

**THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK**

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**REPORT NO. 1  
OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORTATION AND WORKS**

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**For Consideration by  
The Council of The Regional Municipality of York  
on June 23, 2005**

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**1  
PINE VALLEY DRIVE AND GALCAT DRIVE  
(SOUTH OF HIGHWAY 407)  
CITY OF VAUGHAN**

***(Regional Council at its meeting on June 23, 2005, amended the following Clause by adding to the end of recommendation 1 the words “and the Province of Ontario”).***

**1. RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that:

1. The intersection of Pine Valley Drive (Y.R. 57) and Galcat Drive, as proposed and endorsed by the City of Vaughan, be approved in principle, subject to:
  - a) The construction of the intersection being at no cost to the Region.
  - b) The conditions outlined in this report.
2. The Regional Municipality of York agree to the Controlled Access Highway (CAH) limit moving northerly approximately 40 metres to the north limit of the daylighting triangle at the intersection of Pine Valley Drive (Y.R. 57) and Galcat Drive, subject to the conditions as outlined in this report.
3. The Regional Clerk forward copies of this report to the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO), Highway 407/ETR and to the Clerk of the City of Vaughan

## **2. PURPOSE**

The City of Vaughan has proposed a new public road to provide access to the lands on the south-east quadrant of Pine Valley Drive and Highway 407. This road is intended to intersect with Pine Valley Drive at the south limit of the Highway 407 on-ramp and is situated within the Controlled Access Highway limits (CAH) currently under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO). The City of Vaughan has requested Regional Council approval of the location of the new intersection and the changes to the CAH limits.

To have the intersection controlled by The Regional Municipality of York, the MTO is willing to move the CAH limit so the intersection is under the jurisdiction of the Region. The change in the CAH limit is shown on *Attachment 1*.

## **3. BACKGROUND**

The City of Vaughan, the Region, Highway 407/ETR and MTO have been in discussions regarding a proposed intersection to be located on Pine Valley Drive south of Highway 407. This intersection is intended to provide access to industrial lands located east of Pine Valley Drive. The original concept of this intersection was not acceptable as it was not situated in a favourable location. However, through negotiations with the City of Vaughan staff and the developer, it has been agreed the intersection can be allowed and controlled by signals. Additionally, in a recent report to the Transportation and Works Committee, Regional staff recommended the posted speed limit on this section of Pine Valley Drive be reduced from 70-km per hour to 60-km per hour to improve the safety of this section of road.

## **4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS**

Regional staff is in agreement with the proposed location of the intersection of Pine Valley Drive and Galcat Drive as submitted and endorsed by the City of Vaughan. Regional staff also concurs that the intersection should be signalized. Detailed engineering plans must still be submitted to the Region for review and approval. Prior to any work being carried out, an occupancy permit from the Region will also be required.

Regional staff agrees with the required change in the CAH limit. The new CAH limit will be the north limit of the daylight triangle. The new intersection will be at no cost to the Region and will be subject to following conditions:

- A permanent easement be conveyed to the Region from the Ontario Realty Corporation, to allow the construction of the intersection and is to remain in place until such time the required lands are transferred to the Region.
- Before any work starts, an encroachment permit from the MTO, Highway 407/ETR and the Region will be required for the construction of the intersection under the *Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act*.
- Final design and approval of the intersection and signalization is subject to conditions as determined by the Transportation and Works Department.

## **5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

## **6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT**

The City of Vaughan supports the new intersection of Galcat Drive with Pine Valley Drive to provide access to industrial lands to the east of Pine Valley Drive.

## **7. CONCLUSION**

Regional staff has reviewed the proposed location of Galcat Drive intersection with Pine Valley Drive and is in agreement, in principle, including the installation of traffic control signals at the intersection, as submitted by the City of Vaughan. Detailed plans of the work on Pine Valley Drive must be submitted to the Region for review and approval.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.

