

***For consideration by the Committee of the Whole
of the City of Vaughan on May 8, 2018***

The following items were dealt with:

1 VMC TERM OF COUNCIL PRIORITIES AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN UPDATE

The Vaughan Metropolitan Centre Sub-Committee advises Council:

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the Deputy City Manager, Planning and Growth Management dated April 10, 2018, was approved; and
- 2) That the presentation by VMC Project Management Team and C1, presentation material titled: “*VMC Updates – Downtown Under Construction*”, was received.

Purpose

To provide an update on the status of the identified Term of Council priority projects and overall Implementation Plan for the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre (“VMC”).

Recommendation

1. THAT this report and presentation BE RECEIVED.

Report Highlights

- The VMC Implementation Plan has been developed to prioritize and manage the timing and coordination of the many public-sector initiatives and partnerships in Vaughan's new downtown.
- Of the 46 projects within the VMC Implementation Plan, 98% are completed or underway.
- By the end of the 2014-2018 Term of Council, staff will have completed 14 out of the 16 projects identified in the Term of Council Service Excellence Strategy Map. The remaining two projects will be continued in 2019.
- Working across departments and with stakeholders, staff will be bringing forward new priority projects for the upcoming 2018-2022 Term of Council at future VMC Sub-Committee meeting.

Background

The VMC Implementation Plan was established in 2011 to facilitate high-quality and timely implementation of infrastructure and development in the VMC following Council's resolution to make the VMC a strategic priority

Since establishing the original VMC Terms of Reference, the City has made considerable progress in delivering the projects identified in the VMC Implementation Plan. Major engineering, planning and policy documents required to lay the foundation for development and provide a framework for growth have been completed. Together, these documents establish a strong vision and placemaking framework for the new downtown.

The original 2011 VMC Implementation Plan outlined 20 key projects, which has grown over the last seven years to more than 46 projects that together form an important program of catalyst projects for the VMC. Today, of the 46 capital projects identified, 33 (72%) are fully complete, 12 (26%) are underway and on track, and only one project (2%) is pending due to timing considerations related to development.

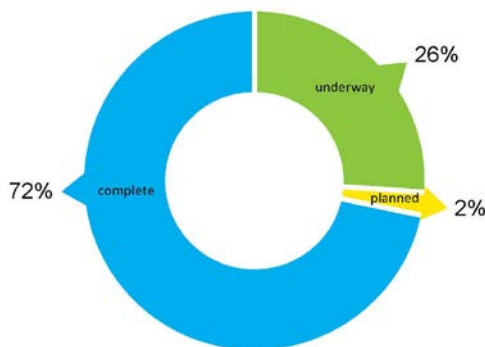


Figure 1 - Status of VMC Implementation Plan

Within the overall VMC Implementation Plan, 16 key projects were identified as Term of Council Priorities in the 2014-2018 Service Excellence Strategy Map to facilitate development of the VMC

On September 30, 2015, Council unanimously approved the Term of Council Service Excellence Strategy Map that identified Term of Council Priorities for 2014-2018. Staff have made significant progress to advance the 16 key projects identified as Term of Council priority initiatives for the VMC. To date, seven projects (44%) are complete and nine (56%) are underway and on track.

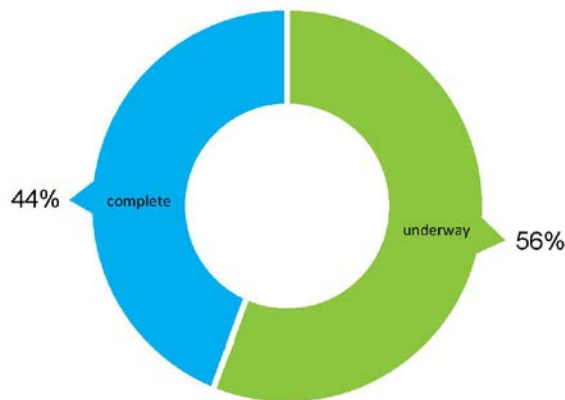


Figure 2 - Status of 2014 -2018 Term of Council Priority Projects for the VMC as of Q1 2018

By the end the 2014-2018 Term of Council, staff project that 14 key projects (88%) will be complete and two projects (12%) will continue into 2019. Initiation of the VMC Parks Master Plan and Implementation Strategy was reprioritized to enable analysis of alternate urban park models, and overall resolution of the VMC Secondary Plan OMB appeals is ongoing. Several of the key priority projects, such as the Community Improvement Plan, Parking Strategy and Culture and Public Art Framework have become embedded in the regular business process as ongoing projects that will continue as the VMC is implemented.

