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Mr. Denis Kelly  
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Dear Mr. Kelly:

**Subject: Public Works and Infrastructure Committee Item 32.8  
Steeles Avenue Widening (Tapscott Road to Ninth Line) - Principles of a  
Cost-Sharing and Implementation Agreement (Ward 42)**

City Council on July 8, 9, 10 and 11, 2014, adopted this Item, and a copy is attached for your information or appropriate action.

Yours truly,

for City Clerk

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Attachment

Sent to: City Clerk, City of Markham  
City Clerk, City of Vaughan  
Regional Clerk, Regional Municipality of York



**TORONTO** Committee Report  
Report Item

Considered by City Council on  
July 8, 2014  
July 9, 2014  
July 10, 2014  
July 11, 2014

**Public Works and Infrastructure Committee**

PW32.8		Adopted		Ward:42
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**Steeles Avenue Widening (Tapscott Road to Ninth Line) - Principles of a Cost-Sharing and Implementation Agreement**

**City Council Decision**

City Council on July 8, 9, 10 and 11, 2014, adopted the following:

1. City Council authorize City staff to negotiate, enter into and execute an agreement with the Regional Municipality of York for the widening of Steeles Avenue from a point approximately 400m east of Tapscott Road extending easterly to Ninth Line, and the 50/50 cost-sharing of such widening, on terms and conditions generally as set out in Appendix 2 to the report (June 3, 2014) from the General Manager, Transportation Services, and on such other terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager, Transportation Services and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.
2. City Council forward the report (June 3, 2014) from the General Manager, Transportation Services to the Clerks of the City of Markham, City of Vaughan and the Regional Municipality of York.

**Committee Recommendations**

The Public Works and Infrastructure Committee recommends that:

1. City Council grant approval to City staff to negotiate, enter into and execute an agreement with the Regional Municipality of York for the widening of Steeles Avenue from a point approximately 400m east of Tapscott Road extending easterly to Ninth Line, and the 50/50 cost-sharing of such widening, on terms and conditions generally as set out in Appendix 2 to the report (June 3, 2014) from the General Manager, Transportation Services, and on such other terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager, Transportation Services and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.
2. City Council forward the report (June 3, 2014) from the General Manager, Transportation Services to the Clerks of the City of Markham, City of Vaughan and the Regional Municipality of York.

**Origin**

(June 3, 2014) Report from the General Manager, Transportation Services

## **Summary**

Steeles Avenue extends approximately 40 kilometres across the north limit of the city from the Region of Peel in the west to the Region of Durham in the east. Situated entirely within the City of Toronto, the northern limit of the Steeles Avenue right-of-way limit defines the city's boundary with the Regional Municipality of York to the north. Approximately 650,000 vehicles cross Steeles Avenue both in the inbound and outbound directions on a typical weekday 24-hour period.

Recognizing the importance of this key arterial road to both municipalities, negotiations have been ongoing for several years to assess the opportunity for the sharing of capital improvements and operating and maintenance costs. Although progress has been made in this regard, at this time there has been no cost-sharing agreement reached between the two municipalities.

In the meantime, the Minister of Environment has issued a Notice of Approval to York to proceed with the "Donald Cousens Parkway to Morningside Avenue Link", including the widening of a section of Steeles Avenue approximately 1.5 km in length from Tapscott Road easterly to Ninth Line. The purpose of this report is to recommend a series of principles that would form the basis of an agreement between the City of Toronto and the Regional Municipality of York for the widening and cost-sharing of this 1.5 km section of Steeles Avenue. These principles have been developed in consultation with York staff, and pending approval by York Region Council, would be used to develop the comprehensive agreement with York for the maintenance, improvements and management of the entire 40-km length of Steeles Avenue, including cost-sharing.

## **Background Information (Committee)**

(June 3, 2014) Report and Appendices 1 and 2 from the General Manager, Transportation Services, on Steeles Avenue Widening (Tapscott Road to Ninth Line) - Principles of a Cost-Sharing and Implementation Agreement

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2014/pw/bqrd/backgroundfile-70184.pdf>)