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ACQUISITION OF LAND WIDENING AND RECONSTRUCTION OF BLOOMINGTON ROAD PROJECT 99530, TOWN OF AURORA

The Finance and Administration Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendations contained in the following report dated April 10, 2012, from the Commissioner of Corporate Services.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. Council authorize the acquisition of the following lands required for the widening and reconstruction of Bloomington Road:
 - (a) a fee simple interest in the lands designated as Part of Lot 71, Concession 1, in the geographic Township of King, the Town of Aurora, in The Regional Municipality of York, more particularly known as Parts 1, 3 and 4 on Reference Plan 65R-31564.
 - (b) a 28 month temporary easement commencing on the date following the registration of the instrument across, under, over, along, and upon that certain parcel or tract of lands designated as Part of Lot 71, Concession 1, in the geographic Township of King, the Town of Aurora, in The Regional Municipality of York, more particularly known as Part 2 on Reference Plan 65R-31564, for the purpose of grading, watermain relocation, guide rail installation, relocation of the Cardinal Carter High School sign, and other minor works necessary for the widening of Bloomington Road, including maintenance and repair during the warranty period.
2. The Commissioner of Corporate Services be authorized to execute the agreement of purchase and sale and all necessary documents to complete this transaction.

2. PURPOSE

This report seeks Council authority to acquire certain lands for the widening and reconstruction of Bloomington Road, in the Town of Aurora (*see attachment 1*).

3. BACKGROUND

Construction of Bloomington Road is scheduled to commence in June 2012

The Bloomington Road project involves the widening and reconstruction of the existing two-lane road to four-lanes, from Bathurst Street to Highway 404, with extra lanes at intersections. A new water-main is also to be installed, and bicycle path lanes are to be created in various locations along the length of the project. Construction is scheduled to commence in June 2012.

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The Environmental Assessment Report for this project was approved in February 2004.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

Negotiations are ongoing with the landowner for lands required for the widening and reconstruction of Bloomington Road

Negotiations with respect to this critical property, required for sidewalks and street illumination in front of Cardinal Carter High School, are ongoing. While an agreement of purchase and sale has not yet been executed, the parties have agreed on the land to be acquired, and the compensation for same.

The following summary sets out the details of the property:

OWNER:	York Catholic District School Board
TOTAL AREA OF PROPERTY:	17.51 acres
LANDS TO BE ACQUIRED:	(a) fee simple interest in Parts 1, 3 and 4 on Reference Plan 65R-31564 (b) temporary easement to run for 28 months on Part 2 on Reference Plan 65R-31564
SPECIAL FEATURES:	The subject property is a 17.51 acre property on the north side of Bloomington Road, west of Yonge Street, in Aurora. It is currently improved with an Administration Centre and Cardinal Carter High School, with parking lots and sports fields. The Bloomington Road frontage of the property is

affected by the widening of Bloomington Road and the resulting change in slope in the temporary easement area.

PROJECT NUMBER: 99530

Link to Key Council - approved Plans

From Vision to Results: 2011 to 2015 Strategic Plan

Priority Area – Focus Growth along Regional Centres and Corridors

Optimize the transportation capacity and services in Regional Centres and Corridors

The acquisition of these lands will assist the Region in meeting its transportation needs.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Funds for the acquisition were included in the 2012 Capital Budget for Transportation and Community Planning Department.

6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

The widening and reconstruction of Bloomington Road, together with the installation of a watermain, street lighting and boulevard improvements, will improve the safety and efficiency of the road. Bicycle paths are to be included on part of the road length, in accordance with Regional policy.

7. CONCLUSION

Negotiations for the acquisition of certain lands required for the widening and reconstruction of Bloomington Road, are ongoing. Construction is scheduled to commence in June 2012 and the acquisition of the necessary lands will facilitate the timely completion of the project. Accordingly, staff recommend that Council approve the acquisition of the lands detailed in this report.

For more information on this report, please contact Barry Crowe, Director, Property Services Branch, at Ext. 1684.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.

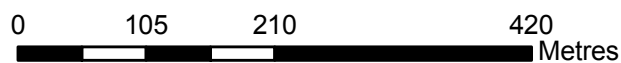
(The attachment referred to in this clause is attached to this report.)



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LOCATION PLAN

LAND ACQUISITION - WIDENING AND RECONSTRUCTION
BLOOMINGTON ROAD, Project 99530
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