

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 10, 2013

Item 2, Report No. 6, of the Priorities and Key Initiatives Committee, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on December 10, 2013.

**2 YORK REGION RAPID TRANSIT UPDATE
CITY-WIDE**

The Priorities and Key Initiatives Committee recommends:

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works and the Director of Development & Transportation Engineering, dated November 25, 2013, approved; and**
- 2) That Communication C2, presentation material titled “York Region Rapid Transit Corporation, VivaNext”, dated November 25, 2013, be received.**

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works and the Director of Development & Transportation Engineering recommend:

1. THAT the presentation from York Region Rapid Transit Corporation staff on the status of rapid transit projects in Vaughan be received.

Contribution to Sustainability

Higher order transit infrastructure such as the Spadina and Yonge Subway Extension projects and the VivaNext Highway 7 Bus Rapid Transitway will support compact urban form and will offer an alternative mode of transportation to the single occupant vehicle.

Economic Impact

There is no economic impact resulting from the recommendations of this report.

Communication Plan

There is no communication plan associated with this report.

Purpose

The purpose of this report and associated presentation from York Region Rapid Corporation (YRRTC) staff is to provide Council with the status of the rapid transit projects in Vaughan.

Background –Analysis and Options

The construction of the Toronto-York Spadina Subway Extension is well underway and the three stations in Vaughan are taking shape. The first stage of the VivaNext Rapidway in Vaughan (H2-VMC), which extends along Highway 7 from Edgeley Boulevard to approximately Bowes Road, is under construction and scheduled to be completed concurrently with the opening of the Toronto-York Spadina Subway Extension in 2016.

YRRTC is currently engaged in the design stage of the next phase of the H2 Rapidway, which extends west of Edgeley Boulevard to approximately Helen Street and east of Bowes Road. Accordingly, staff has arranged a presentation from YRRTC staff which will provide more details on the current status of the following transit projects:

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Toronto-York Spadina Subway Extension

- Subway tunnel construction in Vaughan is nearing completion
- VMC and Hwy407 Stations are taking shape
- Construction of the Black Creek Station entrance (Vaughan side) and Transformer Substation is underway
- The Phase 2 site plan for the passage pick-up/drop-off, York Transit Bus Terminal, Street “C” and commuter parking lot associated with the Black Creek Station is expected to be submitted to the City in 2014.

VMC York Region Transit Bus Terminal

- Target commencement of Bus Terminal design Q1-2014
- Site Plan submission to City Q2 -014
- Design of Millway widening north of Applemill targeted to begin Q2-2014
- Completion of Bus Terminal design Q4-2014
- Anticipated start of construction Q1 / Q2 2015
- Millway Avenue reconstruction to be coordinated with Bus Terminal scope of work
- Bus Terminal partial opening and completion of Millway to be timed with opening of the Subway
- Completion of balance of Bus Terminal targeted 6 months following opening of Subway

VivaNext Rapidway H2-VMC – Edgeley to Bowes Road

- Utility relocations ongoing
- Road construction anticipated to begin Spring 2014
- H2-VMC completion date to coincide with TYSSE opening (Fall 2016)

Balance of H2 Rapidway – West of Edgeley and east of Bowes Road

- Property acquisition ongoing
- Request for Proposal (Design/Build/Finance) - Spring 2014
- Construction anticipated to begin -Fall 2015
- Rapidway open- late 2018
- Highway 400/7 Ramp Reconfiguration to be constructed as part of the Highway 7 West – Phase 2 (H2) project:
 - York Region led initiative
 - Creates a fully functional intersection at N to E/W off ramp
- York Region has confirmed that raised bike lanes are proposed on the Highway 7 West – Phase 2 (H2) and Yonge Street projects. Design of bike lanes across the 400 bridge under review
- Interface between H2-VMC curb lane bike lanes and H2 raised bike lanes is under review
- Integration with City of Vaughan bike lane program is under review
- termination location and configuration of the rapidway west limit is under review

VivaNext Project Communications

- Broad communication strategy will be implemented throughout the duration of the project

Metrolinx Next Wave projects – Yonge Subway extension

- The Yonge Subway North Extension is the number one rapid transit priority for York Region

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- March 2012 – Yonge Subway Conceptual Design Study completed and approved by the YRRTC Board
- May 2013 – Yonge North Subway Extension Benefits Case released by Metrolinx
- Metrolinx Yonge Relief Line Network Study
 - York, Toronto, TTC and MTO participating in study
 - Purpose is to assess a broad range of alternatives to relieve the Yonge Subway
 - Study completion in Q1-2015

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have been allocated and approved.

Regional Implications

York Region is responsible for the funding and operation of public conventional and specialized transit services throughout York Region.

Conclusion

The information in this report and the associated presentation from YRRTC staff provides an update on the current status of the key rapid transit project in Vaughan.

Attachments

None

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