

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 9, 2014

Item 3, Report No. 41, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on December 9, 2014.

**3 SHARED MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF KING
AND THE CITY OF VAUGHAN**

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Public Works, dated December 2, 2014:

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Public Works, in consultation with the Commissioner of Legal & Administrative Services/City Solicitor, recommends:

1. That a By-law be enacted to provide delegated authority to the Commissioner of Public Works, or designate, to enter into, and execute the necessary Shared Maintenance of Roads Agreement with the Township of King, for the City of Vaughan and King Township to share ongoing winter and non-winter road maintenance services on designated road sections intersecting the common municipal boundary, on a revenue neutral basis;
2. That the delegated authority provided to the Commissioner of Public Works, or designate, allow for amendment of the agreement from time to time as circumstances change and operational needs dictate; and,
3. That the delegated authority allow for the Commissioner of Public Works, or designate, to enter into a similar, shared maintenance agreement with the Town of Caledon once the necessary agreements have been prepared.

Contribution to Sustainability

Efficient and effective winter and non-winter road maintenance services contribute positively to the economy vitality and sustainability of both the City of Vaughan and Township of King.

Economic Impact

There is no negative economic impact as a result of the recommendation. The Shared Maintenance of Roads Agreement with King Township in which the City and King Township provide winter and non-winter road maintenance services on designated road sections intersecting the common municipal boundary, provides for a revenue neutral cost sharing arrangement.

Communications Plan

Not applicable.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to obtain Council approval for delegated authority, allowing the Commissioner of Public Works, or designate, to enter into a Shared Maintenance of Roads Agreement with the Township of King to share ongoing winter and non-winter road maintenance services on designated road sections intersecting the common municipal boundary with King, on a revenue neutral basis.

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Background - Analysis and Options

The City has been performing winter and non-winter road maintenance on designated road sections intersecting the common municipal boundary with King Township for a number of years

The City has been providing winter and non-winter road maintenance services on designated road sections intersecting the common municipal boundary with King Township, on a revenue neutral cost sharing arrangement, for well over 15 years. The winter and non-winter road maintenance activities performed by the City on the designated sections of roadway are undertaken by Vaughan's contractors, or City staff, assigned to that geographical area of the municipality.

A draft agreement was drawn up in 1997; however, it was never executed by either party. Notwithstanding that the agreement was never executed, the draft agreement has been the basis for which road maintenance services has been performed since 1997.

Both City staff and King staff now wish to formalize the Shared Maintenance of Roads Agreement process through the signing of a Shared Maintenance of Roads Agreement. The agreement, worked on by both City and King Township staff, has been reviewed by the City's Legal Services Department. King Township staff intends to bring forward a similar report to their Council recommending the formalization of a Shared Maintenance of Roads Agreement and are eager to finalize the agreement process.

Council approval is required to provide delegated authority to enter into a Shared Maintenance of Roads Agreement

Pending Council approval, the executed Shared Maintenance of Roads Agreement will become the basis for winter and non-winter road maintenance activities carried out by the City and King Township on the designated road sections and shall remain in effect until terminated, or the 2.85kms of shared roadway, noted in the table below, is uploaded or taken over by another municipal entity or higher tier of government. This will streamline the process for future maintenance agreements concerning winter and non-winter road maintenance work on the designated road sections.

The Shared Maintenance of Roads Agreement outlines the following road sections to be maintained by the City and Township of King:

#	Segment of Roadway	From	Direction	To	Responsibility	Length of Road
1.	Pine Valley Road, Vaughan (Concession 7, King Township)	King Vaughan Road	northerly	End	King	0.88 Km
2.	Mill Road	King Vaughan Road	northerly	King Vaughan Municipal Boundary	King	0.41 Km
3.	Concession 10	King Vaughan Municipal Boundary	northerly	King Road	Vaughan	1.56 Km

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Delegating authority to enter into and execute such agreements is in accordance with the City's Delegation of Powers and Duties Policy

Council adopted a Delegation of Powers and Duties Policy in 2007, which provides for the delegation to staff of administrative powers for the efficient management of the municipal corporation. Delegating authority to the Commissioner of Public Works, or designate, to execute such agreements, will make the process more efficient in the future, as it will eliminate the need to bring forward a report to Council on this matter in future years. The condition under which the power shall be exercised is the full recovery of costs. This delegation of authority is in compliance with the Delegation of Powers and Duties Policy.

A similar agreement is being prepared with the Town of Caledon concerning the Albion-Vaughan road

Vaughan also has an informal maintenance agreement with the Town of Caledon for the maintenance of the Albion-Vaughan road. Staff is in the process of finalizing a similar, shared maintenance agreement with Caledon. Once completed, it will set out the areas of responsibility for each municipality. By approving the recommendations contained in this report, it will allow for the Commissioner, or designate, to enter into this agreement with the Town of Caledon, without having to come back to Council.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and ties into the following Vaughan Vision 20/20 Goals and Objectives:

Goal:	Service Excellence
Objective:	Demonstrate Excellence in Service Delivery
Objective:	Promote Community Safety, Health & Wellness

Regional Implications

N/A

Conclusion

The formalization of the agreement to provide winter and non-winter road maintenance services on designated road sections, ensures both the City and Township of King have a clear understanding of expectations and obligations. Delegating the authority to the Commissioner of Public Works, or designate, to enter into such an agreement with King Township will expedite the agreement process for providing winter and non-winter maintenance on the designated road sections in future years.

Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Works, or designate, to enter into a similar such agreement with the Town of Caledon at this time, will expedite the process and eliminate the need to bring forth another report in the future.

Attachments

Shared Maintenance of Roads Agreement

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(A copy of the attachments referred to in the foregoing have been forwarded to each Member of Council and a copy thereof is also on file in the office of the City Clerk.)