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MARKHAM BY-PASS ROAD NAME CHANGE TOWN OF MARKHAM

The Transportation and Works Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendations contained in the following report, January 23, 2007, from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works:

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. The Markham By-pass (Y.R. 48), from the north limit of Highway 407 to Major Mackenzie Drive (Y.R. 25), be renamed to Donald Cousens Parkway (Y.R. 48) effective April 1, 2007.
2. The Regional Solicitor prepare the necessary by-law.
3. The Regional Clerk forward this report to the Clerk of the Town of Markham.

2. PURPOSE

This report proposes to rename a section of the Markham By-pass, between the north limit of Highway 407 and Major Mackenzie Drive, to Donald Cousens Parkway.

3. BACKGROUND

On October 19, 2006, Regional Council endorsed a motion to consider renaming a section of the Markham By-pass (*see Attachment 1*). Regional staff, in conjunction with Markham staff, have reviewed this proposed name change.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

In order to implement this proposed road name change, all directional signage in the vicinity of the Markham By-pass, and any identification signage on the Markham By-pass will require replacement. Regional staff conducted a field survey of each sign that would require replacement due to the proposed road name change and conducted an inventory of residences in the area. The impact of the road name change will be minimal as there is only one residence and one business that would be affected at this time.

Signage notifying motorists of the road renaming will be placed on the Markham By-pass at least four weeks prior to April 1, 2007 along with advertisements in the local

newspapers. All emergency public service agencies (police, fire and ambulance) and public and school transit authorities will be informed of the renaming. A notice of the road renaming will also be posted on the York Region website. Property owners directly affected by the name change will be advised by registered mail.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The cost to replace the required signage, on the Markham By-pass, to reflect the name change to Donald Cousens Parkway is approximately \$10,000. This cost includes replacement of ground mounted directional signage on Highway 407 and the replacement of overhead mast arm signage at signalized intersections.

6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

The proposed name change has been discussed with the Town of Markham staff who has been involved in the required revisions to any municipal street addresses that will be impacted by this name change.

7. CONCLUSION

The Markham By-pass, from the north limit of Highway 407 to Major Mackenzie Drive, is proposed to be renamed to Donald Cousens Parkway effective April 1, 2007. Regional staff will take all necessary precautions to ensure that appropriate notification is made to all that may be affected by this road renaming.

For more information on this report, contact Brian Harrison, Director, Operations, Roads Branch at extension 5205 in the Transportation and Works Department.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.

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