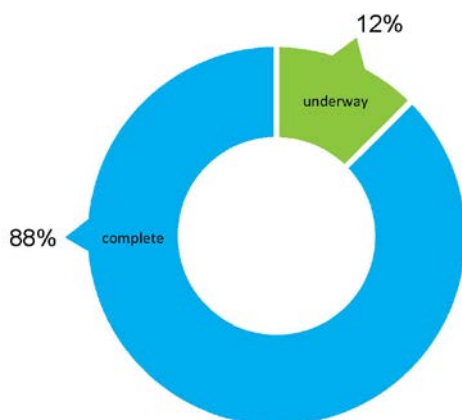


Figure 3 - Status of 2014-2018 Term of Council Priority Projects for the VMC projected for Q4 2018

Previous Reports/Authority

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Analysis and Options

Delivery of the Term of Council priority projects are beginning to crystalize the vision for the new downtown and demonstrate the City's historic transformation into a vibrant urban centre

With the official opening of the VMC Mobility Hub in December 2017, Vaughan residents experienced the first catalyst projects that reflect a new standard of design excellence.

Commitment to the implementation of a pedestrian oriented and high quality public realm is reflected across the Mobility Hub. Construction of Transit Square and Toronto Transit Commission ("TTC") Plaza, the downtown's first public square, was completed in coordination with development and opening of the TTC subway station in December. This contiguous private and public open space will serve as one of the main destinations in the VMC during the early stages of development. Programming of this space with activities and events will activate the Mobility Hub and draw visitors from across Vaughan and beyond.

The reconstruction of Millway Avenue between Regional Road 7 and Portage Parkway, and extension of Apple Mill Road east to Jane Street, was completed in record time to support the Toronto-York Spadina Subway Extension ("TYSSE") and the York Region Viva network of local and rapid transit. These new public roads officially opened on December 17, 2017.

Millway Avenue is the City's first premium level of service capital streetscape infrastructure project, incorporating elements such as cycling facilities, a passenger pick-up/drop-off area, urban boulevard treatments, generous pedestrian zones, landscape and LED street lighting. Investment in large caliper street trees will help to establish an early urban tree canopy for the downtown.

The vivaNext Highway 7 west rapidway with enhanced urban streetscape treatments from Bowes Road to Edgeley Boulevard opened in December and construction is 95% complete. The detailed design of the Phase 2 rapidway segment west of Edgeley Boulevard to Pine Valley Drive is underway. Construction of the Phase 2 segment will continue through 2020. According to vivaNext, ridership levels have already experienced a healthy increase, as weekday boardings of YRT Route 77 between Bowes and Jane have grown approximately +31% between 2016 and 2017 and weekday bus departures have grown approximately +33% between the same time period.

Construction of the innovative 9-storey YMCA, community centre and mixed use building broke ground in June 2017, and construction activity is proceeding on schedule with form work currently being completed at the fifth level of the building. This exciting partnership project will support the City's Active Together Master Plan by creating an important social anchor and civic presence at the heart of the VMC. This development will feature a 10,312 m² flagship YMCA facility, 1,858 m² Vaughan Public Library and 929 m² City of Vaughan community space. The 9-storey building is located next to the SmartCentres Place Bus Terminal, near the VMC Subway Station. The facility is expected to open in fall of 2019.

The York Region Transit Bus Terminal broke ground in January 2017. The nine-bay inter-regional bus terminal connecting to the VMC Subway Station is scheduled for completion in late spring 2018. Since operation of the TTC subway service to Vaughan, this facility has been operating with a temporary bus stop located along Millway Avenue.

