km speed limit, if adhered to, limits damage to vehicles, increases local safety, and discourages commuters as it is then no longer a convenient alternative route. Mr. Elia asked if environmental studies have been conducted or researched to consider the impact to this sensitive area through the construction work, increased traffic noise and emissions, heavier load use and volumes, all of which could harm the sensitive, adjacent kettle lakes.

Mr. Elia suggested that the 15th and 18th Sideroads be designated as toll roads, with local residents exempt from paying.

The CAO was asked to respond to the "use at own risk" signage. The CAO advised that a formal legal opinion should be obtained to adequately respond.

Committee recommends that the Deputation by Mr. Elia be received.

(vii) Peter Laughton, 22 Chelsea Lane

Mr. Laughton asked why this report did not include options, mitigating measures such as "turn lane restrictions" and other ways to inhibit commuters from choosing this route. He questioned the accuracy of Map 9 of the Study, as the York Region Official Plan is out of date and currently under review. The revised mapping will or won't include the 15th or 18th Sideroads as collector roads, and attention should be given to ensure that is it not part of a larger Regional Plan.

(vii) Pamela Angle, 1360 15th Sideroad

Ms Angle commended the Township for standing up to the pressures of development, and that we are stewards of the environment and the headwaters for one quarter million people, and that the environmental sensitivity of the community should be protected. Her property contains a kettle lake and is home to a variety of unknown species (plant and animal). She stressed the importance of conducting a complete Environmental

Assessment (EA) for any work in this area, that works can be a threat to the wetland and that there is much to consider.

Committee recommends that the Deputation by Ms Angle be received.

(viii) Helen Girardin, 105 Kingsview Crescent

Ms Girardin explained that she is a long time resident of King, and that traffic issues are a huge concern to the community. She sympathizes with the residents on the 15th and 18th and the negative impact this can place on their lifestyle, and notes that there is also excessive traffic on the 17th Sideroad, near her residence. The traffic volume concerns throughout King Township go beyond the transfer of a few sections of roadway, and recommended that Council should consider the overall issue very carefully, putting greater emphasis on the development of a feasible By-pass plan for the area.

Committee recommends that the Deputation by Ms Girardin be received.

(ix) Linda Little, 1485 18th Sideroad

Ms Little expressed her position that the traffic and commuting concerns throughout King Township are significant and need an overall evaluation. The number of commuters that exit Hwy. #400 at Lloydtown/Aurora Road or King Road due to traffic back ups on the highway are increasing. She emphasized the need to assess the volume and purpose of traffic that runs through the Township, and develop a route to divert these volumes away from our residential areas.

Committee recommends that the Deputation by Ms Little be received.

Committee considered Operations Department Report No.: OP08-05 seeking Council authorization to initiate the York Region Road Assumption Process to transfer two (2) road sections to York Region, namely the 15th and 18th Sideroads both between Bathurst and Dufferin Streets.

Following considerable discussion, Committee recommends that Operations Department Report No. OP08-05 and Presentation by Totten Sims Hubicki Re: Road Rationalization Study – 15th and 18th Sideroad, from Bathurst Street to Dufferin Street be received, and the correspondence and deputations of this evening be received; and

- (a) The Township of King request the Region of York to make a presentation to Township of King Council;

- (b) The Township of King make a formal request through a Resolution of Council to the Region of York that the 15th and 18th Sideroads, between Bathurst and Dufferin Streets, be reviewed for discussion on the status with the Region of York;
- (c) Report No. OP08-05 be submitted to the Region of York with the Township of King request for discussion on the status with the Region of York;
- (d) Regional staff to update and inform Township of King Council on the Mid-York Collector Study.

CHRIS SOMERVILLE
CLERK