



Town of  
**East Gwillimbury**

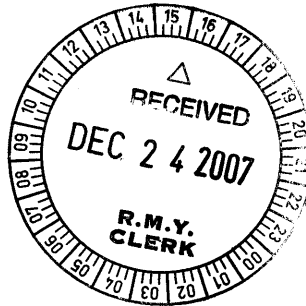
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December 20, 2007

Regional Municipality of York  
Office of the Regional Clerk  
17250 Yonge St., P.O. Box 147  
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Attention: Denis Kelly, Regional Clerk



**REGION OF YORK  
CLERK'S OFFICE**

**FILE No. -**

*POB  
Chair  
C/O  
P. Jankowski*

Dear Mr. Kelly:

**Re: Town of East Gwillimbury Council Resolution C2007-329DLS and  
Development and Legal Services Planning Branch Report P2007-96**

For your information and records, at its regular meeting held on December 17, 2007, the Municipal Council of the Town of East Gwillimbury enacted Resolution C2007-329DLS as follows:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Development & Legal Services Report P2007-96, dated December 17, 2007, regarding the Region of York Environmental Assessment concerning the Reconstruction of Bathurst Street from Green Lane West to Yonge Street, be received;

THAT East Gwillimbury support the Environmental Assessment process under the original terms of reference and scope of study done by the Region of York.

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THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to the Region of York and the County of Simcoe, the Town of Bradford-West Gwillimbury, the Township of King and the Town of Newmarket.”

Attached please find Town of East Gwillimbury Development and Legal Services, Planning Branch Report P2007-96.

If you have any further questions with regard to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

Anna M. Knowles  
Deputy Clerk

Attach.

c.c.: D. Sinclair, General Manager, Development & Legal Services

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**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL**

**DEVELOPMENT & LEGAL SERVICES**

MOVED BY

DATE : December 17, 2007

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CARRIED  
DEFEATED  
TIED (LOST)

Councillor M. Johnston, Chair



**JOINT COMMUNITY PROGRAMS AND INFRASTRUCTURE and  
DEVELOPMENT & LEGAL SERVICES REPORT P2007-96**

To: Committee of the Whole Council

Date: December 17, 2007

Subject: **Region of York Environmental Assessment (EA)  
Reconstruction of Bathurst Street from Green Lane West  
to Yonge Street**

Origin: Development & Legal Services, Planning Branch

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**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a status report on the Bathurst Street Environmental Assessment (EA) process and the recently adopted position of the Township of King.

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## **BACKGROUND**

The Bathurst Street section between Green Lane West and Yonge Street has been closed for a number of years. The Region of York announced the proposed EA process to re-open Bathurst Street earlier in 2007. A Public Information Centre (PIC) was held by the Region in the spring of 2007 and the Region and their consultants are moving toward the completion of an Environmental Study report. As a result of public depositions made to the Council of the Township of King, King has passed a resolution (attached as *Appendix 1*) requesting the region to expand the scope of the EA to include lands within East Gwillimbury, and that the E.A. process be deferred pending the completion of the Region's current Transportation Master Plan process.

## **DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

Bathurst Street is identified on Map #8 within the approved Regional Official Plan as an arterial road with a planned road width of up to 30 m. The section of road is also identified in the Region's Transportation Master Plan (2002) as an arterial road improvement prior to 2011. This section of Bathurst Street also continues to be identified in both the Town of East Gwillimbury's Transportation Master Plan Update (currently underway), as well as the Region's Transportation Master Plan Update (also currently underway). The re-opening and construction of the section of Bathurst Street is included in the Region's approved 10-year capital program. The need for additional north-south traffic capacity is well-documented, given existing and planned growth in the area.

## **NEED FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

The public process for the EA is being undertaken by the Region as the project proponent. The Region's consultant for the EA is following the necessary steps for consultation under the municipal Class EA document.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

As noted above, this project is identified in the Region's existing 10-year capital program and there is no cost implication to the Town of East Gwillimbury.

## **ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

As Council is aware, the Town is currently undertaking a Transportation Master Plan Study as part of the Official Plan process. This report and the Region's EA process for Bathurst Street help support the Strategic Plan objective to provide adequate infrastructure and transportation services to the Town of East Gwillimbury, both for existing and planned growth.

