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Regional Municipality of York
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Dear Mr. Kelly,

**Re: Township of King
Engineering, Public Works and Building Department Report Number EPW-2016-15
Re: Region of York Transportation Master Plan (Draft)**

At the Council Meeting of April 18th, 2016, Council of the Township of King adopted the following recommendations:

- a) Report No. EPW 2016-15 be received as information;
- b) THAT Council review and endorse Staff's comments regarding the Regional Municipality of York Draft Transportation Master Plan;
- c) THAT staff forward a copy of the King Township Transportation Master Plan, as adopted by Council, to the Regional Municipality of York for consideration as it finalizes its Transportation Master Plan;
- d) THAT the Township Clerk provide a copy of this report to the Regional Municipality of York; and
- e) THAT Council reinforces the previous Township of King resolutions (re: by-passes) put forward to the Regional Municipality of York, and further request to have the Regional Municipality of York to conduct comprehensive Environmental Assessments (EA's) to assess the viability of all By-Pass options for both King City and Nobleton.

Please find enclosed for your information and file; a copy of Engineering, Public Works and Building Department Report Number EPW-2016-15 from King's April 18, 2016 Committee of the Whole Agenda and a copy of King Township's Transportation Master Plan which was adopted by Council, at its June 8th, 2015 meeting.

Yours truly,

Kathryn Moyle
Director of Clerks/By-law Enforcement, Township Clerk
Encls.

c.c. Andrzej Drzewiecki, Director of Engineering, Public Works & Building, King



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF KING

REPORT TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Monday, April 18th, 2016

Engineering, Public Works and Building
EPW 2016-15

RE: Region of York Transportation Master Plan (Draft)

1. **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The Department of Engineering, Public Works, and Building respectfully submits the following recommendations:

- a) Report No. EPW 2016-15 be received as information;
- b) THAT Council review and endorse Staff's comments regarding the Regional Municipality of York Draft Transportation Master Plan;
- c) THAT staff forward a copy of the King Township Transportation Master Plan, as adopted by Council, to the Regional Municipality of York for consideration as it finalizes its Transportation Master Plan;
- d) AND THAT the Township Clerk provide a copy of this report to the Regional Municipality of York;

2. **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this report is to inform Council of Staff's comments regarding the Regional Municipality of York Transportation Master Plan and to forward Staff and Council comments to the Regional Municipality of York for consideration.

3. **BACKGROUND:**

The Regional Municipality of York commenced the update of their Transportation Master Plan (TMP) in the summer of 2014 and it is anticipated that the final version will be completed in the fall of 2016.

Concurrently with the preparation of the Region's TMP, the Township undertook its own TMP which was adopted by Council on June 8th, 2015. It is not clear whether the Township's TMP has been formally considered in the development of the Region's draft TMP. It is therefore recommended that the Township of King's Transportation Master Plan, as adopted by Council be forward to the Region of York for its consideration prior to finalizing the Region's TMP.

Regional staff presented the draft TMP to Township of King Council on March 7th, 2016.

4. DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS:

The Region's TMP evolved into six categories that encompass their new Policy Principles:

1. World class transit system
2. Finer grid street network
3. Corridor evolution
4. Commuter parking management
5. Goods movement
6. Boulevard jurisdiction

As a result of the March 7th presentation and following discussions Township staff summarized the comments and concerns expressed by Council and staff members into following eight categories:

I – General:

- Scope, scheduling and sequence of major projects should be undertaken in consultation with and coordinated with the affected Local Area Municipalities (LAMs) prior to implementation.
- Township of King strongly supports the implementation of the GTA West Corridor project and urges the Region to continue expressing to the Province the importance of this venture for the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA).
- The fact that there are no major Regional investments considered in the Township of King over the next several years raises concerns particularly as to the potential impacts of the recommendations related to assumption of boulevard infrastructure described below .

II – World Class Transit System:

- Township of King strongly supports the idea of fully integrating the transit systems within the GTHA.
- Transit routes and service should be consulted with LAMs and coordinated with Toronto, Peel and Durham.

III – Finer Grid Street Network:

- Township of King supports the creation of finer grid street network provided consideration is given to the fact that significant parts of the Region are not urbanizing.
- Implementation and removal of turn restrictions at intersections should only take place in consultation with LAMs.

IV – Corridor Evolution:

- Township of King is not convinced that converting general purpose traffic lanes to HOV/Transit lanes on 4 lane roads would improve the traffic flow, especially within small towns and villages.

V – Commuter Parking Management:

- The impact of this proposal/action item is not clear in relation to the corridor evolution proposals, specifically as it relates to on-street parking. King supports on street parking in its villages.

VI – Goods Movement:

- Township has major concerns about King Road and Keele Street functioning as the "interim" Primary Arterial Goods Movement Corridors as no alternatives exist.
- As all Regional roads are to be used by all types of vehicles (including goods movement) adequate road network should be created to ensure that there are provisions for by-passes of small towns and villages.

VII – Boulevard Jurisdiction:

- Township of King supports in general the proposal that the Region take entire responsibility for design, construction and maintenance of boulevards within Regional rights-of-way provided there is a commitment to provide service levels consistent with that of the LAM, particularly in the small towns, villages and hamlets. There is a concern that an unintended consequence of such a policy, where there is no regional commitment to a capital project for an extended period of time, could result in significant disruption to service level improvements, streetscaping and beautification efforts through the small towns and villages where regional roads are de facto "Main" streets;
- Local design standards and specifications should be considered; LAMs should participate in approvals of design and scheduling of projects, including street furniture.
- How will the proposed change impact the Municipal Streetscape Partnership Program (MSPP)?
- What level of input into these projects LAMs will have?
- Would there be any impact on existing streetscaping under LAM/Regional maintenance agreements?

VIII – Specific Concerns:

- Township of King expects that the Region will consider uploading of Miller Sideroad and Caledon/King Townline as proposed by the King Township TMP.
- The proposed continuity of 15th Sideroad between Keele Street & Jane Street is a serious concern in the context of related environmental restrictions and resident concerns.
- Parking arrangements in the vicinity of King Road & Keele Street intersection. As noted, the Township of King supports street parking on regional roads within its villages
- Project approvals/timing related to existing or planned streetscaping projects:
 - Highway 27 & King Road;
 - King Road east of Keele Street;

- Keele Street south of King Road;
- King Road from Keele Street to Jane Street.

5. INTEGRATED SUSTAINABILITY PLAN LINKAGE:

King Township's Integrated Community Sustainability Plan was formally adopted by Council on April 2, 2012. The sustainability plan is the Township's overarching guiding document and is based upon common values, priorities, and aspirations of the community.

The recommendations of this report support the following elements of the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan: they are linked to the Goals and Strategies of the Sustainability Plan under the Environmental Pillar under Theme of Transportation supporting the Township strategy through comments submitted to the Regional Municipality of York.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no 2016 budgetary implications related to this report, however with any of the changes suggested in the Region's Transportation Master Plan there may be future implications to the Township's operating and maintenance budgets.


7. CONCLUSION:

It is appropriate that Council endorse the comments contained in this report regarding the Regional Municipality of York Transportation Master Plan and that these comments be submitted to the Region for consideration.

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