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Communication

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Supporting Residents and Contractors: Adjusting Noise By-law for a Balanced Approach in Quiet Zones

Presented by: Vladimir Martintsov, MBA and a City of Vaughan resident

### **Current state**

- Schedule 2 of the Noise By-law permits property maintenance/repair activities Mon
  - Sat, starting at 7am, even in Quiet Zones (within 250m from senior homes)
- After the pandemic, more families begin their workdays later due to remote work, and seniors are sensitive to sudden yet loud noise levels in the neighbourhoods
- Families choose Quiet Zones to ensure quiet living conditions and eventually run into a legislative contradiction permitting loud rumbling sounds early on
- Noise is noise whether coming from fireworks or unloading activities and it lowers the quality of life in the City; leaf blowing at 7am is no different than fireworks
- In some cases, reccurring property maintenance and contract work will force residents into arguments with contractors to change their operating schedules due to unbearable levels of noise emitted at an early hour
  - Notwithstanding the by-law, the conflicts will occur to remove the anxiety of being awakened by weekly loud banging/revving
- Noise related complaints put additional pressure on by-law officers to explain the dispute resolution processes or track the noise

### Better state - achieved!

- I successfully mediated the maintenance/repair activities to begin at 9 am, Mon Sat, which removed tensions in my Quiet Zone neighbourhood change is possible!
  - 2 hours in the morning made the needed difference to let residents wake up and be on their days
  - Contractors could emit the necessary levels of noise to complete their work
  - Mediation (often initially met with resistance) included changing schedules for 100% of weekly disturbing noises: leaf blowing, moving garbage bins, garbage trucks to come after 9am
  - Mediation with other contractors to continue as necessary
- 100% positive result: Seniors, families and contractors are thankful to each other for balancing the contract work and everyday life in the neighbourhood no more arguments!
- No need to engage the by-law officers to mediate weekly work due to noise levels

## **Proposal**

- Pilot permitted property maintenance/repairs and loading activities in other Quiet Zones to begin at 9 AM
- Consider piloting a legislation of snow removal activities in Quiet Zones (private driveways only!) to happen at 7 am or later - currently unregulated even for private properties in Quiet Zones which entices further conflicts
  - Driveways are not used at 4 am by residents in Quiet Zones
- Consider the same schedule change pilot in Residential areas depending on the nature of complaints (property maintenance/repair work vs regular garbage removal)
  - New property developments are excluded, of course
- · A change to make the City of Vaughan more attractive to live and work at



Thank you for supporting residents and contractors cooperating in a more balanced approach in Quiet Zones!







### Canada Public Transit Fund: Program Approach

# **Baseline Funding**

For existing transit systems based on population and ridership formula

> \$500M /year

# Metro-Region Agreements

For large transit infrastructure projects that best demonstrate how transit projects will help build more homes

- Long-term funding tied to Metro-Region level commitments
- Business Case submission required

 BRT Priority projects on Jane Street and Highway
 7 East are eligible \$2B /year

 Led by the Province, through MTO

# Direct Funding

For active transportation, rural and remote transit including Indigenous communities and electrification

\$500M /year



### Canada Public Transit Fund: Core Objectives of Funding

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### **Core Housing Objective**

Increase housing supply and affordability as part of complete, transit-oriented communities

### **Key Outcomes**

- Increase new housing supply in proximity to transit
- Increase housing affordability in proximity to transit
- Increase housing suitability in proximity to transit
- Increase access to jobs/amenities by transit and active transportation

# **GGH Metro-Region Agreement Overview**

- MTO will lead the development of the GGH MRA following the stages below
- Project funding could flow as early as April 2026
- Updated timing is expected to be communicated to municipalities in the coming weeks



#### **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

- ✓ GGH Region defined
- ✓ MTO letters sent
- ✓ 1:1 meetings conducted with all municipalities
- ✓ Draft EOI shared
- ✓ Municipal input for EOI and planning funding
- EOI submitted

## INTEGRATED REGIONAL PLAN

- Establish TOR for Metro-Region Table
- ☐ Identify priority projects for 10-year investment plan
- Establish region-wide targets for housing supply, transit ridership, and emissions reductions