Construction is set to begin this year on Phase 1 of the downtown's new signature open space, Edgeley Pond and Park

The detailed design of Edgeley Pond and Park is progressing well. Completion of construction ready drawings and full tender documentation is anticipated to be released in May 2018 for public tender bidding in June 2018 for Phase 1. Through this project, the City is advancing the construction of essential storm water infrastructure to manage flooding risks and unlock development potential, while creating a signature public destination that captures the imagination of VMC residents and visitors.

As part of the project implementation plan, a contractor pre-qualification and construction administration process is underway to shortlist qualified contractors with experience in projects of similar size and scope. Construction will break ground later this year, followed by a two-season construction schedule. Phase 1 of the Edgeley Pond and Park is set to open in 2020.

Detailed design of the Black Creek Renewal project will proceed in 2018

The VMC Black Creek Renewal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study has been completed and has confirmed that there is an opportunity to implement effective flood controls works, enhance the natural heritage system and enhance the public realm through the reconstruction and renewal of the Black Creek valley corridor between Highway 7 and Highway 407. The Notice of Study Completion is scheduled to be issued in early Q2-2018 in accordance with the Municipal Class EA process.

Issuing the Notice of Completion will place the Environmental Study Report on public record for the minimum 30-day review period in accordance with the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process. Following receipt of final approval, the City will proceed with the detailed design.

Implementation of the Council approved Black Creek Financial Strategy is ongoing through the design and construction of the Edgeley Pond and Park project, Black Creek Renewal works, and coordination with active development files.

The City continues to advance settlements and negotiations with appellants of the VMC Secondary Plan

In 2017, the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) issued two significant decisions for the VMC Secondary Plan. As a result of these decisions, a number of VMC Secondary Plan appeals were resolved, which resulted in a majority of the Plan's policies and schedules being in force. Staff continue to work diligently to resolve the remaining appeals. The next Ontario Municipal Board hearing date is scheduled for September 14, 2018.

Through this Term of Council, several foundational implementation studies and tools have been developed

The Community Improvement Plan (CIP) background study was completed in the fall of 2015, followed by the enactment of the CIP By-law in December 2015. This five-year incentive program supports the acceleration of office development in the VMC. Through the first two years of the CIP program, three office developments within the VMC have submitted CIP applications. Two office developments completed or under construction (i.e. KPMG Tower and PwC/YMCA mixed use building), are substantially tenanted, generating an estimated 2,000 jobs. The development industry's investment in major office space has led to a growing number of notable office tenants relocating to the VMC, including KPMG, Miller Thomson, GFL Environmental, Harley-Davidson and FM Global. Tenant recruitment is underway for the third office project but job estimates are not yet available.

The EA for the Portage Parkway Widening and Easterly Extension to West of Black Creek (Part A) was approved in August 2016. The timely advancement of this project frames the northern limit of the VMC and facilitates planned improvements for Portage Parkway, as part of the planned street network, near the VMC subway station. The EA for Portage Parkway Extension from west of Black Creek to Creditstone (Part B) was also approved in October 2016. This provided the logical and orderly staging of the widening and improvements to Portage Parkway facilitating the longer-term transformation and ultimate build out of the VMC. Together, these priority projects are essential to coordination efforts required with other key projects to streamline approvals and facilitate seamless development of the VMC.

The City completed the one-year testing phase of the VMC 3D Model in February 2017. The 3D Model is working well as a tool to support better collaboration between the City, developers, and agencies in addressing the complexities of high density projects in the downtown and in ensuring that context sensitive design is achieved. The 3D Model has also been used to illustrate the existing conditions and future design proposals for developments considered by the Design Review Panel and is intended to be similarly used at future Public Hearings.

The Utility Master Plan is a foundational study that will assist the City to properly plan for utility servicing to support the VMC build-out and provide the framework for a well-integrated development context. The Utility Master Plan was developed to guide the City, developers and design consultants by ensuring utilities and infrastructure are adequately designed, integrated and coordinated with the downtown's new public realm comprised of new urban level of service streetscapes, cycling facilities, medians, parks and open spaces. Since completion in 2017, this document has served as a tool in the coordination and review of development applications.

