

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 21, 2017

Item 16, Report No. 39, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on November 21, 2017.

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DUFFERIN STREET ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA)

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following resolution submitted by Regional Councillor Ferri, dated November 7, 2017:

Member's Resolution

Submitted by Regional Councillor Mario Ferri

***Whereas**, there are existing congestion problems on Dufferin Street between Langstaff Road and Rutherford Road, as well as Major Mackenzie Drive and Teston Road; and*

***Whereas**, York Region has initiated a Class EA for Dufferin Street between the limits of Langstaff Road and Teston Road that will consider capacity improvements to address existing congestion; and*

***Whereas**, York Region's 2016 Transportation Master Plan Update identified the need for capacity and network improvements along Dufferin Street to accommodate future travel demands; and*

***Whereas**, the widening of Dufferin Street from Teston Road to 15th Sideroad is included in the Transportation Master Plan, in the longer term 2032-2041 timeframe; and*

***Whereas**, GO Transit is considering a new station to be located at Kirby Road and Keele Street that will increase traffic in the surrounding areas; and*

***Whereas**, the Panel tasked with providing advice on the need for the GTA West Corridor has completed its review and has submitted a report to the Minister of Transportation, and the Minister is reviewing the Panel's advice, and is committed to providing an update on the future of the GTA West Corridor shortly; and*

***Whereas**, the EA for the extension of Kirby Road from Dufferin Street to Bathurst Street is currently underway within the City of Vaughan; and*

***Whereas**, issues and concerns regarding the existing traffic on Dufferin Street north of Teston Road have been raised by residents as well as MacKenzie Ridge Ratepayers' Association.*

It is therefore recommended:

- 1. That York Region be requested to complete the ongoing Dufferin Street EA from Langstaff Road to Teston Road as soon as possible; and*
- 2. That York Region be requested to reconsider the timing and prioritization of Dufferin Street improvements north of Teston Road, once the Province makes a final decision on the GTA West Corridor and the Kirby Road GO Station, the City of Vaughan completes the Kirby Road EA, and provided such road improvements are included in the Region's capital budget.*