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TRANSFER OF WATERMAIN (NORMAN DRIVE, KEELE STREET, HOOP STREET, KING ROAD AND FISHER STREET) TO THE TOWNSHIP OF KING

The Transportation and Works Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendations contained in the following report, March 20, 2007, from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works:

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. York Region agree to a request from the Township of King to transfer from the Region to the Township the 300mm watermain along Norman Drive, Keele Street (Y.R. 6), Hoop Street, King Road (Y.R. 11) and Fisher Street.
2. The Regional Solicitor prepare the necessary by-law to give effect to the foregoing.
3. The Regional Clerk forward this report to the Clerk of the Township of King.

2. PURPOSE

The Township of King passed a Council resolution (*see Attachment 1*) on February 26, 2007 requesting that the Region transfer the watermain located along Norman Drive, Keele Street, Hoop Street, King Road and Fisher Street to the Township. The purpose of this report is to recommend that the Region agree to this request and transfer the ownership of the regionally owned watermain to the Township of King.

3. BACKGROUND

The Region owns a 300mm watermain which is approximately 1.3km long and located along Norman Drive, Keele Street, Hoop Street, King Road and Fisher Street in the Township of King (*see Attachment 2*). The watermain is connected to regionally owned wells on Manitou Drive at one end and the Elevated Tank on Fisher Street at the other.

The Township owns a 150mm watermain located on Keele Street between King Road and Norman Drive. This watermain is in a poor condition and requires replacement. The Township has identified that this watermain can be replaced by either constructing a new 150mm watermain or by connecting the existing local service connections to the 300mm Regional watermain.

In January 2007 the Township and Regional staff met and discussed the transfer of the said watermain. The Township staff expressed an interest to assume the Regional watermain to permit local service connections. The transfer of the watermain will save the Township from the need to construct a new watermain to replace the 150mm local watermain.

On February 12, 2007 the Township of King passed a Council resolution requesting that the Region transfers the watermain to the Township.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

In September 2006, Regional Council adopted a policy on the “Regional Jurisdiction – Water Infrastructure”.

This policy stipulates that watermains will be considered Regional if their primary purpose is to transmit water to the distribution system of a local area municipality. Regional watermains are not intended to have service connections (to private property), or fire hydrants along their length and:

- provide a link between a supply source that is outside a municipally approved urban area/town/village boundary and an appropriate location within the local municipal distribution system; or
- provide a link between a supply point at the Regional boundary to a Regional facility; or
- provide a metered interconnection between local municipalities; or
- are necessary to allow a service area to be in a desired Regional pressure district; or
- are necessary to service more than one municipality; and
- in all cases of sufficient capacity to be considered Regional in the context of the community profile and the master plan.

The said watermain does not meet any of the above criteria. Portions of the watermain (along Norman Drive and King Road) have service connections to private property. In addition, the transfer of this watermain will save the Township from the need to construct a new watermain.

It is therefore recommended that the Region transfer this watermain to the Township of King. Any operational adjustments that may be required in conjunction with the transfer will be co-ordinated between Region and Township of King staff.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Operation and maintenance costs for this watermain will become the responsibility of the Township of King. The transfer of the watermain will not have any material impact on the Region's operations budget.

6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

The integration of this watermain with the Township's distribution system will provide for more effective operation of their system and save the need to replace an existing Township watermain.

7. CONCLUSION

It is recommended that the Region transfers the said watermain to the Township of King.

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The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.

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