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**REQUEST TO TRANSFER NASHVILLE ROAD
HIGHWAY 50 TO HIGHWAY 27
CITY OF VAUGHAN**

The Transportation Services Committee recommends:

- 1. Receipt of the following deputations:**
 - (a) Paul Mantella, President, Nashville Area Ratepayers' Association;**
 - (b) Aaron Hershoff, TACC Developments, on behalf of the Nashville Landowners Group; and**
 - (c) David Brand, Kleinburg and Area Ratepayers' Association.**
- 2. Receipt of the following communications:**
 - (a) Ken Schwenger, President, Kleinburg and Area Ratepayers' Association, dated February 28, 2011; and**
 - (b) Councillor Marilyn Iafrate, City of Vaughan, dated March 1, 2011.**
- 3. Adoption of the recommendation contained in the following report dated February 9, 2011, from the Commissioner of Transportation Services.**

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

- 1. The jurisdictional ownership of Nashville Road (Y.R. 49), between Highway 27 (Y.R. 27) and Highway 50, not be transferred to the City of Vaughan at this time.**

2. PURPOSE

This report considers the transfer of Nashville Road, between Highway 27 and Highway 50, from the Region to the City of Vaughan. The report also provides additional information regarding this issue as contained in the memorandum, dated June 24, 2010, to Regional Council from the Commissioner of Transportation Services.

3. BACKGROUND

The most recent request to transfer ownership of Nashville Road to the City of Vaughan was considered by Regional Council on June 16, 2010 and was referred to staff for a follow-up report

At its meeting of May 4, 2010, the City of Vaughan's Council adopted a report entitled "Transfer of Nashville Road from the Region to the City of Vaughan". This Vaughan staff report recommended that The Regional Municipality of York transfer Nashville Road, between Highway 27 and Highway 50, to the City of Vaughan.

Vaughan's report was on the agenda of the Transportation Services Committee on June 16, 2010. At this meeting, the Transportation Services Committee requested a memo be submitted to Regional Council for review and discussion at their next scheduled meeting of June 25, 2010. A memo was presented to Regional Council in which Regional staff recommended transferring this section of Nashville Road to the City of Vaughan following the completion of planned improvements to the Regional transportation network in this area. At this meeting, Regional Council also implemented a by-law restricting heavy trucks on Nashville Road for a trial period.

During the past few years, several reports regarding Nashville Road have been considered by Regional Council regarding ownership and traffic regulations for the road

Between September 2006 and June 2007, four separate reports related to traffic concerns on Nashville Road were submitted to Regional Council. Two of these four reports specifically considered the transfer of Nashville Road to the City of Vaughan and, in October 2006 and February 2007, Regional Council supported that jurisdiction of Nashville Road remain with the Region as Nashville Road performs the function of a Regional arterial road.

Two other reports have been endorsed by Regional Council on similar issues regarding Nashville Road. In September 2006, through a resolution from Regional Council, the posted speed limit on Nashville Road between the east limit of the east leg of Klein's Crescent and the west limit of Highway 27 was lowered from 60 kilometres per hour to 50 kilometres per hour. Also in September 2006, through a motion from Regional Council, staff was authorized to investigate the feasibility of transferring the jurisdictional ownership of Nashville Road, between Highway 27 and Highway 50, to the City of Vaughan.

On October 19, 2006, Regional Council directed staff to discuss the issue of transferring the ownership of Nashville Road with City of Vaughan staff and to report the findings to Regional Council in early 2007.

This report responds to the May 2010 request from City of Vaughan Council to transfer Nashville Road to the City of Vaughan.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

Regional roads function as major links between communities for all modes of transportation connecting traffic from local streets to highways

Nashville Road is a two-lane roadway between Highway 27 and Highway 50 that carries approximately 10,600 vehicles per day (*see Attachment 1*). There are approximately 40 homes in the Nashville community, between Huntington Road and Highway 27, with direct driveway access to Nashville Road and there are several small residential developments being constructed in the area. Although Nashville Road is the main street of the hamlet of Nashville, the roadway performs the function of a Regional arterial road and accommodates all types of traffic. Nashville Road has Regional significance providing important east-west traffic capacity across this part of the Region.

Regional roads are roads which connect residential and commercial developments, major highways and other types of traffic generators

Regional roads are roads which connect communities, major commercial and industrial developments, Provincial Highways, and other Regional roads. They have limited access, posted speed limits of between 50 kilometres-per-hour and 80 kilometres-per-hour, carry from 5,000 to 50,000 vehicles per day and provide free flowing traffic movement. Transferring a Regional road to a local municipality is a process where the road being considered for transfer must be assessed from an overall transportation perspective and the merits that the subject road provides to the community and surrounding area. Essentially, the potential elimination of the road from the Regional network must be considered and all traffic formerly using this road must be accommodated on other roads. It is important to maintain links between communities and transportation corridors to ensure effective movement of goods and people, regardless of the mode of transportation. Without an alternate route in this area, we do not recommend transferring Nashville Road at this time.

