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2011 ANNUAL REPORT
MUNICIPAL STREETSCAPE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM
PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS

The Transportation Services Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendations contained in the following report dated September 21, 2011, from the Commissioner of Transportation Services.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. Regional Council approve the streetscape proposals from the Town of Markham and the City of Vaughan for which funding is available from the 2011 approved capital budget.
2. The Regional Clerk forward this report to the Clerks of the Town of Markham and the City of Vaughan for information.

2. PURPOSE

This report seeks approval of two applications to the Municipal Streetscape Partnership Program.

3. BACKGROUND

Regional Council adopted the Municipal Streetscape Partnership Program in 2006 to promote streetscape enhancements across the Region

The Region's Municipal Streetscape Partnership Program continues to support Regional Council's commitment to improving the public realm by promoting and supporting streetscape enhancements across the Region. The program encourages local municipal staff to coordinate streetscape initiatives with Regional capital projects in order to leverage partnership funding. As a condition of receiving partnership funding, maintenance of streetscape enhancements is the responsibility of the local municipality. In October 2006, Regional Council approved the Program and its associated policy, and endorsed the allocation of up to \$1-million annually of the Region's commitment to this program. The program is funded through the tax levy.

A Streetscape Review Team was formed in March 2007 to review applications. The Streetscape Review Team is comprised of the following Region staff:

- Streetscape Program Manager
- Manager, Natural Heritage and Forestry Services
- Manager, Roads Maintenance
- Manager, Engineering-Capital Delivery
- Transit Facilities Supervisor
- Senior Planner

There are three levels of funding based on project location and its relation to the 10-Year Capital Plan:

50% Regional Contribution

- Urban area, Town, or Village
- Project is on current year of the 10-Year Capital Plan

33% Regional Contribution

- Urban area, Town, or Village
- Project is not on current year of the 10-Year Capital Plan

25% Regional Contribution

- Project is not in an urban area, town, or village
- Project is not on current year of the 10-Year Capital Plan

Since 2007, nine out of the nine applications received from eight municipalities have been approved for partnership funding. At the end of each fiscal year, money remaining in the fund is carried forward to the next year. This allows an adequate reserve of funding to be available for municipalities to submit larger projects.

An annual Municipal Streetscape Partnership Program Workshop is hosted by the Region with staff representation invited from each municipality. The workshop provides a forum for discussion and exchange of streetscape-related information and ideas. It also serves promote future partnership opportunities using the Municipal Streetscape Partnership Program.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

The Streetscape Review Team recommends both applications received in 2011 be approved by Regional Council

In 2011, the Region received two applications for funding; from the Town of Markham and the City of Vaughan. The Streetscape Review Team recognizes the positive

contribution that each of these projects will have in creating attractive, safe, comfortable, and pedestrian-friendly streets in communities across York Region.

1. Town of Markham – Highway 7 (Verclaire Gate – Sciberras Road)

The Town of Markham's application consists of streetscape enhancements along Highway 7 between Verclaire Gate and Sciberras Road. The proposed improvements include:

- Street trees
- Street tree planters and tree grates
- Wide concrete sidewalks
- Decorative paver splash strip and paving between planters
- Raised median planter
- Decorative street/pedestrian light standards

The proposed streetscape enhancements are based on the Markham Centre Streetscape Standards and complement the vivaNext project along Highway 7. Any future streetscaping improvements will also be closely co-ordinated with the VivaNext works. The streetscape design is based on the engineering design of Highway 7 between Verclaire Gate-Sciberras Road currently being undertaken by the capital delivery team. Design details such as catch basin/inlet locations and hydro pole relocations have not been finalized at the present time. The Town has confirmed their understanding that finalizing these details may have cost implications and they are confident in their costing and application for funding. The design for the enhancements is shown in *Attachment 1*. The application qualifies for 50% funding from the Municipal Streetscape Partnership Program as it will be completed as part of the Region's Highway 7 road improvement project.