Initiated in November 2016, the VMC Parking Strategy will help the City manage parking within the downtown core. The Parking Strategy will include a comprehensive plan with immediate, short-term and long-term parking solutions that support continued investment in the VMC, while laying the foundation for fundamental changes in land-use and travel habits. An early deliverable of the Parking Strategy was advanced in 2017 to identify the necessary measures to address public parking prior to the opening of the transit facilities in December 2017. Development of the longer-term strategies for implementation of public parking are going. A final version of the Parking Strategy is anticipated to be brought forward to the June 2018 VMC Sub-Committee meeting.

The City's Public Art Program is being actively encouraged and implemented in downtown projects

Following Council approval of the VMC Culture and Public Art Framework and City-Wide Public Art Program in June 2016, staff have been working with city departments and the development community to explore opportunities to integrate public art with significant development proposals and major capital projects.

The City secured its first commitment for the commissioning and installation of public art as a condition of approval for the YMCA, community centre and mixed-use building. Additional public art commitments are being coordinated through active development applications.

The City acquired a collection of original photographic works from the SUBWAYculture: photographs by Frank Mazzuca art exhibition (featured at Vaughan City Hall in the fall of 2016). These 29 works are permanent acquisitions now housed in the City of Vaughan's Art Integration Corporate Collection, with the intention of installing them in a high profile public area of the VMC.

Excitement about the VMC is rising

The Community Engagement and Marketing Plan is an ongoing initiative to raise public awareness about the VMC and engage citizens and businesses in the City's downtown development plans.

Developed in 2017, the Plan identified key messages and promotional strategies to be implemented leading up to the opening of the Line 1 Yonge-University extension and

Highway vivaNext 7 rapidway in December. Additionally, a series of community partnered events and programs were implemented in 2017 with a focus on promoting and showcasing Vaughan's robust economy and demonstrating pride in its arts and culture identity through a wide range of engaging and creative activities. These efforts will continue through 2018 as staff update the community engagement strategy and refine marketing plans.

Transformative new projects will be initiated this year

The VMC Parks Master Plan and Implementation Strategy is intended to help guide the acquisition and development of parkland in the downtown, as identified in the VMC Secondary Plan. Through this project, the City will identify unique opportunities for innovative design, programming and implementation strategies that may allow for an incremental development of parkland and consideration for alternative park management strategies to help the City operate and maintain VMC parkland. Development of the terms of reference for the project has been initiated, and the release of a public tender for consultant services is planned for the fall of this year.

The next Term of Council will include updated priority initiatives to support the continuing build out of the VMC

As this Term of Council nears completion, the VMC project team will be working across departments and with stakeholders to identify themes and potential new priority projects for the upcoming 2018-2022 Term of Council to facilitate continued development of the VMC. These ideas will be brought forward to a future VMC Sub-Committee meeting for information and discussion.

Financial Impact

There are no economic impacts resulting from this report.

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

Building a downtown is an ambitious goal. The York Region Official Plan places importance on the centres and corridors within the local municipalities as the cornerstone to achieving provincial population and employment growth targets. Collaboration with broader regional stakeholders continues to be an important factor in ensuring the success of the VMC.

Regional staff has participated and will continue to be involved throughout the duration of these initiatives to provide input and comment as required to ensure successful implementation and coordination of these catalytic projects.

Conclusion

Over this Term of Council, Staff have continued to work closely with Toronto York Spadina Subway Extension ("TYSSE"), York Region, York Region Rapid Transit Corporation ("YRRTC"), the Toronto Transit Commission ("TTC"), Toronto and Region Conservation

1. THAT this report and presentation BE RECEIVED.

Report Highlights

- The VMC Secondary Plan establishes a population target of 25,000 residents and 11,500 jobs by 2031 to achieve the critical mass of a downtown.
- Based on York Region's people per unit assumptions, realization of potential residential development (approved and proposed) will represent more than 19,224 residents in 9,700 units moving into the VMC, achieving 81% of residential units and 77% of population targets identified for the 2031 planning horizon far earlier than expected.
- 53,000 m² of new commercial office space has been approved, representing 2000 jobs. This volume represents 36% of the 2031 office space target.

