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2012 ANNUAL REPORT: MUNICIPAL STREETSCAPE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM AND PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLING MUNICIPAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

The Transportation Services Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendation contained in the following report dated December 12, 2012, from the Commissioner of Transportation and Community Planning.

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

1. The Regional Clerk forward this report to the Region's nine local municipalities and to the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.

2. PURPOSE

This report informs Council of the projects approved for funding and provides a construction status update on the projects funded through the Municipal Streetscape Partnership Program (Streetscape Program) and Pedestrian and Cycling Municipal Partnership Program (Cycling Program) in 2012.

3. BACKGROUND

York Region's Municipal Partnership Programs provide funding to local municipalities to support streetscape design and active transportation objectives

The Region commits approximately \$1.0M to the Streetscape Program and \$500,000 to the Cycling Program annually. These programs assist in cost sharing on locally-initiated streetscape design and active transportation projects to improve the public realm and active transportation facilities in York Region. Since the launch of the programs in 2006 and 2007, 15 projects have been approved for funding under the Streetscape Program and 19 projects have been approved for funding under the Cycling Program, respectively.

Council approved policy updates to the Municipal Partnership Programs and has delegated authority to the Commissioner of Transportation and Community Planning for the approval of applications

In response to local municipal feedback on both programs, in June 2012, Council endorsed updates to the Municipal Streetscape Partnership and Pedestrian and Cycling Municipal Partnership programs. *Refer to Clause 5 of Report No. 6 of the 2012 Transportation Services Committee.*

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

In June 2012, three applications were received and approved by Council for 2012 Streetscape Program funding

The total value of the three applications was \$390,514 and Regional contribution of \$158,532 was provided. Two of the applications were from the Town of Georgina and one was from the City of Vaughan. Council approved the three applications on June 28, 2012 through *Clause 6 of Report No. 6 of the Transportation Services Committee.*

In July 2012, an additional application from the Town of Aurora was received for Streetscape Program funding for Wellington Street (Bathurst Street to Murray Drive)

The Town of Aurora's streetscape enhancements were valued at \$200,000 with a Regional funding request of \$100,000.

Streetscape enhancements for Wellington Street (Bathurst Street to Murray Drive) are consistent with the Town's Wellington Streetscape Plan which envisions an attractive connection to the Town's community core. The application qualified for 50% Region contribution from the Streetscape Program as it was coordinated with the Region's Wellington Street West resurfacing project completed in September 2012. Maintenance for these enhancements will be the responsibility of the Town.

The streetscape enhancements include:

- Gateway Sign at Bathurst Street and Wellington Street
- Coloured concrete centre medians
- Enhanced zebra crosswalks
- Banner Poles

Photos of the completed project are shown in *Council Attachment 1*. In 2013, the Town of Aurora will apply for Streetscape Program funding for additional enhancements that include splash strips and new street lights.

The Commissioner of Transportation and Community Planning approved the Town of Aurora's application for Streetscape Program funding

The Wellington Street project was recognized as helping to create an attractive, safe, comfortable, and pedestrian-friendly street in Aurora. The project was recommended and approved for \$100,000 in July 2012. Since the project's completion in September 2012, the Region has received positive feedback from local residents on this project.

To date, two-thirds of all approved projects under the Streetscape Program funding have been constructed

A total of 15 projects have been approved for funding through the Streetscape Program and 10 have been completed. The remaining projects are ongoing and anticipated for completion by 2015. *Council Attachments 2 and 3* summarize the status and location of all projects.

Three applications were submitted to the Cycling Program for 2013 funding

The three applications submitted for funding were from the City of Markham, the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) and the City of Vaughan. The total project cost of the three applications is \$2.2 million with a total Regional funding request of \$637,323.

The Commissioner of Transportation and Community Planning approved all three applications for Cycling Program funding

Staff recognized the benefits of these projects to the Regional cycling network and in promoting active and healthy lifestyles in York Region. It is anticipated that all three projects will commence Summer 2013. Staff recommended and the Commissioner approved a total of \$500,000 in Regional funding as follows: \$ 212,676 for the City of Markham; \$248,000 for TRCA; and \$39,323 for the City of Vaughan.

The City of Markham application was for partnership funding on the first phase of a multi-use path in the Rouge River Valley

The City of Markham's first phase of a 1.5 m - 3.0 m wide multi-use pathway is proposed from Toogood Pond through Milne Dam conservation Area, to Bob Hunter Memorial Park in the Rouge River Valley. Phase 1 consists of a multi-use pathway design and construction from Highway 7 east of Kennedy Road to McCowan Road within the Rouge River Valley. The total project cost for this area is \$ 1,450,000, and \$350,000 was requested to be funded by the Region. However, the Cycling Program has an annual budget of \$500,000. Therefore, to ensure that Regional funding is provided to all eligible applications, the entire budget will be divided between all applicants and \$212,676 will be allocated to the City of Markham. The City will provide the remaining amount of

\$137,324 from other sources such as: Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative Ontario funding and/or South East Collector Trunk Sewer Enhancement Plan funding.