Several studies are underway to improve transportation options in the southwest portion of the City of Vaughan

There are several studies underway regarding overall transportation improvements in the southwest portion of the City of Vaughan. On October 19, 2006, Regional Council endorsed a report authorizing consulting services to complete the Western Vaughan Arterial Road Improvements – Individual Environmental Assessment. Included in this study is the improvement of Major Mackenzie Drive between Highway 50 and Weston Road. The technically preferred alternate identified by this IEA is widening and

realignment of Major Mackenzie Drive to improve connectivity between Highway 427 and Highway 400.

York Region's Transportation Master Plan also identifies a potential interchange for Nashville Road with the future extension of Highway 427. When this interchange is constructed, Nashville Road will continue to function as a Regional arterial road. As the lands north and south of Nashville Road, west of Huntington Road, are planned for employment uses, Nashville Road will be the main arterial road to access these lands.

The Ministry of Transportation of Ontario is currently undertaking an Individual Environmental Assessment Study to determine the alignment of the GTA West Transportation Corridor as well as the connection of a Highway 427 extension to the GTA West Corridor. Identifying and protecting for arterial road interchanges is also part of the Ministry of Transportation's study. The future GTA West Transportation Corridor will provide a future Regional connection between Highway 50 and Highway 27.

Until these studies are complete, it is not possible to determine the future significance Nashville Road will have in the Regional transportation network. The transfer of Nashville Road can be considered once improvements are made to the road network in this area.

At the time of writing this report, a separate report titled "*Western Vaughan Individual Environmental Assessment Study*", describing all these studies in detail, was scheduled for presentation to Regional Council on February 17, 2011.

The completion of future road improvements on Major Mackenzie Drive will provide an alternate route for commuters and will alleviate traffic on Nashville Road

Major Mackenzie Drive is currently a discontinuous road at Highway 27. Motorists must travel north and south on a short portion of Highway 27 in order to continue east and west along Major Mackenzie Drive. This discontinuity, or "jog" on Major Mackenzie Drive is inefficient from a transportation capacity perspective. The future Major Mackenzie Drive will eliminate the jogged intersection at Highway 27, providing a more typical intersection, to improve east-west travel in this area. When this work is complete, Major Mackenzie Drive will provide an alternate route for traffic in the area rendering Nashville Road less of a commuter road and a less vital link in the transportation network.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with this report as Nashville Road is already part of the Regional road system.

6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

On May 4, 2010, the City of Vaughan's Council adopted a report recommending Nashville Road be transferred to the City

Regional staff were requested to investigate transferring the jurisdiction of Nashville Road to the City of Vaughan. Staff are recommending Nashville Road remain as a Regional road, at this time, as it provides a critical east-west link in the City of Vaughan for residents and commuters. When the aforementioned road network improvements in this area are complete, Nashville Road can be considered for transfer to the City of Vaughan.

7. CONCLUSION

Regional staff have investigated the feasibility of transferring jurisdictional ownership of Nashville Road, between Highway 27 and Highway 50, to the City of Vaughan. This section of Nashville Road meets the characteristics of a Regional arterial road and should remain part of the Regional road system for the time being as it provides a critical east-west connecting road, providing a transportation network for all vehicle types, in the City of Vaughan.

Nashville Road between Highway 27 and Highway 50 has Regional significance and until such time as on-going major transportation studies are complete, we do not recommend transferring this road to the City of Vaughan.

For more information on this report, please contact Steven Kemp, Director, Traffic Management and Intelligent Transportation Systems at extension 5226.
The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.

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

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Re: Nashville Road Truck Prohibition & Request to Transfer Nashville Road to the City of Vaughan

KARA has reviewed the subject reports from the March 2nd agenda of the Transportation Services committee and offers the following comments:

- KARA has had many favorable comments from residents regarding the noticeable reduction in truck traffic on Nashville Road since the prohibition was put in place.
- We are concerned that truck volumes for local deliveries from the construction on the Kleinburg golf course in the summer and fall of 2010 have skewed the results of the traffic counts. This is not a normal situation and cannot be used as a baseline.
- KARA had a number of inquiries from local businesses who were concerned that the truck prohibition might impact their businesses if trucks were not allowed at all. Upon realizing that local truck traffic was still allowed, most understood the situation and were ok with it.
- KARA has had no complaints from trucking firms impacted by having to use alternate routes.
- Nashville is a designated heritage district and should be treated accordingly. Trucks should be permanently banned from the route and the ownership should be transferred to the City of Vaughan as requested in 2010. Upgrades to Major Mackenzie should proceed asap to alleviate volumes in the area.

Sincerely,



Ken Schwenger
President, KARA



Marilyn Iafrate
Councillor, Ward 1

March 1, 2011

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Attention: Transportation Committee

On behalf of the community, I am writing with respect to an agenda item scheduled for tomorrow morning's Transportation Committee meeting. On behalf of the community, I would like to request the permanent enactment of a truck ban (heavy vehicle) on Nashville Road from Highway 50 to Highway 27, in the City of Vaughan.

In addition, as Nashville Road is currently deemed a Region of York road, I would like to formally request a potential transfer of that stretch of road from the Region to the City of Vaughan at an appropriate time in the future.

I kindly request that due consideration be given to each of these requests. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter

Respectfully,



Councillor Marilyn Iafrate
City of Vaughan,
Ward 1 Maple/Kleinburg Local Councillor



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Study Area