Background

To achieve the critical mass of a downtown and meet the density target of 200 people and jobs per hectare established in the Province's *Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe*, the VMC Secondary Plan establishes a population target of approximately 17,000 residents and 6,500 jobs by 2031. The population target for the larger VMC area, including the Urban Growth Centre, is 25,000 residents and 11,500 jobs by 2031.

Previous Reports/Authority

N/A

Analysis and Options

Residential activity in the VMC has exceeded expectations

New active development applications continue to be received for residential projects that will bring even greater numbers of residents to the downtown, and solidify the VMC's brand as a dynamic, complete community in emergence.

There are currently nine condominium towers approved for development or under construction in the VMC, representing 4,349 new apartment units. In addition, 73 townhouse units have been approved. Based on active development applications and proposed projects (new areas of interest), there are more than 5,360 new residential units proposed for development. See Attachment #1.

Based on York Region's people per unit assumptions, realization of potential residential development will represent more than 9,700 units (approved and proposed) and 19,224 residents moving into the new downtown, achieving 81% of residential units and 77% of population targets based on the 2031 planning horizon far earlier than expected.

To date, the predominant form of development has been tower and podium. Recent development applications have introduced a wider range of building typologies, including mid-rise and urban townhouse blocks, which reflect the urban design vision for the downtown to provide diversity in housing choice, massing form and architectural

character.

Through the facilitation of the City's Design Review Panel and partnerships with the development community, high quality architecture is being realized. Sixteen development applications within the VMC have been reviewed before the City's Design Review Panel, several for multiple iterations.

Compared to residential activity, the advancement of commercial office space proceeds at a more cautionary pace subject to market confidence along with the development of a mass of critical business and public infrastructure. The City's Community Improvement Plan (CIP) has been helping to incent major office development, levelling the playing field with other office nodes in the GTA.

Currently there are three office projects in the VMC, two of which are completed or under construction. These two projects are substantially occupied with strong anchor tenants. The site plan for the third office project was recently approved and tenant recruitment is underway. To date, approximately 50,000 m² of new commercial office space has been approved, representing 36% of the 2031 target.

Exciting new tenancies which include head offices, financial institutions, legal firm Miller Thomson and professional services leader, KPMG have moved into the KPMG Tower, the first major office building to be completed in the VMC. Employment at the KPMG Tower is estimated at 700 jobs; however, this number is expected to rise with full occupancy by the anchor tenant. KPMG which currently occupies six floors of the 15-storey building is projected to have more than 600 employees working out of the VMC serving clients across York Region and the GTA. Upon completion in 2019, the PwC/YMCA mixed-use building will bring additional office employment. The estimated jobs from these new office developments will reach nearly 2,000.

The VMC's tenant roster: Harley-Davidson Canada, GFL Environmental, FM Global, BMO Wealth Management and TD Bank in addition to Miller Thomson and KPMG offers quality office employment – highly-skilled jobs that are aligned with the training and education of Vaughan residents. These early corporate tenants will continue to draw affiliated services and businesses. Along with the breadth of public transit options, innovative office space, housing options, and urban amenities, corporate clients have alternatives to offer employees who are looking for more life/work balance, while also tapping into business opportunities in the growing 905-region.

The development momentum and critical mass of residents and employees moving into the new downtown signals that a focus on social infrastructure is needed.

To create a vibrant downtown that attracts residents, employees and businesses, it is necessary to have a mix of retail commercial, hospitality and entertainment options. The current suburban retail typologies will evolve to urban models, aided by a growing volume of public transit ridership, corporate and community demands. Case in point is the Icona project – a redevelopment of the 155-room limited-service Hilton Garden Inn into a 260-

room full-service hotel along with conference centre, residences and retail uses.

A second new hotel is planned in the VMC, adding to the current roster of hotels including the Marriott Courtyard, Residence Inn, and Hilton Garden Inn. Development approvals are in place for a hotel as part of Phase 2 of Liberty's Cosmos project.

