

Clause 6 in Report No. 1 of Committee of the Whole was adopted, without amendment, by the Council of The Regional Municipality of York at its meeting held on January 22, 2015.

2014 Annual Report
Municipal Streetscape Partnership Program

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendation contained in the report dated December 18, 2014 from the Commissioner of Transportation Services:

1. Recommendations

It is recommended that:

1. The Regional Clerk circulate this report to local municipalities.

2. Purpose

This report informs Council of the projects approved for funding in 2014 and provides a construction status update on the projects committed through the Municipal Streetscape Partnership Program.

3. Background

The Municipal Streetscape Partnership Program provides funding to local municipalities on a cost-shared basis to support streetscape design enhancements in York Region

The Region commits up to \$1,000,000 annually to the Municipal Streetscape Partnership Program. The program is funded primarily through development charges. This Council approved program provides Regional funding on a cost-shared basis towards streetscape enhancements to improve the public realm on Regional Streets in York Region's local communities. Local municipalities are responsible for the operation, maintenance and long-term rehabilitation of the enhanced streetscape features.

The percentage of cost-sharing available for a proposal depends on its location and relation to the 10-Year Roads Capital Program as outlined below:

50 per cent Regional Contribution

- On Regional Streets delivered in conjunction with a project on the 10-Year Roads Capital program

33 per cent Regional Contribution

- On Regional Streets not delivered in conjunction with a project on the 10-Year Roads Capital program

The Streetscape Review Team reviews applications to ensure they meet Region design and safety standards. The Team includes Region staff from Transportation Services, Corporate Services and Environmental Services.

Since the launch of the partnership funding program in 2006, 24 projects have been approved for funding.

In 2012, Council approved policy updates to the Municipal Streetscape Partnership Program and delegated authority to the Commissioner of Transportation Services for the approval of applications

In response to local municipal and stakeholder feedback on the MSPP, Council endorsed updates to the Municipal Streetscape Partnership Program policy in June 2012 (Clause 5 of Report No. 6 of the 2012 Transportation Services Committee). The changes included providing delegated authority to the Commissioner of Transportation Services to approve the project funding and allow design/engineering fees to be part of the funded items.

To date, approximately 65 per cent of all previously approved projects under the Streetscape Program have been constructed

A total of 24 projects with a Total Value of \$13,989,866 (York Region's contribution amounts to \$6,167,199) have been approved for funding through the Streetscape Program, and 13 were completed at the end of 2014. The remaining projects are ongoing and anticipated for completion by the end of 2017. Attachment 1 shows photographs from recently completed Municipal Streetscape Partnership projects. Attachment 2 lists all previously approved projects to date.

4. Analysis and Options

Three applications were received for 2014 Municipal Streetscape Partnership Program funding and approved by the Commissioner of Transportation Services

The total value of three project applications in 2014 was \$1,739,826, and a total Regional contribution of \$869,913 was approved. The applications were from City of Markham, Town of Richmond Hill and Township of King.

City of Markham: Highway 7 (Town Centre Boulevard-Sciberras Road)

The City of Markham's proposed streetscape enhancements will define Markham Centre and complement the vivaNext design west of Town Centre Boulevard. In 2011, City of Markham applied for MSPP funding for the streetscape design on Highway 7 between Verclaire Gate to Sciberras Road and was approved for \$1,234,509. In 2013, York Region extended the project limits west to Town Centre Boulevard. Since then, Highway 7 (Town Centre Boulevard-Sciberras Road) has been redesigned with a cross-section that addresses Markham Council's request for an on-boulevard buffered bike lane. This has transformed the boulevard design significantly and was co-ordinated with the Region's Capital Delivery design team to build Markham Centre's vision.

Streetscape enhancements include:

- Decorative street/pedestrian light standards
- Decorative pavers along curb and intersection quadrants
- Raised street tree planters
- Street tree grates
- Wide concrete sidewalks
- Bioswale/trench drain
- Concrete bicycle path

The new streetscape design will cost a total of \$3,915,975 with a 50 per cent Regional contribution of \$1,957,988. The original approved funding of \$1,234,509 will be applied towards the \$1,957,988 contribution, granting the City of Markham an additional \$723,479.

The Region has agreed to maintain the curb, splash strip, street trees, raised planters, and irrigation. Maintenance of all boulevard streetscape enhancements from the bicycle path to the property line will be the responsibility of the City of Markham.