The TRCA application was for partnership funding on the first phase of a multi-use path in the Oak Ridges Corridor Park

TRCA's proposal includes a 2.5 m - 3.0 m wide multi-use pathway forming part of the Oak Ridges Corridor Park East Multi Use Trail Extension within the Town of Richmond Hill. The project was split into two phases that will be constructed in 2013 and 2014, respectively. The total estimated cost for Phase 1 is \$676,600 and \$248,000 is requested to be funded by the Region with the remaining to be funded by the Town of Richmond Hill and TRCA.

The City of Vaughan application was for partnership funding on multi-use path signage throughout the Bartley Smith Greenway

The City of Vaughan proposal includes the installation of various types of signage along existing multi-use paths throughout the Bartley Smith Greenway trail system with an estimated cost at \$82,221. The Region is requested to fund \$39,323 or 48% of the project cost.

Since the Cycling Program was launched in 2007, fourteen of the nineteen projects have been constructed and opened

A total of 19 projects have been approved for funding through the Cycling Program and 14 have been completed. The remaining projects are ongoing and anticipated for completion by 2014. Council *Attachments 4 and 5* summarize the status and location of all projects.

Link to Key Council-approved Plans

2011-2015 Strategic Plan:

- Continue to partner with all levels of government to facilitate the delivery of environmentally-sustainable infrastructure.
- Improve mobility for users on Regional transportation corridors.

Regional Official Plan:

- To promote human health and well-being in York Region, where people can live, work, play and learn in accessible and safe communities
- To ensure streets support all modes of transportation including walking, cycling, transit, automobile use, and efficient movement of goods.
- To create high-quality, sustainable communities.

- To establish local centres as focal points for activity and culture for surrounding communities and to enhance local corridors as part of the network of connectivity within the urban structure.
- To ensure streets support all modes of transportation including walking, cycling, transit, automobile use, and efficient movement of goods.
- To plan and protect future urban and rural streets to accommodate transportation demands.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Municipal Streetscape Partnership Program

Table 1 summarizes the Streetscape Program contributions approved since June 2012 through delegated authority. A total of \$100,000 will be drawn from the 2012 approved budget. The remaining amount in the Streetscape Program budget is \$1,236,625.50.

Table 1
2012 Municipal Streetscape Partnership Program

Applicant	Project	Project Cost	Contribution Tier	Region Contribution
Town of Aurora	Streetscape Enhancements Wellington Street (Bathurst Street-Murray Drive)	\$200,000	50%	\$100,000
TOTAL		\$200,000		\$100,000

Pedestrian & Cycling Municipal Partnership Program

For the Cycling Program the amounts recommended in Table 2 represent the maximum funding contribution from the Region for each of the 2013 approved projects. Hence, when the recommended projects are completed, the applicants can invoice the Region up to the total funding amounts indicated.

Table 2
2013 Pedestrian and Cycling Municipal Partnership Program

Applicant	Total Project Cost	Total Eligible Cost Requested	Regional Contribution
City of Markham	\$1,450,000	\$350,000	\$212,676 (15%)
TRCA	\$676,600	\$248,000	\$248,000 (37%)
City of Vaughan	\$82,221	\$39,323	\$39,323 (48%)
Total	\$2,208,821	\$637,323	\$500,000

Where funding requests exceed the Region's annual budget of \$500,000, York Region will work with applicants to consider options including multi-year phasing of projects or reducing the proportion of funds requested by the applicants. The approved Cycling Program projects are subject to Regional Council approval of the 2013 Capital Budget.

6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

The Streetscape Program and Cycling Program benefits local municipalities by assisting local municipalities in advancing the implementation of projects that support walking, cycling, safe, and attractive streets. Streetscape design reflects local character and context, encourages social interaction and supports the local economy. Implementing a comprehensive active transportation network promotes non-auto modes of transportation. Together, these contribute to attractive, active, and liveable communities supporting the Region's objectives of complete and liveable communities.

7. CONCLUSION

The Region encourages partnerships with our local municipal partners by contributing towards locally-initiated streetscape design and active transportation initiatives to improve our public realm. These applications meet both programs' criteria and support the creation of attractive, context sensitive streets, and active transportation facilities.

