

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 19, 2017

Item 29, Report No. 13, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on April 19, 2017.

29 SUPPLEMENTAL UPDATE ON YORK REGION DRAFT 2017 DEVELOPMENT CHARGE BACKGROUND STUDY AND BYLAW

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Deputy City Manager of Public Works, dated April 4, 2017:

Recommendation

The Deputy City Manager of Public Works recommends:

1. THAT this report be received for information.

Contribution to Sustainability

This report contributes to the goals and objectives within Green Directions Vaughan, The City's Community Sustainability and Environmental Master Plan, specifically:

Goal 2: To ensure sustainable development and redevelopment

Objective 2.1: To achieve sustainable growth and development by completing and implementing Vaughan Tomorrow, the City's Consolidated Growth Management Strategy – 2031, and by ensuring the strategy is subject to periodic review and renewal.

Goal 3: To ensure that Vaughan is a city that is easy to get around with a low environmental impact.

Objective 3.2: To develop and sustain a network of roads that supports efficient and accessible public and private transit.

Economic Impact

There are no direct financial implications of this report to the City of Vaughan.

Communications Plan

York Region Committee of the Whole will hold a public meeting on April 20, 2017, pursuant to the Development Charges Act, 1997, to receive input on the revised draft 2017 Development Charge Background Study and Bylaw.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the meeting on April 6, 2017, between Mayor Bevilacqua, York Region Chairman and CEO, Wayne Emmerson, Regional Councillors, and staff regarding York Region's revised 2017 Development Charge Background Study and Bylaw. Staff will report to Council on April 19, 2017, regarding the outcome of this meeting.

Background - Analysis and Options

At its meeting on March 21, 2017, Vaughan Council adopted, without amendment, Item 25, Report No. 10, of the Committee of the Whole, regarding the Update on York Region Draft 2017 Development Charge Background Study and Bylaw.

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Recommendation 1, directed staff to report to the Committee of the Whole meeting in April 2017 on the outcome of further discussions with York Region staff and the changes made to the York Region 2017 Development Charge Background Study and Bylaw.

On March 23, 2017, York Region Council received a revised draft 2017 Development Charge Background Study and proposed Bylaw. York Region Council will also hold an additional public meeting on April 20, 2017, with the intent of approving the 2017 Development Charge Bylaw at their meeting on May 25, 2017.

There are a number of changes in the revised draft 2017 Development Charges Background Study that will assist in providing the needed infrastructure in the City of Vaughan to accommodate growth. However, a gap remains between the needed infrastructure and the infrastructure that will be provided by York Region based on the draft 2017 Development Charges Background Study.

To further discuss these concerns, Mayor Bevilacqua, York Region Chairman and CEO Wayne Emmerson, Regional Councillors and staff are scheduled to meet on April 6, 2017. Following this meeting, staff will report to Council at their meeting on April 19, 2017, summarizing the detailed review of the York Region revised draft 2017 Development Charge Background Study and Bylaw.

Relationship to Term of Council Service Excellence Strategy Map (2014-2018)

In consideration of the strategic priorities related to the Term of Council Service Excellence Strategy Map (2014-2018), this report is consistent with the following Term of Council Priorities; however, the excluded infrastructure in 2017 Development Charge Background Study has the potential to slow progress on the following priorities:

- Improve municipal road network
- Continue to develop transit, cycling and pedestrian options to get around the City
- Invest, renew and manage infrastructure and assets

Regional Implications

The exclusion of many needed growth related Roads and Transit infrastructure from the 2017 Development Charge Background Study will impact Regional transportation service levels across the City. York Region is assessing the impact of the gap between the needed infrastructure and proposed infrastructure. Updates will be provided to City staff as the Region advances this work.

Conclusion

On March 23, 2017, York Region Council received a revised draft 2017 Development Charge Background Study and Bylaw. Staff has reviewed the revised documents.

To further review the City of Vaughan's concerns, York Region Chairman and CEO has scheduled a meeting with Mayor Bevilacqua and Regional Councillors DiBiase, Ferri and Rosati for April 6, 2017.

Staff is continuing to review the York Region revised background study and bylaw and will report to council on April 19, 2017, with the results of this review and the outcome of the April 6 meeting.

Attachments

N/A

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