MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

Committee of the Whole (1) Report

DATE: Tuesday, December 06, 2022

TITLE: NORTH MAPLE REGIONAL PARK KEELE STREET TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS

FROM:
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Whereas, the 900-acre North Maple Regional Park (NMRP) is the largest and most ambitious park project in the City's history; and

Whereas, in April 2018, Council endorsed a bold vision for NMRP to create a nationally significant public sport, recreation and cultural venue; and

Whereas, the City is advancing Enabling Works which include site preparation, grading and servicing 130 acres of the park for future development of recreational facilities and park amenities based on the NMRP Phase 2 concept design (Attachment 1); and

Whereas, Enabling Works are in-progress and approximately 30% complete, including grading of recreational park areas, pond rehabilitation works, wetland improvements and extension of Vaughan CARES Way; and

Whereas, NMRP will only have one full-turn access point to the Regional road network on Keele Street, which is not currently controlled by traffic control signals; and

Whereas, technical traffic analysis and field investigations through the Enabling Works contract recommend new traffic control signals be installed at the intersection of Keele Street and the existing NMRP entrance as part of the Phase 2 park developments; and

Whereas, the intersection of Keele Street and NMRP will ultimately require traffic control signals when the Block 27 lands to the west are developed; and

Whereas, advancing the installation of traffic control signals at this intersection would improve safety and provide increased ease and comfort for the community to access Keele Street, particularly during weekday rush hour and during major park events; and

Whereas, York Region has previously advised that, based on Regional policy, traffic control signals are not warranted at this time; and

Whereas, York Region Council has previously authorized the installation of unwarranted traffic control signals, subject to the local municipality accepting responsibility for all installation and annual maintenance costs, until such time that the intersection satisfies the Region's policy criteria; and

Whereas, York Region staff have advised the estimated Capital cost for installing traffic control signals is $250,000 and the estimated annual Operating cost for this traffic control signal is $7,800, with ten years of operating costs ($78,000) payable in year one; and

Whereas, the design, construction and operating costs for the traffic control signals can be funded through approved capital budget PK-6636-19 NMRP Program.

It is therefore recommended:

1. THAT Council request York Region to authorize the installation of unwarranted traffic control signals at Keele Street and NMRP for operation as soon as possible;

2. THAT York Region be requested to reimburse the City of Vaughan for all associated installation costs once the warrants are met for this intersection;

3. THAT the Block 27 Development Landowners Group be requested to reimburse the City of Vaughan for capital costs associated with the traffic control signal, as applicable and determined through the development approval process; and

4. THAT the operating costs for the traffic control signal be recovered on a permanent basis from York Region.

<u>Attachment</u>

1. Traffic Signal Location Map