Town of Richmond Hill: Yonge Street and Garden Avenue

The Town of Richmond Hill's gateway design will create an entrance into Richmond Hill Centre. This work is being co-ordinated with the Y2 vivaNext design to maximize funding opportunities and leverage the already enhanced base level of streetscape committed by the vivaNext design. The VivaNext design included a sodded median south of Garden Avenue, and street trees within the intersection quadrants. The enhancements beyond the vivaNext design is cost-shared equally between the Region and the Town of Richmond Hill. The streetscape enhancements are valued at \$243,868 with a Regional contribution of \$121,934.

Streetscape enhancements include:

- Stepped centre median planter
- Raised planters/seatwalls at intersection quadrants
- Town signage wall features
- Unit pavers within the boulevard
- Accent lighting
- Landscaping

Maintenance of these enhancements will be the responsibility of the Town of Richmond Hill.

Township of King: Keele Street (south of King Road)

During the Summer of 2014, the Township of King was constructing the King/Keele Gateway. York Region ITS informed the Township of King that a fibre optic cable installation would be installed in Autumn 2014 and would impact the east side of Keele Street. The Region committed to a reinstatement of the affected sidewalk panels only.

Township of King capitalized on the opportunity/timing of the fibre optic cable installation to replace the sidewalk on the east side of Keele Street with an enhanced sidewalk design that visually ties into the new gateway design. The work is valued at \$49,000 with a Regional contribution of \$24,500.

Streetscape enhancements include:

- Unit pavers

The Township of King plans on applying for funding for sidewalk enhancements for the west side of Keele Street in 2015. Maintenance of these enhancements will be the responsibility of the Township of King.

Link to key Council-approved plans

This program links to the following Council-approved plans and policies:

Regional Official Plan

- To promote human health and well-being in York Region, where people can live, work, play and learn in accessible and safe communities
- To ensure streets support all modes of transportation including walking, cycling, transit, automobile use, and efficient movement of goods
- To create high-quality, sustainable communities

2011-2015 Strategic Plan

- Continue to partner with all levels of government to facilitate the delivery of environmentally-sustainable infrastructure
- Improve mobility for users on Regional transportation corridors

5. Financial Implications

Tables 1 summarizes the funding applications and committed funding for the 2014 Streetscape Program.

Table 1
2014 Committed Streetscape Program Funding Summary

Applicant	Project	Total Project Cost	Contribution Tier	Regional Contribution
City of Markham	Highway 7 (Town Centre Boulevard-Sciberras)	\$1,446,958	50%	\$723,479
Town of Richmond Hill	Yonge Street and Garden Avenue	\$243,868	50%	\$121,934
Township of King	Keele Street South	\$49,000	50%	\$24,500
Total		\$1,739,826		\$869,913

*Note: Contribution does not account for previously-approved funding; refer to Analysis and Options

The budget for the Regional contribution is contained in the approved Roads Capital Program. These expenditures will be eighty per cent through Development Charges and twenty per cent through tax levy.

6. Local Municipal Impact

The Municipal Streetscape Partnership Program benefits local municipalities by encouraging the creation of attractive and vibrant streets for all users. Streetscape design encourages social interaction, supports the local economy, reflects the local character, and elevates York Region's civic image, all of which contribute to more liveable neighbourhoods and communities.

7. Conclusion

The Region continues to encourage partnerships with local municipalities through contributions towards locally-initiated streetscape enhancements within the Region's right-of-way. These applications meet the program's criteria and support the creation of context-sensitive streets in York Region's urbanizing environment.

For more information on this report, please contact Stephen Collins, Director, Infrastructure Management and PMO at ext. 75949.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.

Attachments (2)