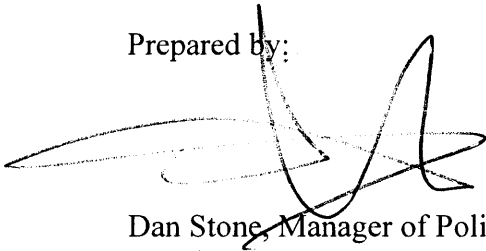
**ATTACHMENTS**

Appendix 1: Location Plan

Appendix 2: Township of King Report, dated October 29, 2007

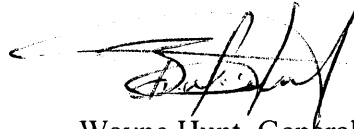
This Report has been reviewed by the senior management team.

Prepared by:



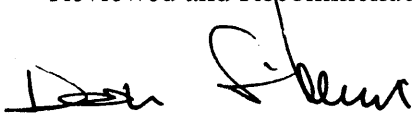
Dan Stone, Manager of Policy Planning  
Development & Legal Services

Reviewed and Recommended by:



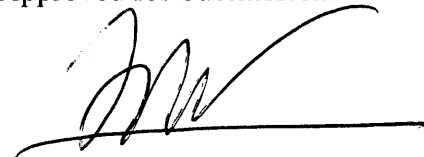
Wayne Hunt, General Manager  
Community Programs & Infrastructure

Reviewed and Recommended by:



Don Sinclair, General Manager  
Development & Legal Services

Approved for Submission:



Thomas R. Webster  
Chief Administrative Officer

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## **TOWNSHIP OF KING**

### **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT**

The following item from the Committee of the Whole Report of October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007 was adopted by Council at its meeting of October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

**COPIES TO: FILE**

**JODY LAPLANTE**

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**C.O.W. #2007-236**

**Operations Department Report No.: OP07-30**

**Re: Regional Municipality of York EA Study –**

**Reconstruction of Bathurst Street from Green Lane West to Yonge Street**

#### **DEPUTATIONS**

- (i) James Harbell, Stikeman Elliott LLP

Mr. Harbell from Stikeman Elliott, Barristers & Solicitors appeared on behalf of Paddy Ann and Latham Burns who are the owners of property on Bathurst Street north of Green Lane. He distributed a hand-out to members of the Committee and staff, and provided a presentation requesting Committee's support of resolutions he had prepared with respect to the Environmental Assessment Study (EA) being undertaken by the Region. He commented that he believes the west side of Bathurst Street belongs to the Township of King and that the Township should investigate further the implications of the Region's conducting an EA on Township-owned lands. He suggested that the scope of the study has been narrowed to focus on Bathurst Street, rather than looking at a route that would keep the traffic out of King and directed through the municipalities it is originating from. Mr. Harbell opined that the proposal will ultimately result in just re-directing traffic from one poorly designed intersection to a worse one. Mr. Harbell noted that the proposal to extend Bathurst Street to Highway #11 would do more harm than good for the Township of King as it will be expensive, will not resolve any traffic problems in the Township, and will be constructing a 4 lane highway in an ecologically sensitive area along a narrow and hilly corridor. Mr. Harbell commented that the Region has not been forthcoming with information on this matter. He suggested that a more complete study of the area be done and asked that Committee of the Whole consider approving the Resolutions he submitted.