For more information on this report, please contact Carmen Hui, Program Manager, Streetscape, Transportation Planning Branch at Ext. 5272 or Richard Hui, Manager, System Planning, Transportation Planning Branch at Ext. 1578.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.

(The five attachments referred to in this clause are attached to this report.)

PROJECT APPROVED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

Municipality	Project	Region Contribution	Total Value	Status
Town of Aurora	<u>Wellington Street</u> (Bathurst-Murray Drive) -Part 1 Flag Poles, Curb Replacement and Enhanced Zebra Crosswalks	\$ 100,000 (50%)	\$ 200,000	Completed in 2012



STATUS OF THE APPROVED 2007-2011 MUNICIPAL STREETSCAPE PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS

Municipality	Project	Region Contribution	Total Value	Status
2007 Projects				
#1 Town of Georgina	<u>Woodbine Avenue</u> (Ravenshoe-Morton) Intersection gateway feature, landscaped median, monument features, and enhanced crosswalks	\$253,055 (50%)	\$506,110	Completed in 2012
#2 Town of East Gwillimbury	<u>Leslie Street/Mount Albert</u> Entrance wall feature, landscaped areas, enhanced boulevard paving and enhanced crosswalks	\$107,250 (33%)	\$325,000	Completed in 2009
Total Value 2007 Projects		\$360,305	\$831,110	
2008 Projects				
#1 Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville	<u>Stouffville Road+48</u> Intersection gateway feature/monument	\$23,000 (50%)	\$46, 000	Delayed due to MTO negotiations
#2 City of Vaughan	<u>Maple Streetscape: Ph 6</u> Keele +Teston/Kelly Place, Major Mackenzie Drive (Melville-McNaughton) Enhanced sidewalks, landscaped/paved feature nodes	\$62,835 (33%)	\$190,408	Completed in 2007
Total Value 2008 Projects		\$62,835	\$190,408	

Municipality	Project	Region Contribution	Total Value	Status
2009 Projects				
# 1 Town of Richmond Hill	<u>Gamble Road</u> (Bathurst-Linda Margaret) Paved feature nodes, low planter walls, landscaped nodes, enhanced light standards	\$345,488 (50%)	\$690,976	Completion in 2011
Total Value 2009 Projects		\$345,488	\$690,976	
2010 Projects				
# 1 City of Vaughan	<u>Keele/McNaughton Road</u> Low planter walls at 3 corners, enhanced sidewalks and boulevard paving, landscaped median, enhanced crosswalks, decorative lighting, and street furniture	\$310,413 (50%)	\$620,826	Completion anticipated in 2012
# 2 Town of Aurora	<u>Wellington Street</u> (Bayview- Leslie) Enhanced street tree planting detail, stone edge for planting, decorative splash strip	\$170,305 (33%)	\$469,160	Completion anticipated in 2012
# 3 Town of Markham	<u>Warden Avenue</u> (16 th Avenue -Major Mackenzie Drive) Enhanced planting and mass planting beds, and landscaped median	\$44,790 (50%)	\$89,580	Completion anticipated in 2012
# 4 Town of Georgina	<u>Woodbine Avenue</u> (Ravenshoe-Morton) Phase 1 decorative street light standards	\$58,764 (50%)	\$117,528	Completion anticipated for November 2011
Total Value 2010 Projects		\$584,272	\$1,297,094	

Municipality	Project	Region Contribution	Total Value	Status
2011 Projects				
	<u>Major Mackenzie Drive</u> (Keele-Peter Rupert)			
# 1 City of Vaughan	Decorative pedestrian light standards, enhanced boulevard paving and sidewalks, embankment planting/railing, and site furniture	\$990,965.50 (33%)	\$1,981,931	Completion anticipated for November 2013
	<u>Highway 7</u> (Verclaire-Sciberras)			
# 2 Town of Markham	Raised planters, median planting, decorative street lights, enhanced boulevard paving and landscaping, and tree grates	\$1,234,509 (50%)	\$2,469,018	Delays due to Town of Markham and Hydro. Streetscape construction anticipated for 2014
Total Value 2011 Projects		\$2,225,474.50	\$4,450,949	
2012 Projects				
	<u>Woodbine Avenue</u> (Ravenshoe-Morton)			
# 1 Town of Georgina	Phase 2 decorative street light standards	\$49,082 (50%)	\$98,164	Completed in 2012
	<u>Woodbine Avenue</u> (Arlington-Wexford)			
# 2 Town of Georgina	Enhanced Zebra Crosswalks	\$36,000 (50%)	\$72,000	Completed in 2012
	<u>Major Mackenzie Drive</u> (Keele-Peter Rupert)			
# 3 City of Vaughan	Decorative street lights	\$ 73,450 (33%)	\$ 220,350	Completion anticipated in 2013

