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February 27, 2017



Mr. Chris Raynor, Regional Clerk
The Regional Municipality of York
17250 Yonge Street
Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1

Dear Mr. Raynor:

RE: **YORK REGION 2017 DEVELOPMENT CHARGE BACKGROUND STUDY AND BYLAW**
(Addendum No. 1)

I write to advise you that Vaughan Council at its meeting held on February 21, 2017, adopted the following resolution:

Whereas, The Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA) is the economic centre of Ontario and Canada. A threat to the sustained success of this region is a decrease in mobility and an increase in congestion levels;

Whereas, Residents in York Region have identified transportation as the single greatest problem.

Whereas, York Region, in June 2015, identified the Transit Optimization Program as a suite of priority Regional projects to maximize the benefits of Provincial investments in transportation infrastructure, specifically Regional Express Rail and the Viva Bus Rapid Transit system.

Whereas, York Region, in June 2016, endorsed the Transportation Master Plan identifying the infrastructure required to accommodate growth to 2041 and to manage near-term increases in congestion.

Whereas, Existing municipal revenue sources must be leveraged to the extent possible to maximize the ability to deliver new infrastructure and expand the capacity of the transportation system, including development charges.

Whereas, York Region, has historically used the Official Plan and Master Plans to inform the Development Charges Background Study and Bylaw, which in turn informs the Region's 10-year Capital Programs.

Whereas, In York Region development charges are the primary funding source for new and expansion of existing infrastructure to service new residents and businesses. York Region has imposed development charges under the *Development Charges Act* since 1991, and prior to that lot levies pursuant to the *Planning Act*.

Whereas, York Region is undertaking an update to their Development Charge Background Study (Study) and Bylaw. This work has been ongoing since June 2016 and must be completed by June of 2017, in order to meet their statutory obligations.

Whereas, City of Vaughan Staff was consulted on the process and methodology used to establish the development charge; however, was not made aware of what projects would be included/excluded in the Study until the Study was released publically on February 10, 2017.

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Whereas, Important projects included in the York Region 2012 Development Background Study and Bylaw have been excluded from the York Region 2017 Development Charge Background Study and Bylaw. Staff are concerned the exclusion of these projects will result in their deferral or cancellation from York Region's Capital Programs. Some examples include:

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Whereas, A number of these project have been identified as City of Vaughan term of Council priorities.

Whereas, Staff at various levels are meeting with York Region between February 23 and March 3, 2017.

It is therefore recommended:

1. **That** staff request all incomplete projects in the York Region 2012 Development Charge Background Study remain in the York Region 2017 Development Charge Background Study;
2. **That** staff request York Region to clearly identify how service levels and development will be impacted by proposed/potential changes in York Region's Capital Programs resulting from change in the Study.
3. **That** staff be directed to report back in March 2017 on the outcome of the discussions with York Region staff.
4. **That** a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Regional Clerk's Office Corporate Services Department, Regional Municipality of York.

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Attached for your information is **Minute No. 22**, regarding this matter.

To assist us in responding to inquiries, please quote the Minute number.

Sincerely,

Barbara A. McEwan
City Clerk

Attachment:
Extract

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EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 21, 2017

22. YORK REGION 2017 DEVELOPMENT CHARGE BACKGROUND STUDY AND BYLAW
(Addendum No. 1)

MOVED by Regional Councillor Rosati
seconded by Regional Councillor Di Biase

That the recommendation contained in the following resolution of Mayor Bevilacqua, dated February 21, 2017, be approved:

CARRIED UPON A RECORDED VOTE

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Councillor Shefman
Councillor Yeung Racco
Regional Councillor Rosati
Regional Councillor Di Biase
Mayor Bevilacqua
Regional Councillor Ferri
Councillor DeFrancesca
Councillor Iafrate

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Having previously declared an interest Councillor Carella did not take part in the discussion or vote on the foregoing matter.