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ROAD CONSOLIDATION AND TRAFFIC REGULATIONS MARKHAM BY-PASS TOWN OF MARKHAM

The Transportation and Works Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendations contained in the following report, March 16, 2005, from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works:

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. The Road Consolidation By-law R-1107-96-126 be amended to include the Markham By-Pass (Y.R. 48) from the south limit of Major Mackenzie Drive (Y.R. 25) to 16th Avenue (Y.R. 73) and from the south limit of Highway 7 to Highway 407, as shown on Plan 48-1 (*see Attachment 1*).
2. The traffic regulations covering Through-Highway designation and speed limits as outlined in Tables A and B in *Attachments 2 and 3* be made applicable for the Markham By-Pass from Major Mackenzie Drive East (Y.R. 25) to 16th Avenue (Y.R. 73) and from Highway 7 (Y.R. 7) to Highway 407, in the Town of Markham.
3. The Regional Solicitor be authorized to prepare the necessary amendments to the existing Regional by-laws.
4. A copy of this report be forwarded by the Regional Clerk to the Chief of Police and to the Clerk of the Town of Markham.

2. PURPOSE

With the opening of the Markham By-pass from Major Mackenzie Drive East to 16th Avenue and from Highway 7 to Highway 407, amendments to the Road Consolidation By-law R-1107-96-126 are required to define the road section, road name and Regional road number.

The Regional traffic by-laws must now also be amended to cover all traffic regulations applicable to this section of the Markham By-pass.

3. BACKGROUND

For the traffic regulations on the recently opened section of the Markham By-pass to be enforceable, they must be included in the Region's traffic by-laws. The regulations for

these roadways are in accordance with the *Highway Traffic Act* and must now form part of the following Regional traffic by-laws:

- Through-Highway designation.
- Speed limits.

The amendments to the Region's traffic by-law are summarized in Tables A and B in *Attachments 2 and 3* appended to this report.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

The following traffic regulations have been in place since the opening of this section of the Markham By-pass, but have not yet been adopted into the Regional by-laws:

- Through-Highway designation, between the north limit of Major Mackenzie Drive East and the north limit of 16th Avenue and from the south limit of Highway 7 to the north limit of Highway 407.
- 70 kilometre per hour speed zone, from the north limit of Major Mackenzie Drive East to the north limit of 16th Avenue.
- 60 kilometre per hour speed zone, from the south limit of Highway 7 to Highway 407.

For these traffic regulations to be enforceable, they must be included in the Region's traffic by-laws. These regulations must now be adopted and the Regional by-laws amended to include all appropriate traffic regulations for these sections of the Markham By-pass. It is essential that all traffic regulations be incorporated into Regional traffic by-laws to enable York Regional Police to carry out enforcement.

Regional staff will carry out detailed operational assessments and review traffic operations, in both the winter and summer months, and make recommendations for any changes or the need to implement additional by-laws.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The costs associated with the manufacturing and installation of additional signs are included in the 2005 Transportation Budget and Business Plan.

6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

There are no local municipal impacts associated with this report.

7. CONCLUSION

With the opening of the Markham By-pass, from Major Mackenzie Drive East to 16th Avenue and from Highway 7 to Highway 407, amendments to the Road Consolidation By-law R-1107-96-126 are required.

The Regional traffic by-laws must be amended to include all appropriate traffic regulations. It is essential that all traffic regulations be incorporated into Regional traffic by-laws. These amended by-laws will allow York Regional Police and Municipal Enforcement Officers to enforce the current posted traffic regulations.

Regional staff will carry out detailed operational assessments and review traffic operations on these sections of roadway and make recommendations for any changes or the need to implement additional by-laws.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.

(The attachments referred to in this clause were included in the agenda for the April 6, 2005 Committee meeting.)