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ELGIN MILLS ROAD TRANSFER TO THE TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL

The Transportation and Works Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendations contained in the following report, December 14, 2005, from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works:

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. The section of Elgin Mills Road (Y.R. 49) from Bayview Avenue (Y.R. 34) westerly, on the original alignment, for a distance of approximately 140 metres, as shown as Part 1 and 2 on registered plan 65R-25486 be transferred to the Town of Richmond Hill, effective January 1, 2006.
2. The Regional Solicitor prepare the necessary by-laws.
3. The Regional Clerk forward this report to the Clerk of the Town of Richmond Hill.

2. PURPOSE

This report is to authorize the transfer of a portion of Elgin Mills Road, shown as Parts 1 and 2 on registered plan 65R-25486 to the Town of Richmond Hill, effective January 1, 2006.

3. BACKGROUND

Part 1 and 2 on registered plan 65R-25486 are parts of the original Elgin Mills Road right-of-way and at one time created the west leg of the intersection of Elgin Mills Road and Bayview Avenue. This original intersection formed a “tee” at Bayview Avenue and was offset from the east leg of Elgin Mills Road. In the mid 1960’s, the alignment of Elgin Mills Road west of Bayview Avenue was relocated approximately 70 metres to the south to align with the east leg of Elgin Mills Road. In February 2002, this land was transferred by the Town of Richmond Hill to the Region for the purpose of a Regional bus loop facility. As the bus loop and this section of Elgin Mills Road are no longer required for the Region’s purpose, it is proposed to transfer these parts to the Town of Richmond Hill. A plan showing these parts is attached as *Attachment 1*.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

Part 1 and 2 on plan 65R-25486 represent the part of the original alignment of Elgin Mills Road and do not perform a Regional function. These lands are not required for future road alignment or widening purposes. Its function has been replaced by the realigned Elgin Mills Road and its intersection with Bayview Avenue. It has been agreed that the parts should be transferred to the Town of Richmond Hill effective January 1, 2006. It is therefore appropriate for Regional Council to pass a by-law authorizing the transfer of Part 1 and 2 on plan 65R-25486 to the Town of Richmond Hill.

All the engineering drawings, plans, records, etc. will be provided to the staff at the Town of Richmond Hill as part of the transfer process.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

Part 1 and 2 on plan 65R-25486 representing the original Elgin Mills Road will be transferred to the Town of Richmond Hill. Town staff are in agreement with the transfer.

7. CONCLUSION

Part 1 and 2 on plan 65R-25486 are parts of the original Elgin Mills Road right-of-way that created the west leg of the original ‘tee’ intersection of Elgin Mills Road and Bayview Avenue. The lands no longer perform a Regional function and should be transferred to the Town of Richmond Hill. In accordance with the Municipal Act, it is therefore recommended that Regional Council amend the existing by-law and authorize the transfer of these parts to the Town of Richmond Hill.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.

(The attachment referred to in this clause was included in the agenda for the January 11, 2006 Committee meeting.)