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**EMERGENCY ROAD CLOSURE**  
**LANGSTAFF ROAD**  
**CITY OF VAUGHAN**

**The Transportation and Works Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendations contained in the following report, August 28, 2006, from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works:**

**1. RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that:

1. This report be received for information on the emergency temporary closure of Langstaff Road (Y.R. 72) at the GO Transit railway crossing east of Keele Street (Y.R. 6), in the City of Vaughan, on the weekend of September 23 and 24, 2006.
2. The Regional Clerk forward this report to the Clerk of the City of Vaughan and to GO Transit.

**2. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to provide information for the emergency temporary closure of Langstaff Road at the GO Transit railway crossing east of Keele Street in the City of Vaughan, on the weekend of September 23 and 24, 2006 to through-traffic to accommodate railway crossing improvements and road reconstruction for safety reasons (*see Attachment 1*).

**3. BACKGROUND**

GO Transit, in an e-mail dated August 1, 2006, requested an emergency road closure on Langstaff Road at the GO Transit crossing east of Keele Street, where railway crossing rehabilitation is required due to safety reasons. In order to complete these activities, it is necessary to temporarily close a section of Langstaff Road to through-traffic.

GO Transit requested the road closure for the weekend of September 23 and 24, 2006. The rail crossing is located mainly in an industrial area of the City of Vaughan. The temporary closure of Langstaff Road in this area would have minimal impact on the motoring public.

The temporary road closure will involve the rehabilitation of the mainline crossing and the construction of a proper sidewalk across the tracks on the north side.

Under By-law A-0368-2005-088 enacted on October 27, 2005, the Commissioner of Transportation and Works was delegated the authority to temporarily close Regional roads under special circumstances.

#### **4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS**

##### **4.1 Rationale for Temporary Road Closures**

Where possible, Regional staff co-ordinate the construction activities to keep the roads open to through-traffic. However, it is not always feasible to maintain through-traffic because of the very nature of the work and it is often safer and more cost-effective to complete the work under a temporary full road closure.

Temporary road closures, where implemented, reduce safety risks to both the travelling public and work crews and provide a work environment that enhances construction quality. Furthermore, temporary closures significantly reduce the costs and time schedule for any work, thus minimizing public impact and disruption when applied.

##### **4.2 Public Notification and Mitigation**

It is the responsibility of GO Transit to notify all affected residents, emergency services (police, fire and ambulance), school bus operators, school transit authorities and the public of the closures at least two weeks prior to the closure (*see Attachment 2*).

Road signs notifying the public of the proposed road closure are to be placed on Langstaff Road a minimum of two weeks in advance of the closure. Temporary road closure schedules will also be posted on the York Region website.

Local access to residents, businesses, schools and other institutions will be maintained.

The temporary road closure for this GO Transit crossing improvement will be a maximum of two days. Once a road closure is in effect, efficient use of the time period will be an obligation of GO Transit and its contractor to ensure public impact and inconvenience is limited through effective work planning and operations.

As a result of the necessity of an emergency temporary closure of Langstaff Road and the authority given to the Commissioner of Transportation and Works, the temporary closure has been scheduled for the weekend of September 23 and 24, 2006.

#### **5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

All costs associated with this temporary closure will be borne by GO Transit.

## **6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT**

City of Vaughan staff has been contacted and are in support of the emergency temporary road closure. Signage forewarning the public of the proposed temporary road closure has been placed in advance of the road closure dates. Local traffic will be maintained at all times to provide access to businesses and residences. Emergency services and school boards have been notified to ensure no interruption in service provision.

## **7. CONCLUSION**

An emergency temporary road closure of Langstaff Road is required at the GO Transit railway crossing east of Keele Street, in the City of Vaughan, on the weekend of September 23 and 24, 2006.

Regional staff will take all necessary precautions to ensure that road closures are kept to a minimum and that appropriate notification is made to all affected parties.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.

*(The attachments referred to in this clause were included in the agenda for the September 6, 2006 Committee meeting.)*