

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 25, 2013

Item 2, Report No. 31, of the Committee of the Whole (Working Session), which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on June 25, 2013.

2 YORK REGION TRANSIT ANNUAL SERVICE PLANNING AND MOBILITY PLUS SERVICE CITY-WIDE

The Committee of the Whole (Working Session) 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 June 17, 2013, be approved; and
- 2) That the following Communications be received:
 - C2. Presentation material entitled, "*York Region Transit (YRT/Viva) 2014 Annual Service Plan, Proposed Initiatives*"; and
 - C3. Presentation material entitled, "*Mobility Plus Service Delivery Pre-Amalgamation to 2013*".

Recommendation

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

1. THAT the presentation from York Region Transit staff on the annual conventional transit service planning and Mobility Plus service delivery be received.

Contribution To Sustainability

Accessible and frequent local transit service 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

Information on the York Region Transit Annual Service Plan and Mobility Plus service is available to stakeholders through media coverage, website postings, advertisement and print material.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an overview of the proposed initiatives under the Draft 2014 Annual York Region Transit Service Plan and Mobility Plus service delivery in the City as a precursor to a more detailed presentation from York Region Staff.

Background –Analysis And Options

In 2012, York Region Transit (YRT) released their Five Year Service Plan covering the period between 2012 and 2016. This Plan is a strategic document identifying YRT/Viva's service, operating, and capital requirements and objectives for the next five years. The objective of the Plan is to guide YRT/Viva through the transit system's realignment phase, while focusing on effective ridership management, matching levels of service to meet demand and improving on-time performance.

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York Region Transit is in the process of finalizing the 2014 Annual Service Plan

YRT prepares annual service plans to support the goals and objectives of the Five-Year Service Plan. The objectives of the draft 2014 Service Plan include:

- Restructure routes
- Strengthen the grid network
- Match service levels to meet demand
- Improve service reliability
- Mitigate impacts due to VivaNext construction
- Manage ridership
- Draft 2017 Viva network plan

The Draft 2014 Service Plan proposes service changes to a number of bus routes in the City including:

- Route 7 – Martin Grove Road
- Route 10 – Woodbridge
- Route 28 – Zenway
- Route 98/99- Yonge/Yonge Late Night
- Route 760 – Vaughan Mills/Canada's Wonderland
- Route 23 – Thornhill Woods
- Route 26 – Maple Local
- Route 360 – Vaughan Express
- Route 87 – Autumn Hill
- Viva Orange along Highway 7 between Pine Valley and York University

Specialized transit services (Mobility Plus) have been available in Vaughan for over 20 years

Specialized transit services have been provided in the City for over 20 years. Since the amalgamation of transit service in 2001, York Region has been providing this service through "Mobility Plus".

Mobility Plus services are provided to residents by means of municipally owned buses, and taxi and minivan contractors. Mobility Plus continues to improve the delivery of their service through the following initiatives:

- New performance based contracts
- Reduction in barriers
- Trip by trip eligibility determination
- New scheduling software
- New bus and vehicle fleet

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

On January 1, 2001, York Region assumed responsibility for the funding and operation of public conventional and specialized transit services throughout York Region.

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Conclusion

The proposed initiatives under the draft 2014 York Region Transit Annual Service Plan includes service changes to a number of existing routes in the City to address ridership demand.

Attachments

None

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