2. City of Vaughan – Major Mackenzie Drive (Keele Street – Peter Rupert Avenue)

The City of Vaughan's application consists of a distinctive, high quality streetscape on Major Mackenzie Drive starting from the heart of the heritage village of Maple at Keele Street, continuing east past the Vaughan Civic Centre and ending at Peter Rupert Avenue. The proposed streetscape design is consistent with the City of Vaughan's Major Mackenzie Streetscape Study and will reinforce a strong community image. The design integrates the heritage inspired streetscape of the Village of Maple with a contemporary architectural and landscape design that includes:

- Street trees
- Street tree planters
- Decorative pavers flanking concrete sidewalk providing connections to the Civic Centre and GO Transit Station
- Decorative street/pedestrian light standards

- Retaining wall with railing

The application qualifies for 33% funding from the Municipal Streetscape Partnership Program as it will be completed prior to the Region's scheduled road reconstruction of Major Mackenzie Drive in 2018. Although the streetscape installation may be affected by the future road design, the City of Vaughan has confirmed their intention to proceed with the application. The design for the proposed streetscape enhancements is shown in *Attachment 2*.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Costs for these capital streetscape projects are provided in Table 1.

Table 1
2011 Municipal Streetscape Partnership Program
Capital Streetscape Projects

Municipality	Municipal Contribution (\$)	Region Contribution (\$)	Municipal Streetscape Partnership Program Funding Tier	Project Location
Town of Markham	1,234,509	1,234,509	50%	Highway 7 (Verclaire Gate to Sciberras Road)
City of Vaughan	1,327,893	654,038	33%	Major Mackenzie Drive (Keele Street to Peter Rupert Avenue)
Total	2,562,402	1,888,547		

A total of approximately \$1,888,547 will be drawn from approved funds from the 2010 and 2011 approved budgets. The remaining amount in the Municipal Streetscape Partnership Program is \$971,453. As per the policy, on-going maintenance of the enhanced streetscaping is the responsibility of the local municipality.

A summary of the Region's funding contributions to date for streetscape construction under the Municipal Streetscape Partnership Program is included (*See Attachment 3*).

6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

The Municipal Streetscape Partnership Program benefits local municipalities by encouraging the creation of attractive and vibrant streets for all users. Streetscaping encourages social interaction, supports the local economy, reflects local character, and promotes non-auto modes of transportation, all of which contribute to a liveable neighbourhood and community. The Program provides opportunities for greater cost savings and efficiencies when local municipal projects are combined with the Region's capital projects.

7. CONCLUSION

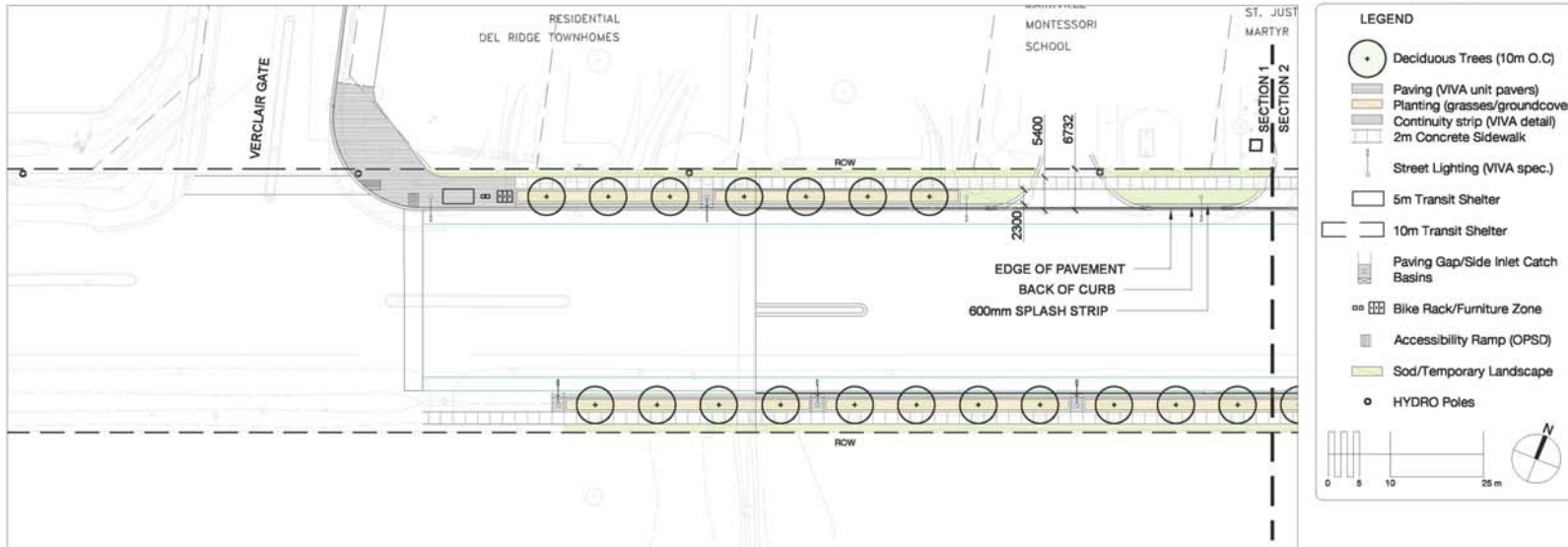
The Region continues to encourage partnerships with local municipalities through funding for locally-initiated streetscape enhancements within the Regional rights-of-way. Both applications received in 2011 meet the Program's criteria and support the creation of complete streets.

