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FOR INQUIRIES: PLEASE QUOTE ITEM & REPORT NO.

June 13, 2011

Mr. Denis Kelly, Regional Clerk
The Regional Municipality of York
17250 Yonge Street, Box 147
Newmarket ON L3Y 6Z1

Dear Mr. Kelly:

RE: GO STATION AT KEELE STREET AND KIRBY ROAD

I write to advise you that Vaughan Council at its meeting held on June 7, 2011 adopted the following resolution:

Whereas, the City of Vaughan recognizes that gridlock is a serious matter that concerns and affects all Vaughan residents, and

Whereas, the City of Vaughan is committed to support and promote transportation improvements particularly rapid transit to address gridlock, and

Whereas, GO Transit has recognized a need to facilitate parking of an additional 350 vehicles at the Maple GO Station for a total to date of 1246 spaces, and

Whereas, GO Transit is planning to implement in the next few years all day service for the Barrie line which services the Maple community,

Whereas, a GO rail transit station is already planned for in Block 27 by both the City of Vaughan and the Region of York's official plans, and

Whereas, the rail lines are already owned by GO Transit at the proposed new GO Station location at Keele Street and Kirby Road, and

Whereas, one 10-car GO train carries the same number of people as 1400 passenger cars while one GO bus can replace about 50 passenger cars, and

Whereas, opening of a GO Station at this location could eliminate hundreds of one-way southbound commuter passenger car trips in the morning and similarly, hundreds of northbound passenger car trips in the evening every day bringing much needed relief to the already congested local road network in Maple and surrounding areas, and

Whereas, this reduction in passenger car trips could eliminate 20 tons of CO2 greenhouse gas emissions every day, or 5000 tonnes of CO2 emissions every year, and

Whereas, this new GO Station could serve as a transit hub, interfacing GO Transit with local York Region Transit bus service, and

Whereas, locating a GO Station in Block 27 prior to the realization of new residential development will ensure complimentary and sustainable development and reduced dependency on vehicles

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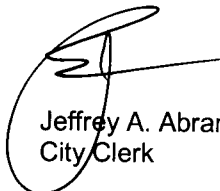


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***It is therefore recommended that** Council endorses the recommendation to prioritize a third GO Station in Maple to serve the growing need to access rapid transit and direct the City Clerk to forward this recommendation to Metrolinx, the Region of York and the local MPP, the Honourable Gregory Sorbara.*

Attached for your information is **Item 21, Report No. 30**, of the Committee of the Whole regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey A. Abrams
City Clerk

Attachment:
Extract

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CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 7, 2011

Item 21 Report No. 30, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted, as amended, by the Council of the City of Vaughan on June 7, 2011, as follows:

By approving that Communication C1 from Mr. Antony Niro, dated May 31, 2011, be received.

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GO STATION AT KEELE STREET AND KIRBY ROAD

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following resolution submitted by Councillor Iafrate, dated May 31, 2011:

Member's Resolution

Submitted by Councillor Marilyn Iafrate.

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Attachments

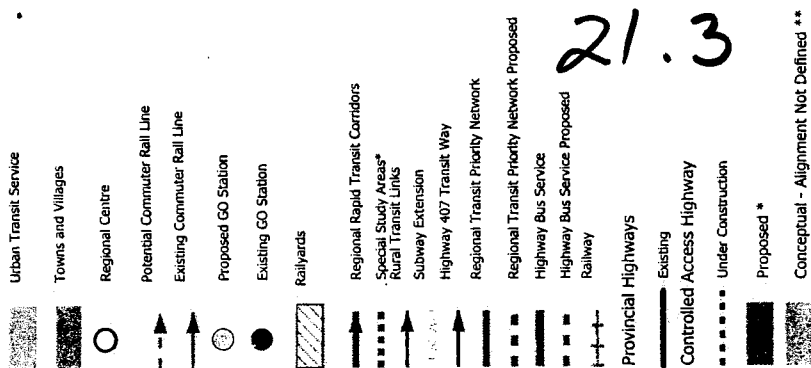
Map 11, Transit Network, York Region Official Plan, December 16, 2009

Schedule 10, Transit Network, City of Vaughan Official Plan Volume 1, September 7, 2010

(A copy of the attachments referred to in the foregoing have been forwarded to each Member of Council and a copy thereof is also on file in the office of the City Clerk.)

