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EXPROPRIATION OF LAND BLOOMINGTON ROAD, PROJECT 9708 TOWNS OF AURORA AND RICHMOND HILL

The Transportation and Works Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendations contained in the following report, July 30, 2008 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services:

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. Authority be granted to apply for approval to expropriate the following land within the Towns of Aurora and Richmond Hill, in The Regional Municipality of York:
 - (a) a fee simple interest in approximately 5382.5m² (1.33 acres), being
 - Part 1 on Reference Plan 65R-29052
 - Part 4 on Reference Plan 65R-30904
 - Part 5 on Reference Plan 65R-30903
 - Part 1 on Reference Plan 65R-30899
 - (b) a permanent limited interest in approximately 1224.9m² (0.303 acres), being
 - Part 5 on Reference Plan 65R-30904
 - (c) a temporary limited interest in approximately 222.2m² (0.055 acres), being
 - Parts 2, 4 and 5 on Reference Plan 65R-30900, required for 2 years commencing June 1, 2009 and terminating May 30, 2011, for the purpose of grading and providing drainage;
 - a temporary limited interest in approximately 962m² (0.238 acres), being Parts 1 and 2 on Reference Plan 65R-29054 required for 2 years commencing June 1, 2009, and terminating May 30, 2011, for the purpose of grading and providing drainage
2. The Commissioner of Corporate Services be authorized to serve and publish Notice of Application as required by the *Expropriations Act*.
3. The Commissioner of Corporate Services be authorized to forward to the Chief Inquiry Officer, pursuant to the provisions of the *Expropriations Act*, any requests for hearing that may be received.
4. The Regional Council, as approving authority, approve of the expropriation of the lands described in paragraph 1, provided there is no hearing of necessity.

5. The Manager of Realty Services be authorized to execute and serve any notices required by the *Expropriations Act*.
6. The lands being expropriated and required for road purposes be dedicated as a common and public highway.
7. Authority be granted for the introduction of the necessary bills in Council to give effect to the foregoing.

2. PURPOSE

This report is to obtain Regional Council's approval to expropriate land from four owners in conjunction with the widening and reconstruction of Bloomington Road in the Towns of Aurora and Richmond Hill (*see Attachment 1*).

3. BACKGROUND

Authority to Complete Project

Regional Council, on May 19, 2005, adopted By-law A-0362-2005-035 that authorized the widening and reconstruction of Bloomington Road (YR 40) from Bathurst Street (YR 38) to Highway 404 in the Towns of Aurora and Richmond Hill and the Township of King. The By-law authorizes:

- (a) the widening and reconstruction of Bloomington Road
- (b) the carrying out of all related works and undertakings in connection with the above; and
- (c) the acquisition of the necessary lands and interests in lands for the work described above.

In June 2006, Regional Council authorized the expropriation report of lands for this project. Detailed design has progressed to a level concluding additional lands are required. The reference plans showing the Region's requirements have been registered. In order to ensure that the project is not delayed, it is appropriate to proceed with expropriation. The above noted reference plans will be available at Committee for review.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Offers According to *Expropriations Act* to Follow

The funds required to complete the property acquisitions for this project were granted by Regional Council's approval of the 2008 capital works budget. Offers of compensation must be made under Section 25 of the *Expropriations Act* to all of the owners of the listed parts on the reference plans. These offers must be made within 90 days of the registration of the expropriation plans. Staff will report back to Council prior to making these offers.

5. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

Bloomington Road is presently a two-lane paved road with gravel shoulders and roadside ditches and is expected to be beyond capacity for this type of road within the next ten years. The widening and reconstruction of Bloomington Road will provide additional east-west capacity to improve traffic operations for the travelling public and will meet the expected growth in this area.

6. CONCLUSION

Construction of this project is scheduled for 2011, however, utility relocation is scheduled to commence in 2008.

Acquisition of the subject lands will ensure there is no delay in the construction schedule of the project.

For more information on this report, please contact Paul J. Roberts, Manager Realty Services at Ext. 1424.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.

(The attachment referred to in this clause was included in the agenda for the September 3, 2008 Committee meeting.)