Delivery of a new 10,312 m² (111,000 ft²) flagship YMCA, as well as an 1,858 m² (20,000 ft²) public library and 929 m² (10,000 ft²) community space in 2019 will further transform the VMC. The amenities, services and gathering spaces offered by this project creates a sense of community for residents and workers. Public open spaces such as TTC Plaza and Transit Square offer future programming opportunities for food vendors, farmers markets, small concerts and other seasonal events to draw visitors from across Vaughan and beyond.

As the downtown continues to be built out, a focus on the need to advance the planning and implementation of schools, parks, emergency services, places of worship and other social infrastructure is required to ensure that the community is well supported by these necessary amenities and facilities.

With the City's Public Art Program and VMC Culture and Public Art Framework in place, several public art pieces are anticipated to be integrated with development over the next several years. These investments will contribute to the realization that public art has tangible economic and social benefits that enhances and enriches quality of life in the VMC for residents and visitors.

The development of social infrastructure is as important as the development of buildings as a contributor to placemaking that will significantly enhance the character and identity in the VMC.

Financial Impact

There are no economic impacts resulting from this report.

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

Building a downtown is an ambitious goal. The Region of York's Official Plan places tremendous importance on the centres and corridors within its local municipalities as the cornerstone to achieving provincial population and employment growth targets. Collaboration with broader regional stakeholders continues to be an important factor in ensuring the success of the VMC.

Regional staff has participated and will continue to be involved throughout the duration of these initiatives to provide input and comment as required to ensure successful implementation and coordination of these catalytic projects.

Conclusion

The largest and most significant development project in Vaughan's history, the VMC sits

1. THAT the staff report and presentation BE RECEIVED.

Report Highlights

- The VMC Subway Station opened to the public on December 17, 2017, including the operation of the Highway 7 vivaNext Bus Rapid Transit station
- Millway Avenue reconstruction, TTC Plaza and Transit Square are complete and open for public use.
- Designated Passenger Pick Up and Drop Off areas are available on Millway Avenue and New Park Place to facilitate transit users.
- The YRRT Bus Terminal is expected to open in late spring of 2018.

Background

Over recent months, the landscape of the VMC's core Mobility Hub has dramatically changed and will continue to evolve. This is an exciting time for Vaughan, with the delivery of a number of first-of-its-kind projects for the City that begin to crystallize the vision for the VMC as a vibrant, walkable and transit-oriented downtown. These projects include Transit Square, TTC Plaza, the premium level of streetscape along Millway Avenue, New Park Place, the City's first flexible street, and Apple Mill Road extension to Jane Street. With the opening of the VMC Subway Station and Highway 7 Bus Rapid Transit in December 2017, the Mobility Hub is becoming the connection point that establishes the VMC as 'a Place'.

Previous Reports/Authority

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Analysis and Options

The opening of the VMC Subway Station marked an important milestone in the City's history

December 17, 2017 marked a historic day in Vaughan where the City's vision for the future became a reality with the unveiling of the VMC Subway Station. This was an exciting milestone in Vaughan's journey to becoming a world-class city. With the opening of the subway and implementation of other catalyst projects, the transformation in Vaughan's new downtown will continue. The arrival of the subway station has created great energy in the City's community and positions Vaughan with a more prominent role in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA).

Construction of the underground pedestrian tunnel connecting all transit facilities is complete and will be fully open once the York Region Transit bus terminal on Millway Avenue is complete later this spring. An underground tunnel connection to the KPMG office building is now open.

Millway Avenue reconstruction was completed in step with the opening of the subway

The reconstruction of Millway Avenue between Highway 7 and Portage Parkway was timed to support the Toronto-York Spadina Subway Extension (TYSSE) and the York Region Viva network of local and rapid transit. The reconstruction of Millway Avenue started in July 2017 and was completed and opened to the public on December 14, 2017.

The main challenge of this project was time. Millway Avenue had to be completed for the opening day of the subway. The entire project from the detailed design to completed construction took 11 months. This is an example of unprecedented efficiency of delivery and complexity of and construction coordination.