MAP 11

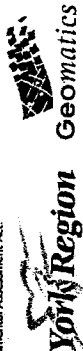
TRANSIT NETWORK



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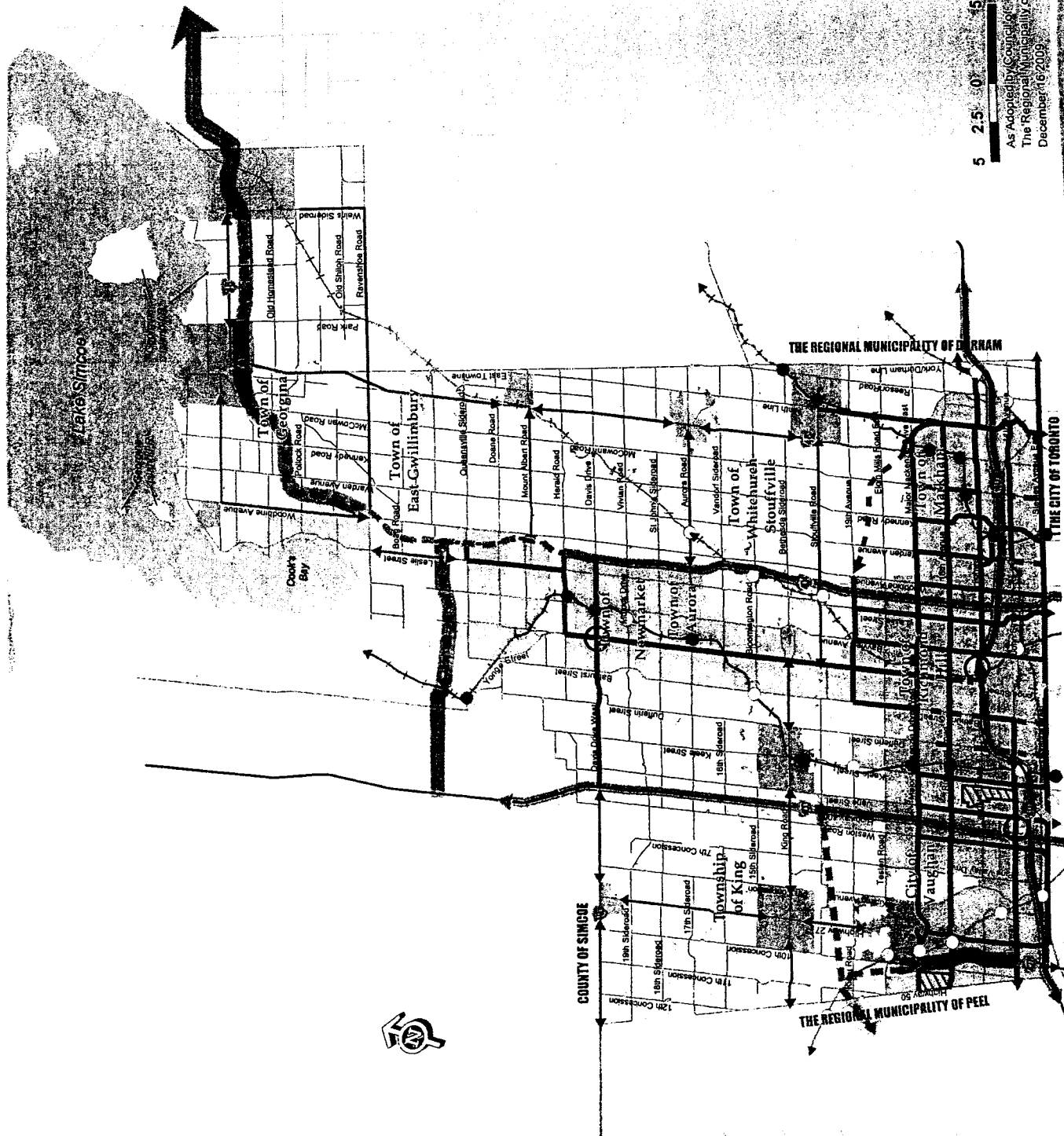
* Warden Avenue / McCowan Road N/S Rapid Transit Corridor and Balfour Street / Balfour Street N/S Rapid Transit Corridor

The proposed alignment and location of specific projects remains conceptual at this time. These concepts remain subject to review and confirmation through the applicable environmental assessment process established under the Environmental Assessment Act.



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As Adopted by Council
The Regional Municipality of York
December 16, 2009

**SCHEDULE 10
Transit
Network**

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- Existing Commuter Rail Line
- Proposed Commuter Rail Line
- Existing GO Station
- Proposed GO Station
- Subway Extension
- Conceptual Subway Extension
- Subway Station
- Regional Rapid Transit Corridor
- Special Study Corridors¹
- Regional Transit Priority Network
- Rural Transit Link
- Highway Bus Service
- Highway Bus Service Proposed
- Greenbelt Plan Area
- Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan Area
- Minister's Decision on ORMCP Designation Deferred
- Municipal Boundary

¹Bathurst Street and Dufferin Street N/S Rapid Transit Corridor.
Refer to York Region Official Plan

Local transit service will be provided to ensure service within a 5-minute walking distance (350 meters) for Vaughan residents.



September 2010