# 4 Town of Aurora	<u>Wellington Street</u> (Bathurst-Murray Drive) -Part 1			
	Flag Poles, Curb Replacement and Enhanced Zebra Crosswalks	\$ 100,000 (50%)	\$ 200,000	Completed in 2012
Total Value 2012 Projects		\$ 258,532	\$590,514	

Grand Total Value 2007-2011 Projects		\$3,836,906.50	\$8,051,051	
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Status of the Approved 2007-2012 Municipal Partnership Projects

Municipality	Project	Regional Funding*	Status
#1. Town of Newmarket	Extend the Tom Taylor Trail south of Mulock Drive with an underpass at Mulock Drive.	\$251,000	Opened in 2009
#2 Town of Newmarket	Extend the Tom Taylor Trail south of Mulock Drive by approximately 1.1 km, as a 3.0 m wide trail on west side of Holland River from Mulock to the south.	\$146,000	Opened in 2009
#3 Town of Newmarket	Extend Tom Taylor Trail south from Bosworth Court to the north boundary of the Town of Aurora, connecting the Nokiidaa Trail, with a connection to the east side of Yonge Street north of Aurora boundary (approximately 1 km).	\$399,000	Opened in 2011
#4 Town of Markham	Major Mackenzie Drive - 3.0 m wide multi-use boulevard pathway with asphalt paved surface from Woodbine Ave to Prospector's Drive (4 km).	\$184,000	Opened in 2009
#5 Town of Markham	Major Mackenzie Drive - 3.0 m wide multi-use boulevard pathway with asphalt paved surface from Prospector's Drive to Highway 48 (4.4 km).	\$114,000	Opened in 2010
#6 Town of East Gwillimbury	Pedestrian bridge structure crossing the Holland River halfway between Yonge Street and 2nd Concession.	\$65,000	Opened in 2009
#7 Town of East Gwillimbury	Nokiidaa Trail enhancement from parking lot on east side of 2nd Concession to the new bridge structure (approximately 1.1 km).	\$58,000	Opened in 2009
#8 Town of Aurora	Complete the Nokiidaa Trail as a multi-use connection to the Town of Newmarket (Tom Taylor Trail) - approximately 675m.	\$80,000	Opened in 2011
#9 City of Vaughan	Complete the Bartley Smith Greenway trail connection in Tudor Valley from Planchett Rd to Jacob Keffer Parkway (1.8 km of new trail, plus 1 km resurfacing).	\$16,000	Opened in 2010
#10 City of Vaughan	Complete the William Granger Greenway trail connection under Rutherford Road and connect Rutherford Road to Boyd Conservation Area (approximately 600m).	\$87,000	Work ongoing (Pending MNR approval)
#11 City of Vaughan	Implement the Phase 1 of a signed bicycle route network of various local cycling routes in the City of Vaughan (approximately 31 km).	\$24,500	Opened in 2011
#12 Town of East Gwillimbury	Replacement of an existing informal single path trail system with a 3.0 metre wide crushed limestone path built to proper elevation to ensure drainage and including the installation of trail signage (Green Lane to 2nd Concession).	\$135,000	Opened in 2011
#13 City of Vaughan	Implement Phase 2 of a signed bicycle route network through signage on local cycling routes within Vaughan.	\$9,500	Opened in 2011
#14 City of Vaughan	Implement multi-use boulevard pathway on Teston Road between Jane Street and Keele Street.	\$243,000	Opened in 2010
#15 Town of Newmarket	Construct a 3.0 m wide paved and lighted trail leading to the proposed Davis Drive underpass and connecting to the Tom Taylor Trail and south of Davis Drive.	\$387,000	In coordination with Davis Drive rapidway project.

			Completion by 2014
#16 City of Vaughan	Implement Phase 3 of bicycle route network and signage as part of Vaughan's Pedestrian and Bicycle 2011 Implementation Plan.	\$110,000	Opened in 2011
#17 Town of East Gwillimbury	3.0 m multi-use path on south side of Green Lane West, from Peggy's Wood (east of Bathurst) to Yonge Street.	\$237,000	Construction to begin 2012/2013
#18 Town of Markham	2.5 m multi-use path and 1.5 m sidewalk along Warden Ave between 16 th Ave and Major Mackenzie Drive.	\$451,000	Construction to begin 2012/2013
#19 City of Vaughan	Implement Phase 4 of signed bike route network in various locations and provide signage for existing multi-use pathways.	\$3,000	Construction to begin 2012/2013

* Note: Funding numbers are rounded.

Local Municipal Bike Facilities Funded Through the Municipal Partnership Program