For more information on this report, please contact Carmen Hui, Program Manager, Streetscape at Ext.5272.

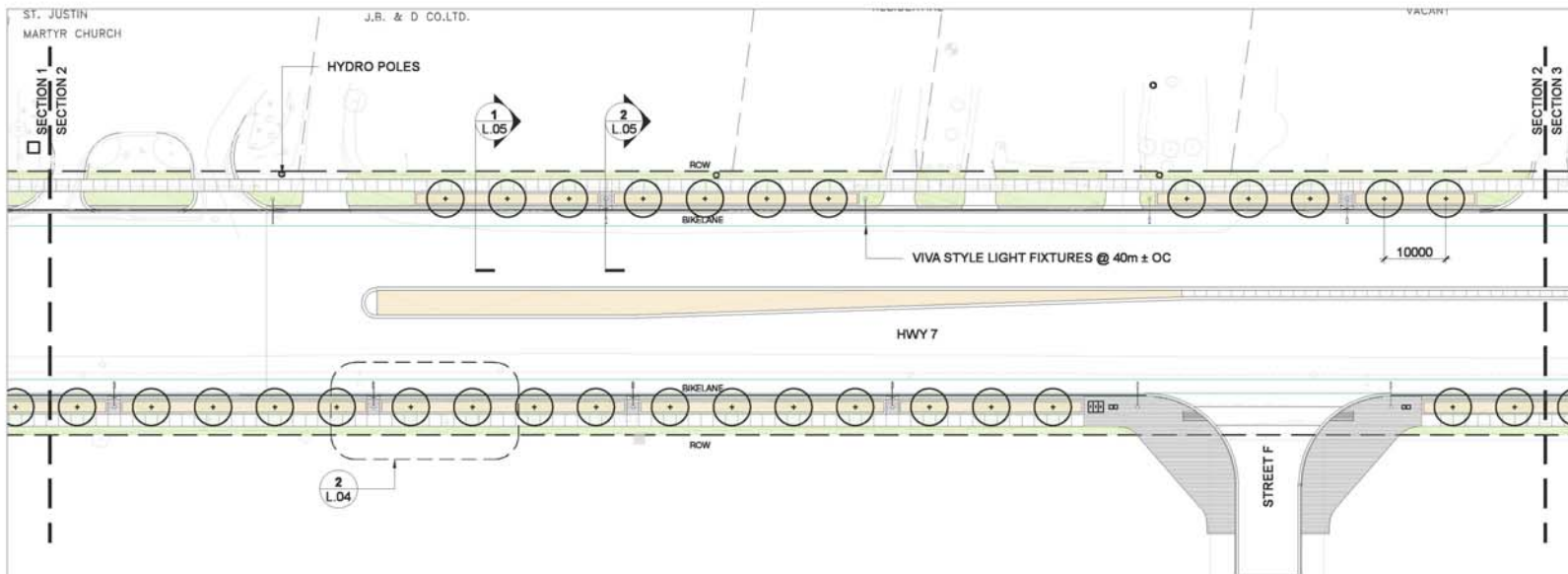
The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.