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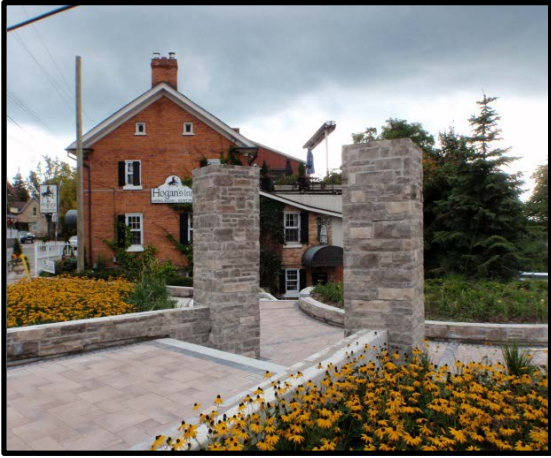
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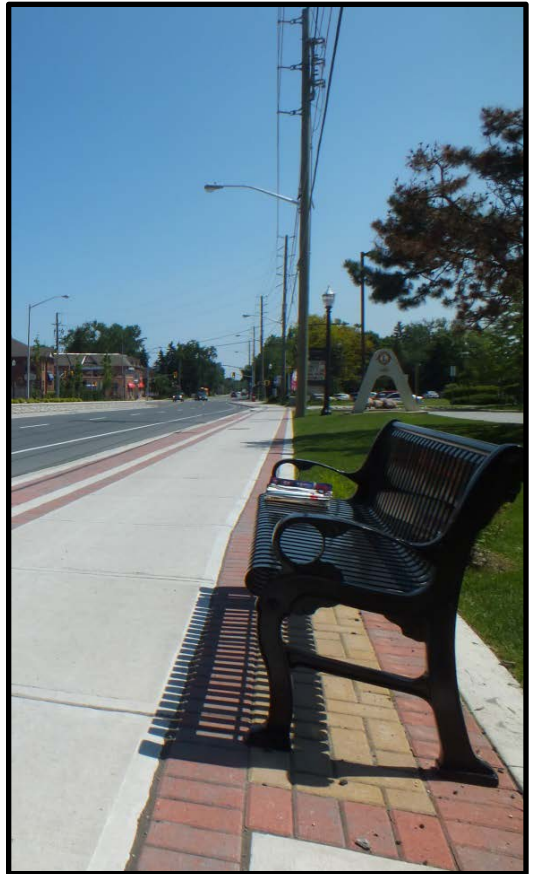
Woodbine Avenue and Ravenshoe Road Gateway



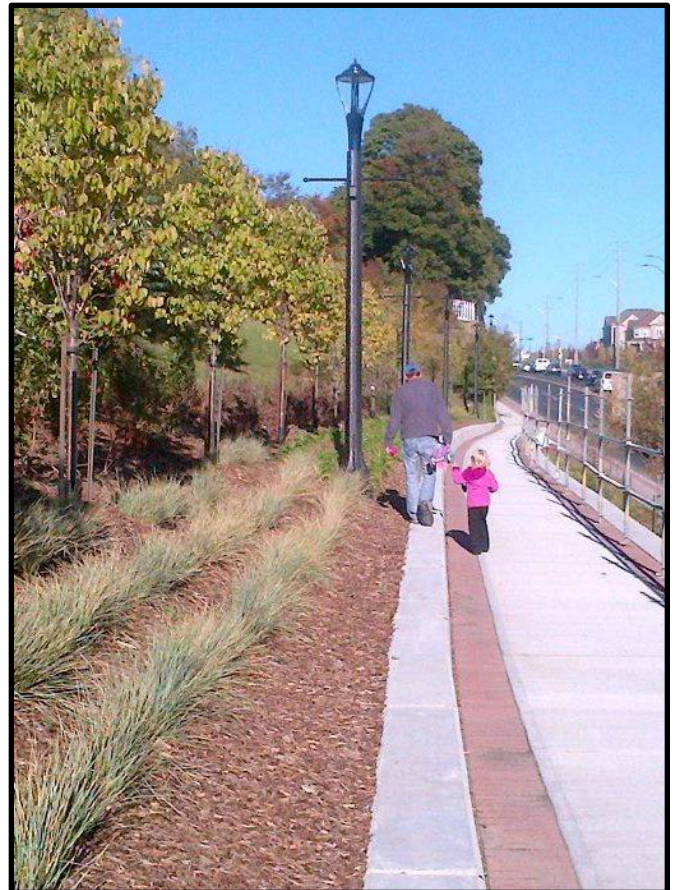
King Road and Keele Street Gateway



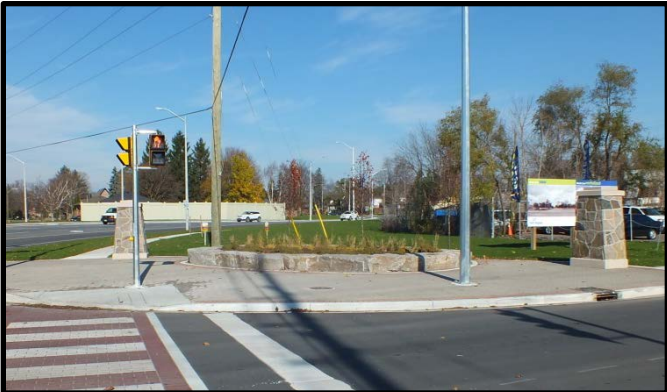
Keele Street and McNaughton Road Gateway



