

**CITY OF VAUGHAN**

**EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 23, 2015**

Item 1, Report No. 3, of the Priorities and Key Initiatives Committee, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on June 23, 2015.

**1 HIGHWAY 427 EXTENSION UPDATE  
MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION  
WARDS 1 AND 2**

**The Priorities and Key Initiatives Committee recommends:**

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Development Engineering and Infrastructure Planning Services, dated June 1, 2015, be approved;**
- 2) That the deputation of Mr. Nick Pinto, West Woodbridge Homeowners Association, Mapes Avenue, Woodbridge, be received; and**
- 3) That Communication C1, presentation material titled “Highway 427 Expansion”, be received.**

**Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Development Engineering and Infrastructure Planning Services recommend:

1. THAT the presentation from the Ministry of Transportation staff on the status of the Highway 427 Extension project be received.

**Contribution To Sustainability**

The Highway 427 Extension from Highway 7 to Major Mackenzie Drive contributes to sustainability by addressing existing and short-term inter-regional transportation problems related to the current Highway 427 terminus, and by enhancing goods movement to and from the CPR Vaughan Intermodal facility. In addition, the extension of Hwy 427 will facilitate the planned growth in the City, in particular the West Vaughan Employment area.

**Economic Impact**

Adoption of this report has no adverse economic impact.

**Communication Plan**

The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) is developing a comprehensive communication program for the Highway 427 Extension project, which will be overviewed in the presentation.

**Purpose**

The purpose of this report and associated presentation from the Ministry of Transportation staff is to provide Council with the Highway 427 Extension project status update.

**Background And Current Status**

The Environmental Assessment (EA) for the extension of Highway 427 from its current terminus at Highway 7 to Major Mackenzie Drive West was approved in October 2010. This EA recommended a 6.6km extension and the construction of three new interchanges at Langstaff Road, Rutherford Road and Major Mackenzie Drive West as well as protection for a dedicated

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transitway along the west side of the extension and three transitway stations. The Highway 427 Extension is shown on Attachment No. 1. The transitway component and its support facilities of the future highway were developed to a conceptual design level and will be subject to future Class EA Studies prior to implementation.

In May 2013, the Province of Ontario made a public commitment to commence construction of the Highway 427 Extension by 2016/17. Infrastructure Ontario (IO) and MTO are proceeding to implement this commitment. MTO has begun to acquire the necessary property for the new highway corridor.

Since April 2014, Vaughan Development Engineering and Infrastructure Planning staff have been facilitating regular liaison meetings with the MTO, York Region and Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) to coordinate the many design and construction related aspects of the Highway 427 Extension project together with other projects in the study area including:

- Property acquisition
- Huntington Road replacement link
- McGillivray Road realignment at Rutherford Road
- Huntington Road Class EA
- Major Mackenzie Drive reconstruction
- Area development coordination
- Project scheduling
- Construction management
- Communication plan for the Highway 427 Extension project.

The West Vaughan Employment Secondary Plan identifies a network of collector roads that are needed to support the planned employment growth, and to provide connectivity in the City's transportation system. This planned road network includes a proposed east-west collector road that extends from the existing intersection of Trade Valley Drive and Huntington Road through Block 59 to the intersection of Martin Grove Road and Regional Road 27. The preliminary alignment of this collector Road, referred to as Street "A", crosses two existing valley features (Rainbow Creek and Robinson Creek), a hydro corridor containing multiple high voltage lines, and the proposed Highway 427 extension as shown on Attachment No. 2. Given that Street "A" would cross the future Highway 427; this crossing must be coordinated with the design and construction of the Highway 427 Extension project. In our discussions with MTO staff they have advised that they could consider including the Street "A" crossing structure in the highway construction project if the City can secure all the necessary approvals, property and funding by early summer 2015. The City's is currently finalizing the EA for Street "A" and will be reporting findings to Council in June 2015.

In April 2015, MTO retained their Owner's Engineer (OE) to assist in the engineering activities prior to and during the bidding period for the detailed design and construction phases of the highway project. The MTO is planning to release a request for pre-qualification (RFQ) in summer 2015 and a subsequent request for the proposal (RFP) in autumn 2015 to retain a consortium to design, build, finance and operate the highway. Once the consortium is committed, detailed design will be undertaken and construction of the highway will commence in late 2016/early 2017 and end in 2020. A detailed construction schedule will be developed by the selected consortium.

The presentation from MTO staff will update Council on the status of the Highway 427 Extension project and expand on the following areas:

- Project Status / Schedule
- Pre-engineering Activities

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- Municipal/Agency Liaison
- Construction Coordination
- Next Steps

As a key strategic priority for the City of Vaughan, staff will continue to play an active role in facilitating the design and construction of the Highway 427 Extension project, and report to Council on a regular basis on the status of the project.

Through close collaboration, every effort will be made by the agencies to keep the impacts of construction to a minimum on the surrounding community and the West Vaughan Employment area while ensuring the public and workforce safety during the construction.

#### **Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan**

This report is in keeping with the priorities previously established by Council to plan and manage growth, economic viability as well as supporting the transportation infrastructure needs of the City.

#### **Regional Implications**

York Region staff participates in the Highway 427 Extension project monthly liaison meetings. These regular meetings serve to assist in coordinating the reconstruction of Major Mackenzie Drive and to address other matters of Regional interest associated with the Highway 427 Extension project.

#### **Conclusion**

The presentation from MTO staff will provide an update to Council on the status of the Highway 427 Extension project from its current terminus point at Highway 7 to Major Mackenzie Drive.

As a key strategic priority for the City of Vaughan, staff will continue to play an active role in facilitating the design and construction phases of the Highway 427 Extension project, and report to Council on a regular basis on the status of the project.

#### **Attachments**

1. Ministry of Transportation Highway 427 Extension
2. Street "A" Location Map

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(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.)