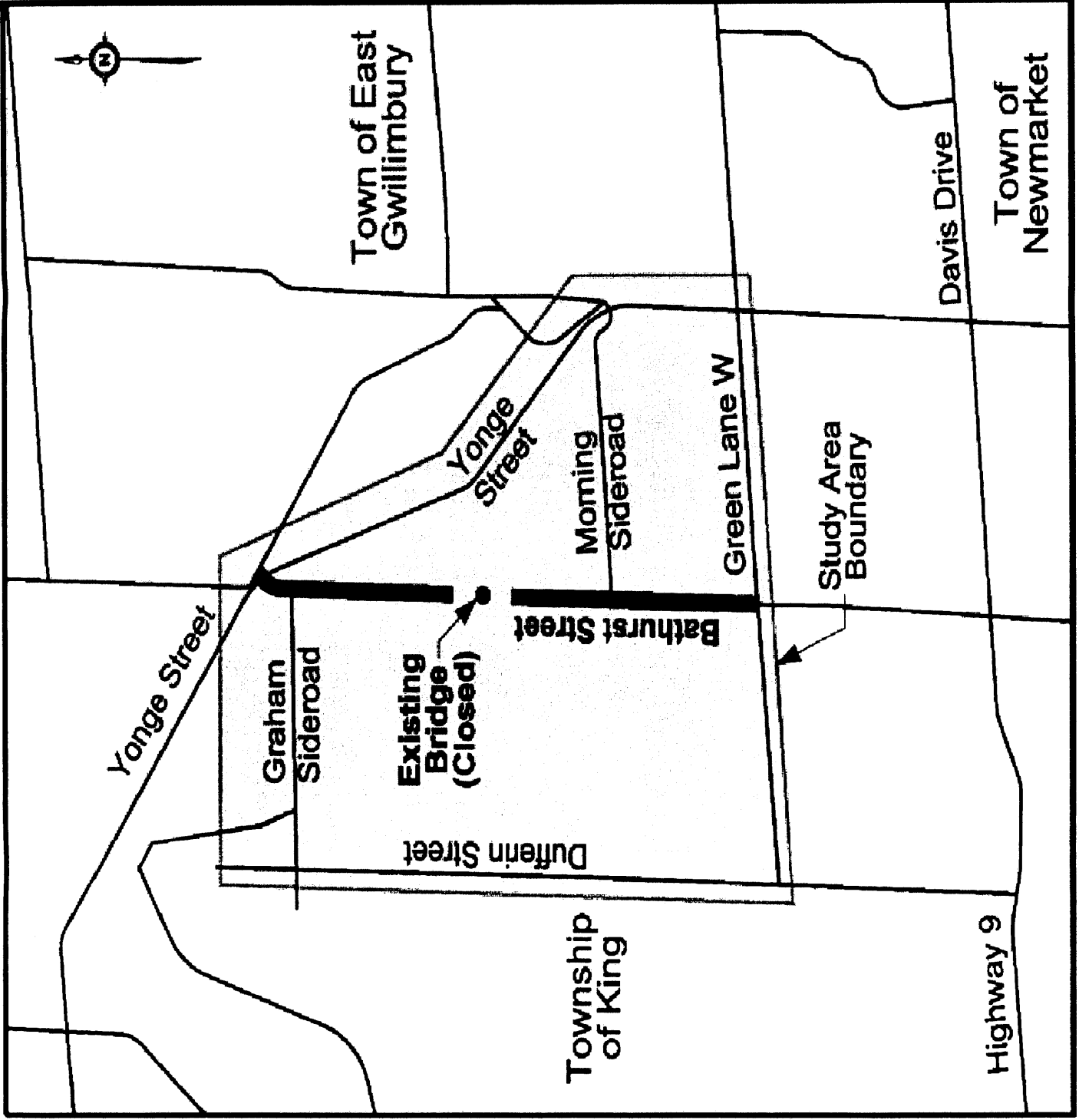
Committee recommends that the deputation by Mr. Harbell be received and the correspondence submitted be received.

Committee considered Operations Department Report No. OP07-30, regarding the Regional Municipality of York EA Study on the reconstruction of Bathurst Street from Green Lane to Yonge Street along the eastern boundary of the Township of King.

Committee recommends that Operations Department Report No. OP07-30 be received as information, and that Staff report further on the ownership of the west side of Bathurst Street and the implications the Township ownership would have on the EA process; further, Committee recommends that the Resolutions prepared by Mr. Harbell be adopted, as amended, as follows:

1. The Township of King requests the Region to revise the scope of the environmental assessment of Bathurst Street from Green Lane to Yonge Street to include all lands east to Highway 404. Further, the Township requests that the Region complete its updated Transportation Master Plan in advance of completing this environmental assessment process.
2. The Township requests the Region to make available to the citizens of King the following background information as soon as possible:
  - a) any previous environmental assessment work concerning Bathurst Street;
  - b) current traffic counts for roads and intersections in the broader study area between Highway 400 and 404, north of Green Lane;
  - c) all ecological data and information collected as part of the current environmental assess work;
  - d) the specifics of the proposal including number of lanes, climbing lanes, geometry, grade and potential cost;
  - e) evaluation criteria; and
  - f) alternative proposals.
3. King Township confirm the ownership of the road allowance of the west side of Bathurst Street north of Green Lane.

**CHRIS SOMERVILLE**  
**CLERK**



LOCATION PLAN