(The three attachments referred to in this clause are attached to this report.)

COUNCIL ATTACHMENT 1A

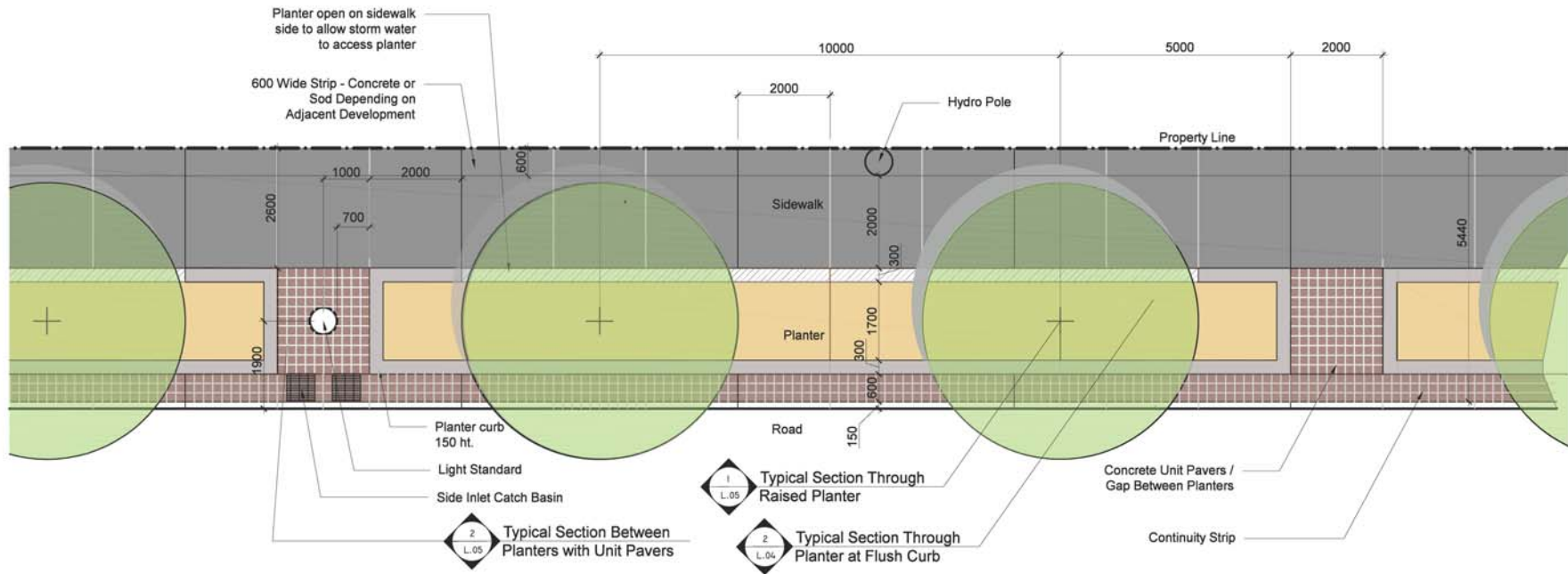


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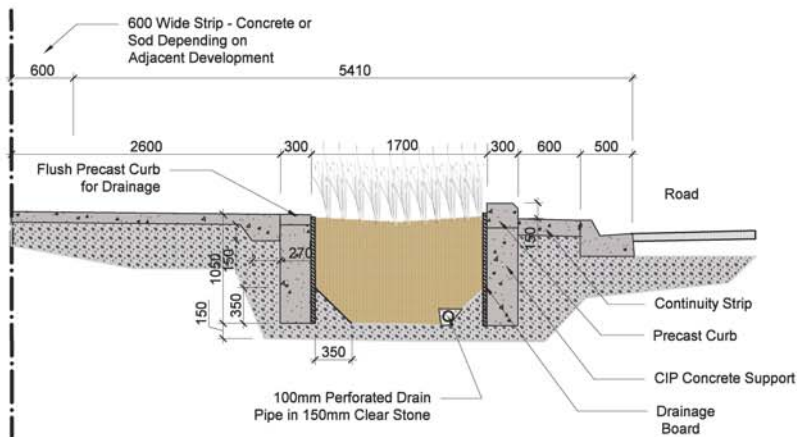


