

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 30, 2012

Item 2, Report No. 5, of the Priorities and Key Initiatives Committee, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on October 30, 2012.

2 TORONTO-YORK SPADINA SUBWAY EXTENSION UPDATE CITY WIDE

The Priorities and Key Initiatives Committee recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works, dated October 22, 2012:

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works recommends:

1. THAT the presentation from York Region Rapid Transit Corporation and Toronto Transit Commission staff with respect to the status of the Toronto-York Spadina Subway Extension be received.

Contribution to Sustainability

The Toronto-York Spadina Subway Extension (TYSSE) project and the Highway 7 Bus Rapid Transitway (BRT) will provide higher order transit infrastructure to support compact urban form and will offer alternative modes of transportation to the single occupant vehicle. The subway extension into the City is also stimulating the establishment of transit orientated development in the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre and the Steeles West Secondary Plan (Official Plan Amendment 620) area.

York Region's VivaNext rapid transit plan is a key component of the vision outlined by Ontario's Places to Grow Act, which aims to manage growth in a sustainable and environmentally-friendly way that enriches communities and works with local municipalities to help deliver their vision and densities.

Economic Impact

There is no economic impact associated with the recommendations of this report.

Communications Plan

There is no specific communication plan associated with this report; however, York Region Rapid Transit Corporation (YRRT) and the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) are using various means of keeping the public informed on the status of TYSSE and VivaNext projects including a dedicated web site, a Blog, Twitter, Facebook, Newsletters, Media and public and stakeholder meetings.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to supplement the presentation that YRRT and TTC staff will be making to Council on the status of the Toronto-York Spadina Subway Extension project.

Background - Analysis and Options

The Toronto-York Spadina Subway Extension (TYSSE) project is an 8.6km extension from the existing Downsview Station northwest through York University within the City of Toronto and north to the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre.

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The design of the TYSSE project began in 2008. TYSSE Project staff, both from TTC and from the York Region Rapid Transit Corporation (YRRTC), has worked cooperatively with Vaughan staff and Vaughan Council over the last four years to facilitate the timely completion of the project. Heavy civil construction is currently underway on the three subway stations in Vaughan.

The original timeline for construction of the subway anticipated commissioning and full subway service by the end of 2015.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

In consideration of the strategic priorities related to Vaughan Vision 2020, the recommendations of this report will assist in:

- The pursuit of excellence in service delivery;
- Planning and managing growth, and economic vitality; and
- The demonstration of leadership and promotion of effective governance.

Specific Strategic Plan Initiatives applicable to the recommendations made in this report include Vaughan's corporate priorities to support and plan high capacity transit at strategic locations throughout the City. Accordingly, this report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council.

Regional Implications

The Region of York is a partner in the Toronto-York Spadina Subway Extension project and the proponent of the Highway 7 Viva Bus Rapidway project.

Conclusion

The Toronto-York Spadina Subway Extension and Highway 7 Bus Rapid Transitway projects are progressing. Heavy civil construction is currently underway on the three subway stations in Vaughan. Vaughan staff will continue to liaise with the respective project teams to facilitate the timely completion on these important rapid transit projects in the City.

Attachments

None

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