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Mr. Denis Kelly, Regional Clerk
Corporate Services Department
York Region Administration Building
17250 Yonge Street, 4th Floor
Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1



Dear Mr. Kelly:

**RE: Joint Community Services and Legal and Development Services Report 2008-08
North Yonge Street Corridor Public Transit Environmental Assessment**

I am writing to advise that the Joint Community Services and Legal and Development Services Report 2008-08 dated September 16, 2008 regarding the North Yonge Street Corridor Public Transit Environmental Assessment was considered by Council at its meeting held on October 15, 2008.

The following recommendations were adopted:

1. **THAT the Council of the Town of Newmarket support the development of Bus Rapid Transit System and road improvements on Yonge Street and Davis Drive as proposed in the North Yonge Street Corridor Public Transit Environmental Assessment subject to the following conditions:**
 - a) **THAT the Region of York and/or Viva Next be requested to review and revise the alignment of Davis Drive generally from Main Street to Prospect Street in response to concerns regarding the preservation of the historic turning basins as part of the heritage lock system on the Holland River, the elimination of the landscaped centre median and the elimination of the existing landscaped areas on the northerly side of Davis Drive.**
 - b) **THAT the proposed Davis Drive bridge structure over the Holland River include a pedestrian path under the bridge on the east side of the river in addition to the existing path on the west side.**
 - c) **THAT the intersection of Longford Drive/Parkside Drive/Davis Drive be realigned as part of the VIVA BRT Project.**

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- d) THAT the intersection of George Street/Wilstead Drive/Davis Drive be realigned as part of the VIVA BRT project, or in the alternative the Region/VIVA be requested to show the two potential realignments for this intersection as part of this EA process for possible implementation at a later date without necessitating a further EA, subject to an agreement between the Town and the Region dealing with financial and property matters arising from such implementation.
 - e) Development of a detailed transit service plan for the integration of the VIVA and YRT systems on Yonge Street and Davis Drive and in particular, the operation of transit services at the Old Davis Tannery GO Train Station in order to address traffic flow restrictions caused by on street operation of the YRT buses which may be mitigated in part by bus cut-outs and right turn lanes.
 - f) Addition of a transitway station, as a contingency, in the Davis Drive right of way at the hospital pending successful discussions regarding the location of a transit station the hospital property;
2. AND THAT Newmarket Council authorize staff to proceed with the preparation of a Request for Proposal (RFP) to facilitate the early initiation of the Yonge Street Regional Centre Secondary Plan, and that a further report be brought forward to Council prior to the setting of the 2009 budget;
3. AND THAT the Region's Transportation Master Plan currently underway take into consideration the proposed design of Yonge Street and Davis Drive and that any additional transportation improvements required to address growth in travel demand be identified through the Master Plan;

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4. **AND THAT the Region of York/VIVA Next be requested to work with Newmarket staff during the detailed design of the project to address the design issues identified in Appendix "A" to this Report;**
5. **AND THAT a draft copy of the complete Environmental Study Report (ESR) be circulated to the Town of Newmarket prior to filing the Notice of Completion with the Ministry of the Environment;**
6. **AND THAT the Clerk of the Region of York and Mary Frances Turner of VIVA NEXT be notified of this action.**

I trust this is satisfactory.

Sincerely



Anita Moore
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copy: Mr. R. Prentice, Commissioner of Community Services
Ms. S. Plamondon, Commissioner of Legal & Development Services/Municipal Solicitor

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