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COUNCIL ATTACHMENT 1B



1 TYPICAL STREETSCAPE LAYOUT
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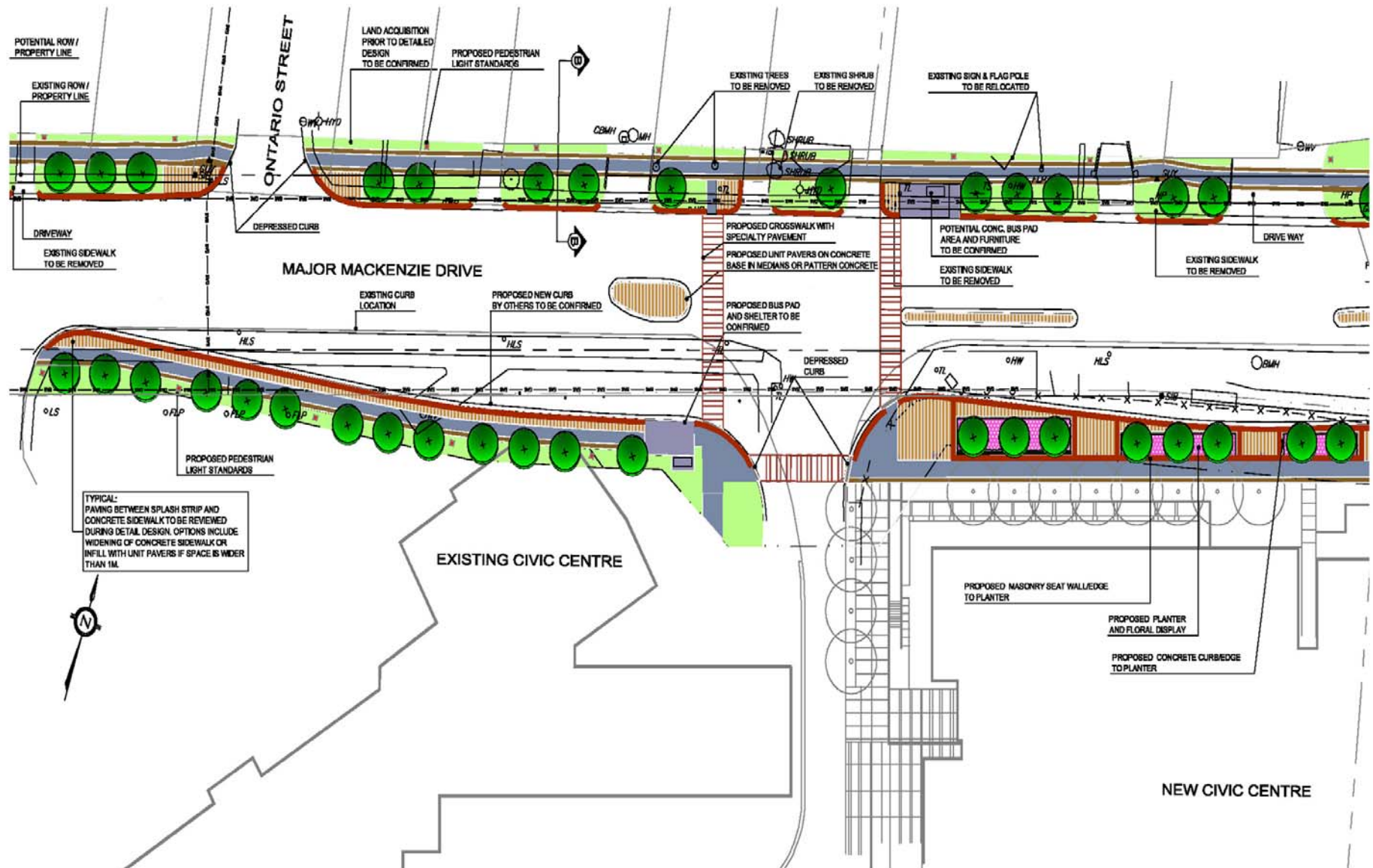