Major Mackenzie Drive (Keele Street - Peter Rupert Avenue)



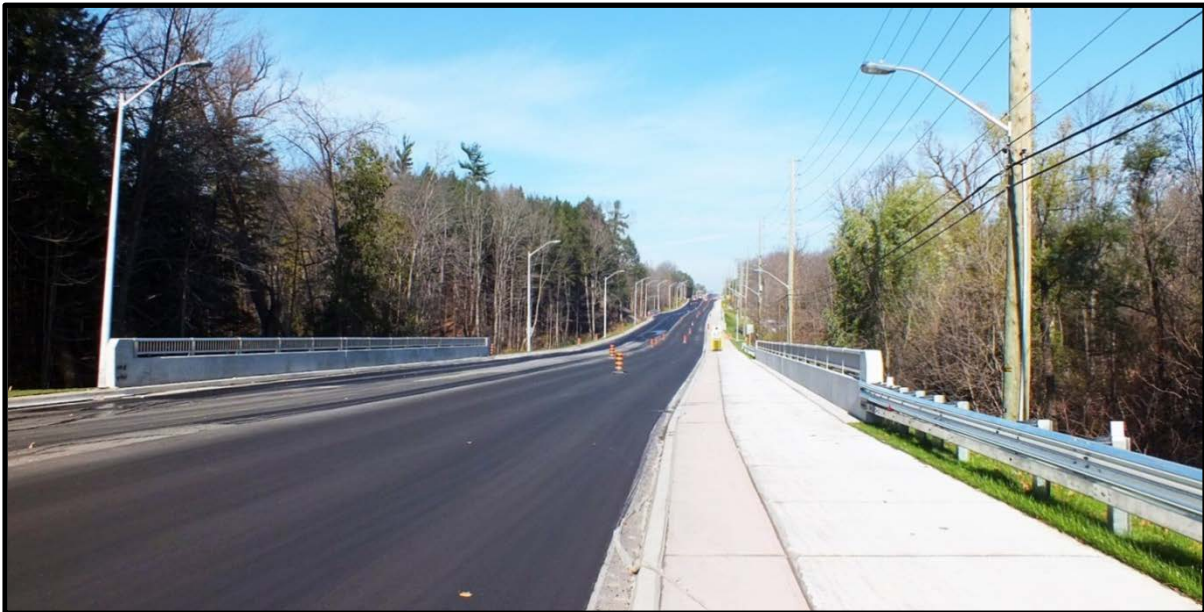
Ninth Line and Main Street Gateway



Warden Avenue (16th Avenue – Major Mackenzie Drive)



Before



After



**STATUS OF THE APPROVED 2007-2014 MUNICIPAL STREETScape
PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS**

Municipality	Project	Region Contribution	Total Value	Status
2007 Projects				
#1 Town of Georgina	Woodbine Avenue (Ravenshoe-Morton)			
	Intersection gateway feature, landscaped median, monument features, and enhanced crosswalks	\$253,055 (50%)	\$506,110	Completed in 2012
#2 Town of East Gwillimbury	Leslie Street/Mount Albert			
	Entrance wall feature, landscaped areas, enhanced boulevard paving and enhanced crosswalks	\$107,250 (33%)	\$325,000	Completed in 2009
Total Value 2007 Projects		\$360,305	\$831,110	
2008 Projects				
#1 City of Vaughan	Maple Streetscape: Ph 6			
	Keele + Teston/Kelly Place, Major Mackenzie Drive (Melville-McNaughton)	\$62,835 (33%)	\$190,408	Completed in 2007
Total Value 2008 Projects		\$62,835	\$190,408	

Municipality	Project	Region Contribution	Total Value	Status
2009 Projects				
#1 Town of Richmond Hill	Gamble Road (Bathurst-Linda Margaret)			
	Paved feature nodes, low planter walls, landscaped nodes, enhanced light standards	\$345,488 (50%)	\$690,976	Completed in 2011
Total Value 2009 Projects		\$345,488	\$690,976	
2010 Projects				
#1 City of Vaughan	Keele/McNaughton Road			
	Low planter walls at 3 corners, enhanced sidewalks and boulevard paving, landscaped median, enhanced crosswalks, decorative lighting, and street furniture	\$310,413 (50%)	\$620,826	Completed in 2012
#2 Town of Aurora	Wellington Street (Bayview-Leslie)			
	Enhanced street tree planting detail, stone edge for planting, decorative splash strip	\$170,305 (33%)	\$516,076	Completed in 2012

