

**FOR INQUIRIES: PLEASE QUOTE ITEM & REPORT NO.**

August 5, 2014

Kathleen Wynne, Premier  
Legislative Building  
Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Wynne:

**RE: YORK REGION RAPID TRANSIT UPDATE  
CITY-WIDE**

Please see attached letter from Mayor Bevilacqua, dated July 23, 2014.

Also attached for your information is **Item 1, Report No. 2**, of the Priorities and Key Initiatives Committee regarding the above-noted matter which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan at its meeting of May 27, 2014.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey A. Abrams  
City Clerk

Attachment:

Correspondence from Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua to Premier Kathleen Wynne  
Extract

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Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, P.C.  
Mayor

July 23, 2014

The Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier  
Legislative Building  
Queen's Park  
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Wynne,

Re: Incremental funding support to the Yonge North Subway Extension

Once again, congratulations on being elected Premier last month. The election results gave you a very strong mandate to implement your progressive agenda for the people of Ontario. I am certainly looking forward to working closely with you and your team in the coming years to realize the full potential of my city as well as our province.

As you know, the City of Vaughan continues to be a rapidly growing municipality both in population and jobs. Current planning projections suggest that growth along the Yonge Street corridor in York Region is expected to result in 60,000 new residents and 24,000 jobs. This transit orientated development meets the smart growth objectives of the Provincial Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe and could attract more than 80,000 new transit riders daily in the next 15 years.

It is recognized that:

- Development along the Yonge Street intensification corridor is dependent on the provision of rapid transit infrastructure and;
- The Yonge North Subway Extension is a critical link in a GTHA regional transportation network; and
- The Environmental Assessment for the Yonge North Subway Extension was approved in 2009. The next wave of The Big Move projects includes the Yonge North Subway Extension in the initial phase of the program.

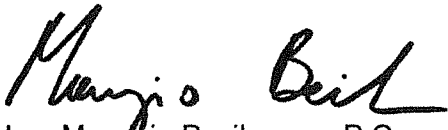
We believe now is the opportune time to move the Yonge North Subway Extension to the next stage of development. Based on our current experience with the Toronto-York Spadina Subway Extension, subway projects take many years to implement. Accordingly, it is important to continue to advance the Yonge North Subway Extension project to ensure a strong economic future and improved quality of life for residents in York Region and the GTA.

Recognizing the growth pressures in the Yonge corridor and in an interest in maintaining momentum on this important rapid transit project, Vaughan Council recently passed a resolution requesting that Metrolinx provide immediate incremental funding support to the Yonge North Subway Extension project to permit this on-going, active project to move to the detailed design phase. I would ask that this request be considered within the funding envelope for the initial stage of the next wave of The Big Move projects.

I have had a number of meetings related to these issues with your newly appointed Minister of Transportation, Steven Del Duca who is well briefed on these matters.

I thank you in advance for your consideration of the aforementioned. I wish you a very successful and rewarding term.

Sincerely yours,



Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, P.C.  
Mayor

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CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 27, 2014

Item 1, Report No. 2, of the Priorities and Key Initiatives Committee, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on May 27, 2014.

**1 YORK REGION RAPID TRANSIT UPDATE  
CITY-WIDE**

The Priorities and Key Initiatives Committee 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 May 12, 2014, be approved;
- 2) That Mayor Bevilacqua write to the Premier and to the Transit Investment Strategy Advisory Panel in relation to the recommendation released in December 2013 on the proposed Yonge North Subway Extension; and
- 3) That Communication C1, presentation material titled "York Region Rapid Transit Corporation, Highway 7 Update", dated May 12, 2014, be received.

**Recommendation**

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

1. THAT the presentation from York Region Rapid Transit Corporation staff on the status of rapid transit projects in Vaughan be received.

**Contribution to Sustainability**

Higher order transit infrastructure such as the Spadina and Yonge Subway Extension projects and the VivaNext Highway 7 Bus Rapid Transitway 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**

YRRTC has developed a comprehensive communication program for the Highway 7 Bus Rapid Transitway project, which will be overviewed in the presentation.

**Purpose**

The purpose of this report and associated presentation from York Region Rapid Transit Corporation (YRRTC) staff is to provide Council with the status of the rapid transit projects in Vaughan.

**Background –Analysis And Options**

The construction of the Toronto-York Spadina Subway Extension is nearing the halfway mark. Construction of the first stage of the VivaNext Rapidway in Vaughan, which extends along Highway 7 from Edgeley Boulevard to approximately Bowes Road, has commenced and is scheduled to be completed concurrently with the opening of the Toronto-York Spadina Subway Extension in 2016. In addition, Metrolinx continues to plan the next wave of The Big Move transit projects including the Yonge subway line north into Vaughan as shown on Attachment 1.

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Accordingly, staff has arranged a presentation from YRRTC staff which will touch on the status of the following transit projects:

- VivaNext Rapidway H2-VMC – Edgeley to Bowes Road
- Phase 2 - H2 Rapidway – West of Edgeley and east of Bowes Road
- Toronto-York Spadina Subway Extension
- VMC York Region Transit Bus Terminal
- Metrolinx Next Wave projects – Yonge subway extension

**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**

York Region is responsible for the funding and operation of public conventional and specialized transit services throughout York Region.

**Conclusion**

The presentation from YRRTC staff will provide an update on the status of the key rapid transit project in Vaughan.

**Attachments**

Attachment No.1 – Rapid Transit Projects in Vaughan

Attachments are available in the Clerk's Department and the City's website at [www.vaughan.ca](http://www.vaughan.ca) under City Council/Agendas, Minutes and Extracts

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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.)