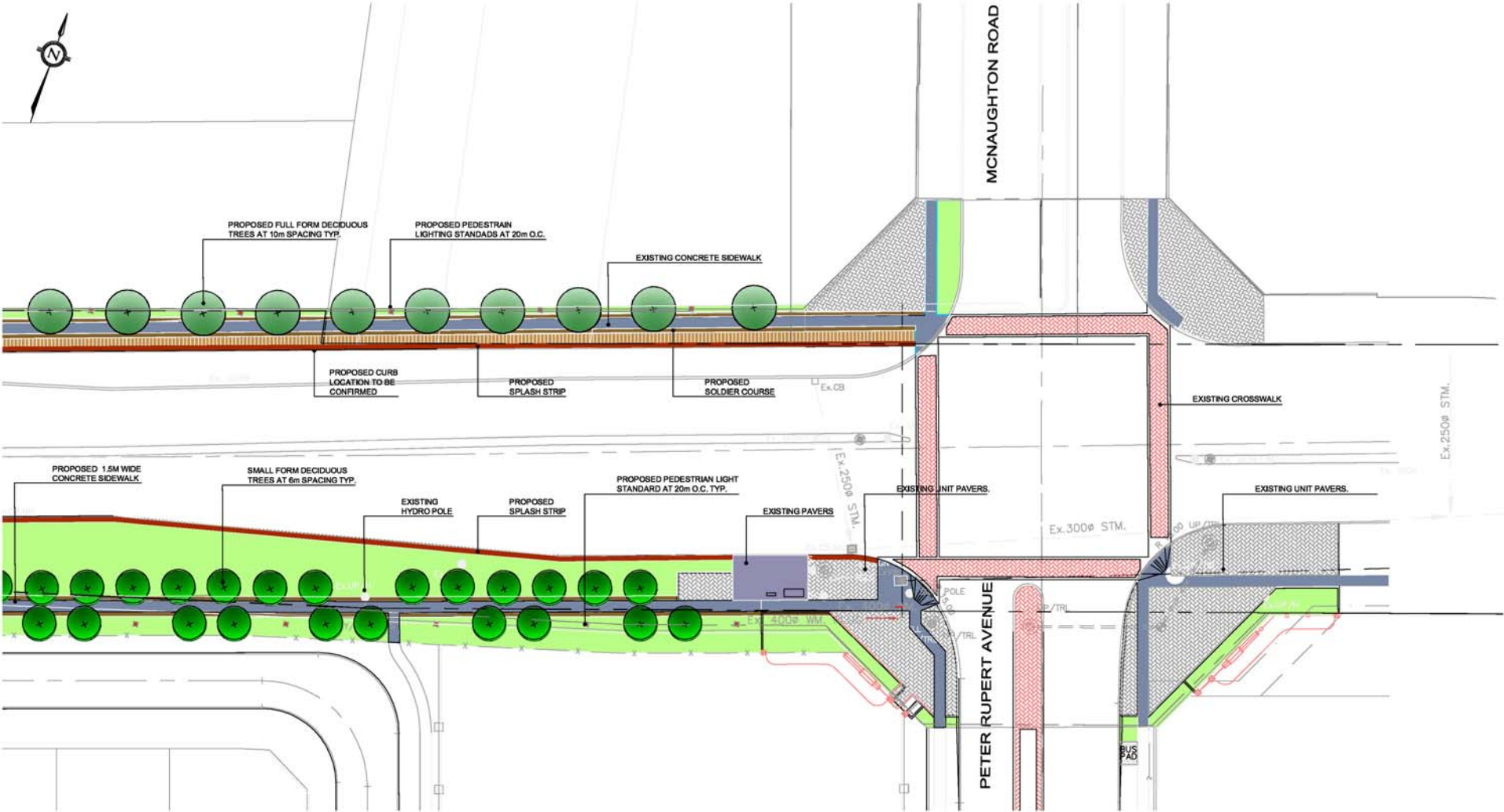
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COUNCIL ATTACHMENT 2B





