

# NOTICE OF STUDY COMPLETION

## Yonge-Steeles Corridor Collector Roads Environmental Assessment Study

April 2026

### The Study

The City of Vaughan has undertaken a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) study to complete the planning and preliminary design for the extensions of Royal Palm Drive, from Hilda Avenue to Yonge Street, and Powell Road, from Crestwood Road to Steeles Avenue West, as recommended in the Yonge-Steeles Corridor Secondary Plan. This study was undertaken in accordance with the planning and design process for Schedule C projects, as outlined in the Municipal Engineers Association's MCEA document (2024), which is approved under the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*. The Yonge-Steeles Corridor Secondary Plan generally addressed Phases 1 and 2 of the MCEA process. This study addresses Phases 3 and 4, including identifying and evaluating alternative design concepts and identifying a preferred design.

### Preferred Design

Based on the findings of this study, the Preferred Design for the extension of Royal Palm Drive, from Hilda Avenue easterly to Yonge Street, generally includes a new, 24 metre road right-of-way that accommodates two vehicular travel lanes, lay-by parking lane on the south side of the roadway and a sidewalk, landscaping and bike path in the boulevard on both sides of the roadway.

The Preferred Design for the extension of Powell Road, from Crestwood Road to Steeles Avenue West, generally includes a new, 23 metre right-of-way that accommodates two vehicular travel lanes, lay-by parking on the east side of the roadway (from south of Royal Palm Drive to north of Steeles Avenue West) and a sidewalk, landscaping and bike path on both sides of the roadway.

### Interim Design

To minimize impacts to some existing property uses, an Interim Design for each roadway will be implemented until such time that the Preferred Design can be realized. The Interim Design for Royal Palm Drive, east of Powell Road, will consist of a reduced right-of-way with a sidewalk, landscaping and bike path exclusively on the north side of the roadway. South of Royal Palm Drive, the boulevard on the west side of Powell Road will be developed to include a bike path only.

### Environmental Study Report Review

The study process, including the need and justification, identification and evaluation of alternative design concepts, Preferred Design, potential environmental impacts and proposed mitigation measures, and public consultation, have been documented within an Environmental Study Report. A copy of is available for public comment for 30 days between April 24, 2026 and May 25, 2026. Please visit the study website [vaughan.ca/YongeSteeles](http://vaughan.ca/YongeSteeles) to access a copy of the Environmental Study Report.

All comments can be sent in writing within the comment period to the City of Vaughan as follows:

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2141 Major Mackenzie Dr., Vaughan, ON L6A 1T1

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In addition, a request to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for an order imposing additional conditions or requiring a comprehensive environmental assessment may be made on the grounds that the requested order may prevent, mitigate or remedy adverse impacts on constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights. Requests should include your full name and contact information.

Requests should specify what kind of order is being requested (additional conditions or a comprehensive environmental assessment), how an order may prevent, mitigate or remedy potential adverse impacts, and any information in support of the statements in the request. This will ensure the ministry is able to efficiently begin reviewing the request.

The request should be sent in writing and must be received by the Minister at the address below, as well as to the City of Vaughan project contact above, by no later than May 25, 2026:

**Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks**  
777 Bay Street, 5th Floor  
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3  
[minister.mecp@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mecp@ontario.ca)

**Director, Environmental Assessment Branch  
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks**  
135 St. Clair Avenue W, 1st Floor  
Toronto, ON M4V 1P5  
[EABDirector@ontario.ca](mailto:EABDirector@ontario.ca)

Please visit the ministry’s website for more information on requests for orders under section 16 of the *Environmental Assessment Act* by scanning the QR code.



Personal information on this form is collected under the authority of the *Municipal Act, 2001* and will be used for the purpose of administering the Yonge-Steeles Corridor Collector Roads Environmental Assessment study. Questions about this collection can be directed to the Manager, Transportation Planning and Engineering, City of Vaughan, 2141 Major Mackenzie Drive, Vaughan, ON L6A 1T1, 905-832-8585. ext. 8702. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

This Notice was first issued April 24, 2026.

### Study Area

