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REGIONAL CONSENT FOR SANITARY SEWER SERVICING TOWNS OF AURORA AND RICHMOND HILL

The Transportation and Works Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendation contained in the following report, June 5, 2006, from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works:

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

1. Council approve the installation of one sanitary sewer service connection from services owned and operated by the Town of Richmond Hill to the proposed French Catholic Secondary School and a 60 single detached unit residential subdivision located on the east side of Bathurst Street (Y.R. 38), north of Bloomington Road (Y.R. 40) in the Town of Aurora.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to obtain Council authorization, pursuant to Section 19 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, in order to permit a cross-jurisdictional sanitary sewer service connection between the Town of Richmond Hill and the Town of Aurora to permit development of the proposed French Catholic Secondary School and a 60 single detached unit residential subdivision, located on the east side of Bathurst Street, north of Bloomington Road. (*see Attachment 1*).

3. BACKGROUND

The French Catholic School Board (Conseil scolaire de district catholique Centre Sud) and Ballymore Homes are proposing to construct a French Catholic Secondary School and a 60 single detached unit residential subdivision respectively, on the east side of Bathurst Street, north of Bloomington Road in the Town of Aurora. The Town of Aurora has requested York Region's permission for the Town of Aurora to service the proposed development by connecting to the Town of Richmond Hill sanitary sewer mains. Section 19 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, requires Regional Council's consent to any arrangement whereby any local municipality provides sanitary sewer services to an area in another municipality.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

The French Catholic School Board and Ballymore Homes are proposing to construct a French Catholic Secondary School and a 60 single detached unit residential subdivision on the east side of Bathurst Street, north of Bloomington Road. As there are currently no Town of Aurora sanitary sewer services in the surrounding area, the developers are proposing to connect to the sanitary sewer on the south side of Bloomington Road within the Town of Richmond Hill.

The Town of Aurora, the Town of Richmond Hill, the French Catholic School Board and Ballymore Homes will enter into an agreement for the supply of sanitary sewer services from the Town of Richmond Hill to the French Catholic Secondary School and the 60 single detached unit residential subdivision in the Town of Aurora.

The developers will install and the Town of Aurora will assume and operate the service connection from the Town of Richmond Hill to the most southerly limit of the Bloomington Road allowance. The Town of Aurora shall provide the Town of Richmond Hill with periodic water consumption data for the proposed development. The Town of Richmond Hill will invoice the Town of Aurora for the use of the sanitary sewer service at Richmond Hill rates. The invoiced amount will be derived from the water consumption of the developed area. The Town of Aurora will invoice the French Catholic School Board and the 60 single detached units to recover the invoiced sewage costs from The Town of Richmond Hill plus administrative fees.

Because the connections currently contemplated are both to mains owned and operated by the Town of Richmond Hill, and because the invoicing arrangements do not affect the Region's invoicing of the municipalities, it is not necessary for the Region to be party to the agreement.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

All costs associated with the installation of the service connection will be borne by The French Catholic School Board (Conseil scolaire de district catholique Centre Sud) and Ballymore Homes. There is no financial implication to the Region.

6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

The connection will enable the French Catholic School Board and Ballymore Homes to proceed with the proposed French Catholic Secondary School and the 60 single detached unit residential subdivision development without the need of the Town of Aurora to extend its service to the area.

7. CONCLUSION

The French Catholic School Board (Conseil scolaire de district catholique Centre Sud) and Ballymore Homes propose to construct a French Catholic Secondary School and a 60 single detached unit residential subdivision on the east side of Bathurst Street, north of Bloomington Road in the Town of Aurora. Municipal sanitary sewer services are not available from the Town of Aurora, but sewers owned and operated by the Town of Richmond Hill are readily accessible on the southerly side of Bloomington Road along Bloomgate Crescent. The Town of Richmond Hill is willing to permit the connection of the site to its sewers provided the Regional Council approves the connection as required under the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

It is recommended that Council approve the servicing of the French Catholic Secondary School and the 60 single detached unit residential subdivision to proceed as outlined in this report, subject to the connection receiving any necessary approvals from Councils of the Town of Aurora and the Town of Richmond Hill and completion of an agreement between the respective Towns governing this arrangement.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.

(The attachment referred to in this clause was included in the agenda for the June 14, 2006 Committee meeting.)