Status of 2007-2011 Municipal Streetscape Partnership Projects

Municipality	Project	Region Contribution	Total Value	Status
2007 Projects				
#1 Town of Georgina	<u>Woodbine Avenue</u> (Ravenshoe-Morton) Intersection gateway feature, landscaped median, monument features, and enhanced crosswalks	\$253,055 (50%)	\$506,110	Delayed due to MTO 404 Extension project.
#2 Town of East Gwillimbury	<u>Leslie Street/Mount Albert</u> Entrance wall feature, landscaped areas, enhanced boulevard paving and enhanced crosswalks	\$107,250 (33%)	\$325,000	Completed in 2009
Total Value 2007 Projects		\$360,305	\$831,110	
2008 Projects				
#1 Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville	<u>Stouffville Road+48</u> Intersection gateway feature/monument	\$23,000 (50%)	\$46, 000	Delayed due to MTO negotiations
#2 City of Vaughan	<u>Maple Streetscape: Ph 6</u> Keele +Teston/Kelly Place, Major Mackenzie Drive (Melville-McNaughton) Enhanced sidewalks, landscaped/paved feature nodes	\$62,835 (33%)	\$190,408	Completed in 2007
Total Value 2008 Projects		\$85,835	\$236,408	

Municipality	Project	Region Contribution	Total Value	Status
2009 Projects				
# 1 Town of Richmond Hill	<u>Gamble Road</u> (Bathurst-Linda Margaret) Paved feature nodes, low planter walls, landscaped nodes, enhanced light standards	\$345,500 (50%)	\$691,000	Completion in 2011
Total Value 2009 Projects		\$345,500	\$691,000	
2010 Projects				
# 1 City of Vaughan	<u>Keele/McNaughton Road</u> Low planter walls at 3 corners, enhanced sidewalks and boulevard paving, landscaped median, enhanced crosswalks, decorative lighting, and street furniture	\$313,000 (50%)	\$626, 000	Completion anticipated in 2012
# 2 Town of Aurora	<u>Wellington Street</u> (Bayview-Leslie) Enhanced street tree planting detail, stone edge for planting, decorative splash strip	\$170,305 (33%)	\$469,160	Completion anticipated in 2012
# 3 Town of Markham	<u>Warden Avenue</u> (16 th Avenue -Major Mackenzie Drive) Enhanced planting and mass planting beds, and landscaped median	\$44,788 (50%)	\$89,576	Completion anticipated in 2012
# 4 Town of Georgina	<u>Woodbine Avenue</u> (Ravenshoe-Morton) Phase 1 decorative street light standards	\$58,765 (50%)	\$113,983	Completion anticipated for November 2011

Municipality	Project	Region Contribution	Total Value	Status
2010 Projects Cont'd				
# 5 Town of Georgina	<u>Woodbine Avenue</u> (Ravenshoe-Morton) Phase 2 decorative street light standards	\$49,082 (50%)	\$98,164	Completion anticipated for November 2011
Total Value 2010 Projects		\$635,940	\$1,396,883	
2011 Projects				
# 1 City of Vaughan	<u>Major Mackenzie Drive</u> (Keele-Hill Street) Decorative street light standards, enhanced boulevard paving and sidewalks, embankment planting/railing, and site furniture	\$654,038 (33%)	\$1,982,000	Pending Regional Council Approval
# 2 Town of Markham	<u>Highway 7</u> (Verclaire-Sciberras) Raised planters, median planting, decorative street lights, enhanced boulevard paving and landscaping, and tree grates	\$1,234,509 (50%)	\$2,469,000	Pending Regional Council Approval
Total Value 2011 Projects		\$1,888,547	\$4,451,000	
Grand Total Value 2007-2011 Projects		\$3,316,127	\$7,606,401	