

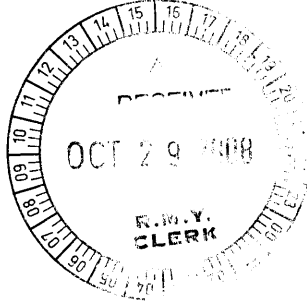


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October 24, 2008



REGIONAL CLERK'S OFFICE

FILE No. - P20

Regional Municipality of York
17250 Yonge Street
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Attention: D. Kelly, Regional Clerk

Dear Mr. Kelly:

**Re: Town of East Gwillimbury Development and Legal Services Report P2008-94
Metrolinx Draft Regional Transportation Plan**

For your information and records, enclosed please find copies of Town of East Gwillimbury Development and Legal Services, Planning Branch Report P2008-94, regarding the Metrolinx Draft Regional Transportation Plan, dated October 20 2008, along with Resolution No. CWC 2008-356DLS.

Yours truly,

Anna M. Knowles
Deputy Clerk

Encls.

c.c./encls.: Hon. J. Bradley, Minister of Transportation
Hon. J. Gerretsen, Minister of Environment
Hon. G. Smitherman, Minister of Energy and Infrastructure
W.M. Fenn, Chief Executive Officer, Metrolinx
W. Hunt, General Manager, Community Programs & Infrastructure
D. Sinclair, General Manager, Development & Legal Services
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Town of East Gwillimbury

DEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL SERVICES AND COMMUNITY PROGRAMS & INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT P2008-94

To: Committee of the Whole Council
Date: October 20th, 2008
Subject: Metrolinx Draft Regional Transportation Plan
Origin: Development & Legal Services Department
Planning Branch

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. **THAT** Development & Legal Services (Planning Branch) and Community Programs and Infrastructure Report P2008-94, dated October 20, 2008 regarding The Draft Metrolinx Regional Transportation Plan, be received;
2. **THAT** the Town of East Gwillimbury support the comments and recommendations on the draft Metrolinx Regional Transportation Plan of the Region of York specifically as follows:
 - that Metrolinx recognize the Yonge Street Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) to include service along Green Lane to the East Gwillimbury GO station.
 - confirmation of the planned extension of Highway 404 to Ravenshoe Road by 2012
 - revisit the need for the 400-404 East/West highway connection given projected growth in northern York Region and the County of Simcoe; the findings of transportation master planning work conducted by the Region of York and the Town of East Gwillimbury; and to provide a critical employment lands and goods movement corridor for the greater Region
 - consider the introduction of “all-day” service for the East Gwillimbury GO commuter rail system
 - that the Province continue to work towards stable and sustainable funding models to ensure implementation of the Metrolinx plan.
3. **THAT** a copy of this Report be forwarded to Metrolinx, the Region of York and the Provincial Ministry of Transportation and Environment and Energy

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek Council endorsement of the Metrolinx Draft Regional Transportation Plan subject to the comments identified in this report.

BACKGROUND

Metrolinx was established by the Government of Ontario in 2006 with the mandate of developing and implementing an integrated multi-modal transportation plan for the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area.

Building upon the extensive effort in developing a series of seven issue papers titled “Green Papers”, two discussion “White Papers” and the comments received through a comprehensive stakeholder and public consultation program, Metrolinx released its Draft Regional Transportation Plan as well as the Draft Investment Strategy on September 23, 2008. Both of these documents were approved for release for public comment by the Metrolinx Board on September 26, 2008.

ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSION

The Draft Metrolinx RTP represents an important step toward developing a cohesive and seamless multi-modal system for transportation and goods movement throughout the GTA and Hamilton Region. The RTP is organized under 15 strategic directions under the principles of:

- increasing choices for travel
- reducing demands on the system
- meeting the needs of travelers with a focus on customer service
- community building which facilitates easy travelling
- commitments to continuous improvements to the system

The Draft RTP generally recognizes and builds on the recent work of the Region of York as it pertains to YRT and VIVA and also recognizes local efforts to provide an improved bicycle and pedestrian system between and throughout communities. The RTP also addresses subway and commuter rail (GO) service in the greater Region.

NEED FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The Metrolinx RTP and related work is being conducted by the Province and is subject to consultation and public commenting procedures established by the Government. The Draft RTP will be subject to stakeholder and public consultation sessions scheduled for later this month and November with the Final RTP to be presented to the Metrolinx Board for approval on November 28.

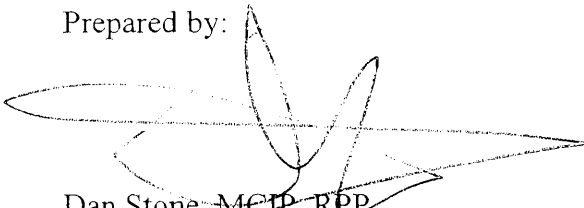
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Metrolinx RTP identifies capital expenditures for transit of \$30 billion for the initial 15 year phase and another \$20 billion for works identified in the 25 year plan. The funding sources for the elements of the RTP will be sourced initially from the \$11.5 billion announced under the Provincial “MoveOntario 2020” program. A critical aspect of the RTP will be the securement of additional funding and the development of an Investment Strategy by the Metrolinx Board.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN

The Draft RTP is aligned with the Town's Strategic Plan direction to provide an integrated system of multi-modal transportation. The RTP and this report will be forwarded to the Town's Official Plan review team including the Town's Transportation Master Plan consultant and considered as part of the ongoing development of the Town's new Official Plan.

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Approved for Submission:



Thomas R. Webster
Chief Administrative Officer



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Agenda Item # E.4.

CWC – October 20, 2008

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT & LEGAL SERVICES

MOVED BY

E. Horton

DATE: October 20, 2008

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Development & Legal Services, Planning Branch and Community Programs & Infrastructure Report P2008-94 dated October 20th, 2008, regarding the Draft Metrolinx Regional Transportation Plan, be received; and

THAT the Town of East Gwillimbury support the comments and recommendations on the Draft Metrolinx Regional Transportation Plan of the Region of York; [Report P2008-94]; and

THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to Metrolinx, the Region of York and the Provincial Ministry of Transportation and Environment and Energy.

CARRIED



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Margene Johnston
Councilor M. Johnston, Chair