## METRO-REGION AGREEMENT

- MTO to lead negotiations with federal government and secure funding for MRA
- ☐ Target formal signatures on MRA, including funding commitments from all partners, by winter 2026

## PROJECT FUNDING APPLICATION

- Metro-region signatories bring forward funding requests for projects identified in the IRP
- ☐ Funding applications reviewed and assessed by HICC

## CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT AND FUNDING TRANSFER

- Project-specific contribution agreements developed for recipients implementing projects
- MTO works with Metrolinx and municipal partners to support the project-level approval process and transfer of funds

# Canada Public Transit Fund: Jane Street Funding Submission Business Case



City of Vaughan



Bus Rapid Transit Delivery

Housing
Supply
& Affordability
Implementation

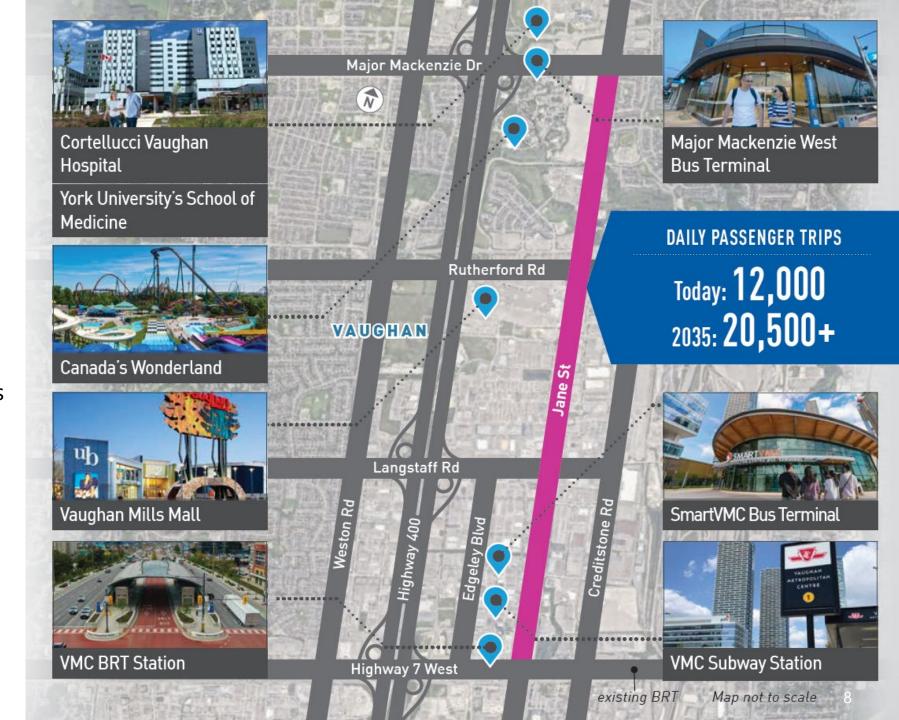
York Region / YRRTC



**WORKING TOGETHER = SUCCESS IN FUNDING PURSUIT** 

### Jane Street BRT

- 6.3km BRT from Highway7 to Major MackenzieDrive
- Population & Employment:
  - Active Development Applications: 58,000+ units
  - By 2051:
    - 151,000+ people
    - 23,000+ jobs



### Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital Major Mackenzie Drive Jane Street BRT -**Development Context** Wonderland Legend Rutherford Road **BRT Alignment** Vaughan Mills Langstaff Road Vaughan Metropolitan Centre MTSA Commerce **BRT Station** MTSA Creditstone BRT Station MTSA Map is for visual representation only and is subject to change. 2025-04-01 Dated: January 1, 2025

### **Collective Mission:**

We need successful applications to the Canada Public Transit Fund Metro-Region Agreement Stream.

**Together,** we must build the best cases to secure critical funding for the Jane Street and Highway 7 East BRT projects.

### **Commitments:**

- Cities of Vaughan and Markham achieving Housing Supply & Affordability targets
- York Region delivering the transit infrastructure

# THANK YOU











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