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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE
BATHURST STREET
TOWN OF EAST GWILLIMBURY / TOWNSHIP OF KING

The Transportation and Works Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendations contained in the following report, August 25, 2004, from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works:

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. The Regional Solicitor be authorized to advertise the temporary closure of Bathurst Street (Y.R. 38) from 50 metres north of the southerly limit of Lot 106 to 150 metres south of the north limit of Lot 107, in Concession 1 W.Y.S., Town of East Gwillimbury, on the boundary with the Township of King, for a five-year period.
2. The Regional Solicitor be authorized to prepare the necessary by-law for the extension of the period of the temporary road closure.

2. PURPOSE

This report proposes extending the existing temporary closure of Bathurst Street. The existing by-law authorizing the temporary closure of Bathurst Street, north of Morning Sideroad and south of the Holland Marsh requires extending to 2009. As this steep, narrow section cannot be maintained as a safe public road, the temporary closure should be extended for a further five-year period until the road is scheduled to be reconstructed in 2009.

3. BACKGROUND

On April 27, 1995, Regional Council authorized the year-round closure of Bathurst Street, north of Morning Sideroad and south of the Holland Marsh. The closure was required due to the steep, narrow, winding section of Bathurst Street which cannot be maintained as a safe public road. The year-round closure was subsequently extended on a yearly basis until May 1, 1998. Thereafter, three year closures were approved in May 1, 1998 and in April 30, 2001.

The closure was deemed necessary due to:

- The increasing volume of traffic.
- The difficulty in maintaining the narrow, winding, gravel roadway section to an acceptable condition.

- The structural inadequacies of a single lane concrete bridge within this section of road.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

The section of Bathurst Street, north of Morning Sideroad and south of the Holland Marsh, was closed in 1995, with a yearly extension of the closure to April 30, 1998. A by-law to authorize the closure for a three-year period was enacted on May 1, 1998 and expired April 30, 2001. This temporary closure was extended again in 2001 for an additional three years.

Advance signing and terminus measures were constructed in the spring of 1995. The road is physically closed to vehicular traffic with concrete barriers. These barriers permit pedestrian access along the right-of-way corridor.

A capital project to reconstruct Bathurst Street from Green Lane West (formerly Poplar Bank Sideroad) to Yonge Street is included within the 10-Year Road Construction Program with a proposed construction date of 2009.

The road should remain closed until the reconstruction is completed; therefore the renewal of the by-law is required. The Municipal Act requires that any by-law to close a public road must be publicly advertised. In previous years, no objections were received from any adjacent landowners.

It is recommended that this by-law be effective for a five-year period to September 2009, when it is scheduled for reconstruction.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The cost of the advertising for the extension of the by-law for the temporary closure of Bathurst Street is included in the proposed 2004 Business Plan and Budget.

6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

There are no local municipal implications associated with this report.

7. CONCLUSION

The section of Bathurst Street north of Morning Sideroad and south of the Holland Marsh was closed in 1995. The closure addresses the steep, narrow section which cannot be maintained as a safe public road. The current by-law requires extending until 2009. As the reconnection of Bathurst Street as a through-road is scheduled in the 10-Year Roads

Capital Program for construction in 2009, it is proposed that the temporary road closure be extended for a further five-year period from September 2004 to September 2009.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.