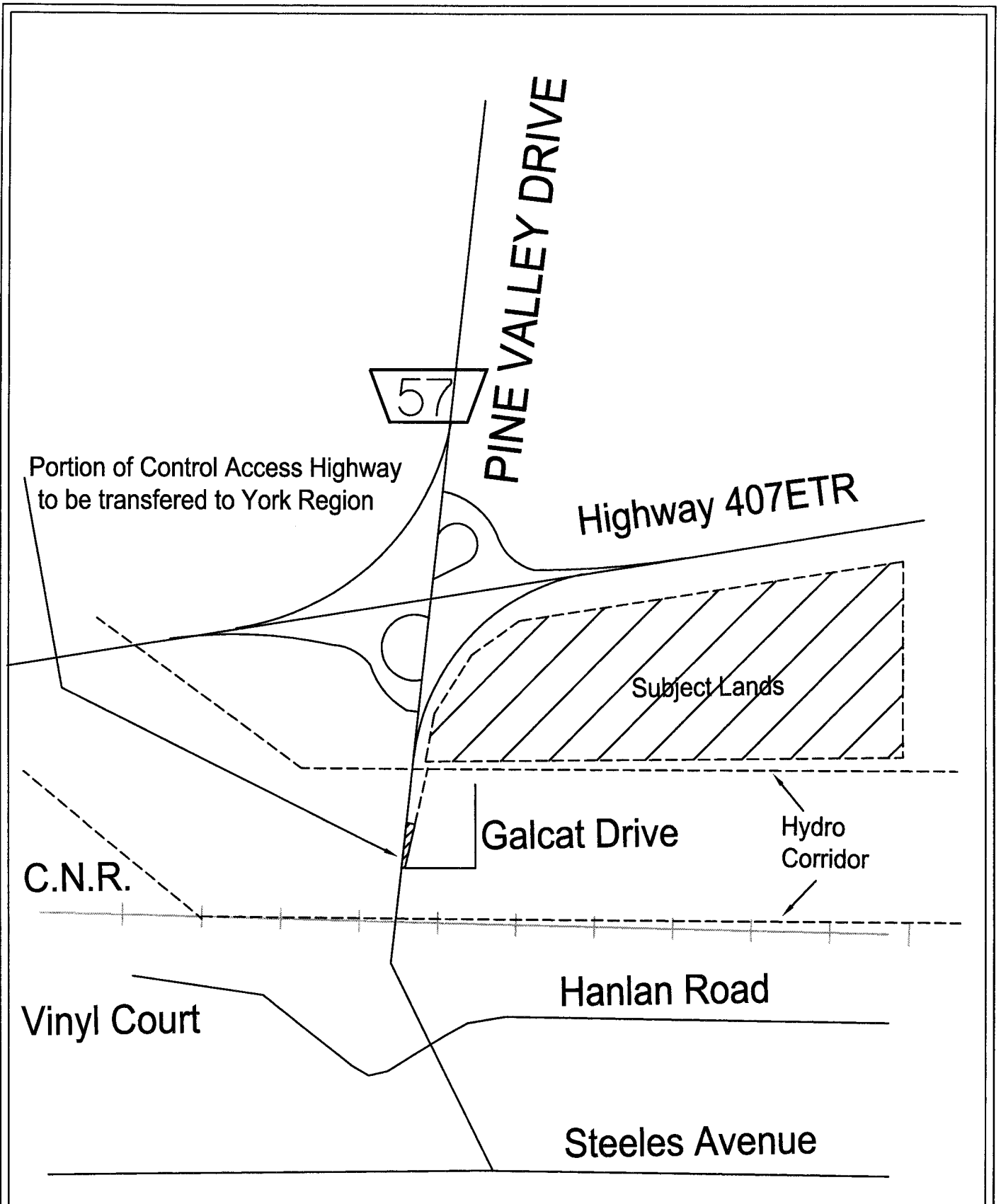
*(The attachment referred to in this clause is attached to this report.)*

**Respectfully submitted,**

**June 17, 2005  
Newmarket, Ontario**

**Kees Schipper  
Commissioner of  
Transportation and Works**

***(Report No. 1 of the Commissioner of Transportation and Works was adopted, as amended, by Regional Council at its meeting held on June 23, 2005.)***



## LOCATION PLAN

PINE VALLEY DRIVE (Y.R.57) AND GALCAT DRIVE  
PROPOSED SIGNALIZED INTERSECTION  
CITY OF VAUGHAN

