

DATE: November 13, 2015
TO: Mayor and Members of Council
FROM: Paul Jankowski, Deputy City Manager, Public Works

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Item #	3
Report No.	39 (CW-C1st)
Council - November 17/15	

RE: **COMMUNICATIONS FOR COUNCIL NOVEMBER 17, 2015**
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (CLOSED SESSION) REPORT NO. 39, ITEM 3
PROPERTY MATTER
SOUTH SIDE OF MAJOR MACKENZIE DRIVE, WEST OF JANE STREET
YRT/VIVA FUTURE TRANSIT TERMINAL
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Recommendation:

The Deputy City Manager, Public Works recommends that Council pass the following resolution:

1. **Whereas**, the Region's introduction of a VIVANext Silver Rapid Transit service on Major Mackenzie Drive between Yonge Street and Jane Street as programmed in the Region's 2015 Roads Capital Program for implementation in 2017, will result in increased frequency bus service operating in the existing mixed use traffic lanes on Major Mackenzie Drive between Yonge Street and the planned transit terminal on the lands south of Major Mackenzie Drive between Jane Street and Highway 400; and

Whereas, a high level of traffic congestion already exists in the existing Major Mackenzie Drive mixed use traffic lanes between Keele Street and Melville Avenue, and that the free flow of vehicles travelling in the through lanes is frequently disrupted with left-turning traffic from and into the inside lanes resulting in operational difficulties and many citizen and community concerns; and

Whereas, York Regional Council will soon be considering the 2016 proposed Capital Program as part of the upcoming yearly budget and business plan considerations;

It is therefore resolved that:

The Regional Municipality of York be requested to include a capital project for the addition of through travel capacity on Major Mackenzie Drive between Keele Street and the vicinity of Melville Avenue and/or Jane Street, potentially in the form of a continuous left-turn lane, to alleviate the current and future operational and congestion issues in this corridor.

2. That staff forward the above resolution to the Regional Municipality of York.

Background/Purpose

At the meeting of the Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) on November 2, 2015, staff was instructed as followings:

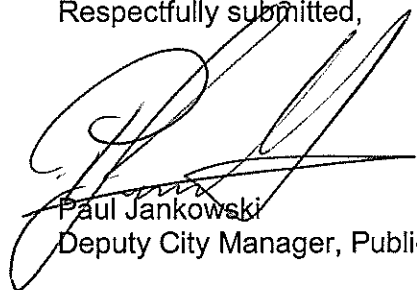
"That the Deputy City Manager of Public Works be directed to prepare a draft motion for Council to facilitate the seeking of a 2016 budget commitment from the Regional Municipality of York to commit funding for a new environmental assessment of Major Mackenzie Drive capacity improvements between Keele and Jane Streets."

The purpose of this communication is to respond to the above direction.

Conclusion

That Council consider adopting the recommended resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Jankowski', is written over the printed name and title.

Paul Jankowski

Deputy City Manager, Public Works