Municipality	Project	Region Contribution	Total Value	Status
#3 City of Markham	Warden Avenue (16th Avenue-Major Mackenzie Drive)			
	Enhanced planting beds and boulevard landscaping	\$44,790 (50%)	\$89,580	Completion anticipated in 2015
#4 Town of Georgina	Woodbine Avenue (Ravenshoe-Morton)			
	Phase 1 decorative street light standards	\$58,764 (50%)	\$117,528	Completed in 2012
Total Value 2010 Projects		\$584,272	\$1,344,010	
2011 Projects				
#1 City of Vaughan	Major Mackenzie Drive (Keele-Peter Rupert)			
	Decorative pedestrian light standards, enhanced boulevard paving and sidewalks, embankment planting/railing, and site furniture	\$654,038 (33%)	\$1,981,931	Completed in 2014

Municipality	Project	Region Contribution	Total Value	Status
#2 City of Markham	Highway 7 (Verclaire-Sciberras)			
	Raised planters, median planting, decorative street lights, enhanced boulevard paving and landscaping, and tree grates	\$1,234,509 (50%)	\$2,469,018	Project undergoing redesign
Total Value 2011 Projects		\$1,888,547	\$4,450,949	

2012 Projects

#1 Town of Georgina	Woodbine Avenue (Ravenshoe-Morton)			
	Phase 2 decorative street light standards	\$49,082 (50%)	\$98,164	Completed in 2012
#2 Town of Georgina	Woodbine Avenue (Arlington-Wexford)			
	Enhanced Zebra Crosswalks	\$36,000 (50%)	\$72,000	Completed in 2012
#3 City of Vaughan	Major Mackenzie Drive (Keele-Peter Rupert)			
	Decorative street lights	\$73,450 (33%)	\$222,576	Completed in 2014

Municipality	Project	Region Contribution	Total Value	Status
#4 Town of Aurora	Wellington Street (Bathurst-Murray Drive) - Part 1			
	Flag poles, curb replacement and enhanced zebra crosswalks	\$100,000 (50%)	\$200,000	Completed in 2012
Total Value 2012 Projects		\$258,532	\$592,740	
2013 Projects				
#1 Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville	Nine Line & Main Street (Intersection)			
	Enhanced zebra crosswalks, market piers, unit paving, stone seat walls	\$68,498 (50%)	\$136,995	Completed in 2014
#2 City of Vaughan	Highway 7 (Commerce Street-Costa Way)			
	LED pedestrian lighting, unit paver through midblock, double banner arms	\$522,059 (50%)	\$1,044,118	Approved
#3 Town of Markham	Yonge Street & Colborne Street			
	Implementation of recommendations in South Yonge Street Corridor Streetscape Master Plan	\$37,950 (33%)	\$115,000	Approved

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#4 Town of Aurora	Wellington Street (Bathurst Street to Murray Drive and Berczy Street to John West Way)			
	Decorative street lights	\$237,486 (33%)	\$719,652	Approved
#5 Town of Georgina	Woodbine Avenue & Ravenshoe Road			
	Gateway feature, median, monument	\$292,841 (50%)	\$585,681	Under Construction
#6 Town of King	Keele Street & King Road Gateway			
	Celebratory tree, seating area, garden	\$263,473 (33%)	\$798,401	Under Construction
#7 Town of Richmond Hill	Yonge Street and Garden Avenue			
	Implementation of recommendations in South Yonge Street Corridor Streetscape Master Plan	\$375,000 (50%)	\$750,000	Approved in 2013 budget for 2017 expenditure
Total Value 2013 Projects		\$1,797,307	\$4,149,847	

Municipality	Project	Region Contribution	Total Value	Status
2014 Projects				
#1 City of Markham	Highway 7 (Town Centre Boulevard-Sciberras) Raised planters, median planting, decorative street lights, enhanced boulevard paving and landscaping, and tree grates	\$723,479 (50%)	\$1,446,958	90% Detailed Design
#2 Town of Richmond Hill	Yonge Street and Garden Avenue Implementation of recommendations in South Yonge Street Corridor Streetscape Master Plan	\$121,934 (50%)	\$243,868	Approved in 2013 budget for 2017 expenditure
#3 Township of King	Keele Street & King Road Gateway - Keele Street South Enhanced boulevard paving	\$24,500 (50%)	\$49,000	Under Construction
Total Value 2014 Projects		\$869,913	\$1,739,826	
Grand Total Value 2007-2014 Projects		\$6,167,199	\$13,989,866	