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NASHVILLE ROAD CITY OF VAUGHAN

The Transportation and Works Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendations contained in the following report, September 20, 2006, from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works:

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. Regional staff, in consultation with City of Vaughan staff, investigate the feasibility of transferring jurisdictional ownership of Nashville Road (Y.R. 49), between Highway 27 and Highway 50, to the City of Vaughan.
2. Staff prepare a report summarizing the findings of the investigation and report to Regional Council in early 2007.
3. The Regional Clerk forward this report to the Clerk of the City of Vaughan.

2. PURPOSE

This report is to seek authorization for staff to investigate the feasibility of transferring the jurisdictional ownership of Nashville Road, between Highway 27 and Highway 50, to the City of Vaughan.

3. BACKGROUND

On September 6, 2006, the Region's Transportation and Works Committee endorsed a motion to consider transferring Nashville Road to the City of Vaughan.

Nashville Road is a two-lane roadway in southwest Vaughan providing an east-west connecting road between Highway 27 and Highway 50 that carries approximately 10,600 vehicles per day (*See Attachment 1*). Residents of the area have expressed concerns regarding high volumes of truck traffic and other traffic related issues. It has been suggested that in order to alleviate these concerns, jurisdiction of this road should be transferred to the City of Vaughan.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

In order to determine if a roadway should be transferred to a local municipality, Regional Council adopted a "Road Assumption Policy" which outlines criteria to either accept a

local roadway into the Regional road system or to download a roadway to a local municipality. The criteria include items such as area of service, connection to other municipal or provincial highways and volume of traffic. This process provides a standardized system which has been the practice of the Region when assessing roadways. The results of this assessment will be compiled in a future report to Regional Council in early 2007.

Regional staff will meet with staff of the City of Vaughan to discuss the possibility of transferring this section of road to the City and jointly apply the road assumption criteria.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The potential financial implications related to the transfer of this road are a reduction in the Region Roads Operating Budget of approximately \$60,000 and an increase in the City of Vaughan maintenance budget of approximately \$60,000.

6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

Regional staff will arrange to meet with City of Vaughan staff to discuss and evaluate the possible transfer of this section of Nashville Road to the City of Vaughan.

7. CONCLUSION

In order to determine if Nashville Road should be transferred from the Regional road system, Regional staff, in consultation with City of Vaughan staff, shall investigate the feasibility of transferring jurisdictional ownership of Nashville Road, between Highway 27 and Highway 50, to the City of Vaughan. A report summarizing the findings of the investigation will be presented to Regional Council in early 2007.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.

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