The VMC bus rapid transit segment on Highway 7 opened in December

On December 17, 2017, the new VMC bus rapid transit station opened for service as part of the vivaNext rapidway segment from Bowes Road to Edgeley Boulevard, coinciding with the opening of the Line 1 subway extension. Located west of Jane Street at Millway Avenue, passengers are now able to connect directly from this rapidway station to the TTC subway and the adjacent SmartCentres Place Bus Terminal which will open in late spring of 2018.

Features of the new VMC rapidway station along Highway 7 include a canopy that completely covers the rapidway lanes, longer and wider platforms to accommodate a large number of passengers, and elevators and escalators to the subway station below.

The completion of the bus terminal is expected in late spring 2018

A key element of the developing mobility hub in the Vaughan's downtown is the York Region Transit (YRT) bus terminal. The bus terminal is currently under construction and YRT has indicated that it will be completed in late spring 2018. In order to facilitate York Region Transit (YRT) in the interim, Millway Avenue (south bound lane) between New Park Place and Apple Mill Road has been designated as a temporary bus stop zone.

Designated pick up and drop off areas are provided to facilitate commuters

The transportation vision for the VMC is to promote cycling, walking and transit. To keep a safe flow of traffic moving in an increasingly busy area, restrictions for where people can stop in their cars or park are in place throughout most of the VMC. There are designated passenger pick up and drop off (PPUDO) locations on New Park Place and Millway Avenue where vehicle stopping is permitted to a maximum of 10 minutes as identified in Attachment 1. It is important that these specific areas are used to ensure the safe travel of cyclists, pedestrians and other vehicles throughout the area. There are commuter parking lots at Pioneer Village Station (1,881 spaces) and 407 Station (583 spaces), and temporary private commercial parking in the VMC on the east side of Millway Avenue.

Traffic flow, pedestrian safety and getting people around the VMC are reliant on commuters adhering to no stopping, no standing and no parking regulations. City staff will continue to inform and educate members of the public on the importance of lawful parking. Enforcement staff will continue to provide a visible presence throughout the VMC area, support safe travel and a positive commuter experience. Communication will continue to be provided through Council eNewsletters, corporate social media accounts and the corporate eNewsletter.

Staff are also working to enhance signage in the VMC to ensure greater visibility for the public and the safe compliance of parking regulations. The City is collaborating with the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) to provide wayfinding signage directing commuters to PPUDO areas within the VMC mobility hub. As an interim measure, City staff has worked with York Region to provide temporary electronic boards at key locations in the Mobility Hub. The messaging is intended to direct commuters to the PPUDO areas and encourage no stopping and no parking along Millway Avenue.

Following the opening the YRT Bus Terminal in the spring and the removal of the temporary bus stop location, staff anticipate a better utilization of the PPUDO spaces along Millway Avenue.

Moving Forward

Now that the first phase of the Mobility Hub has been delivered, staff will focus on new projects to further advance development and improve operations in the area. These projects include opening of the YRT Bus Terminal and second direct underground tunnel access to the subway station; advancing primary roads within the north-west quadrant of the VMC; and the widening of Portage Parkway west of Jane Street.

Financial Impact

None.

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

Building a downtown is an ambitious goal. The York Region Official Plan places tremendous importance on the centres and corridors within its local municipalities as the cornerstone to achieving Provincial population and employment growth targets. Collaboration with broader regional stakeholders continues to be an important factor in ensuring the success of the VMC.

Regional staff has participated and will continue to be involved throughout the duration of these initiatives to ensure successful implementation and coordination of these catalytic projects.

Conclusion

Staff worked closely with Toronto York Spadina Subway Extension (TYSSE), York Region,

York Region Rapid Transit Corporation (YRRTC), agencies and landowners to co-ordinate the streamlined planning, design and construction of key projects and infrastructure investments in the Mobility Hub.

As part of the development and implementation of the mobility hub, staff will continue to coordinate and work closely with the partnering agencies on refining operational matters and upcoming initiatives.

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Attachment

1. VMC Mobility Hub Map

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(A copy of the attachment 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.)

The meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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