



MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

Meeting/Date	MAY 8, 2019 - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (WORKING SESSION)
Title:	YORK REGION ROADS CAPITAL ACCELERATION – CITY OF VAUGHAN
Submitted by:	MAYOR MAURIZIO BEVILACQUA

Whereas, York Region Council approved a 1 per cent tax levy to accelerate roads capital projects that were not within the proposed 10-year Transportation Capital Program through the 2019 budget process;

Whereas, the proposed York Region Roads Acceleration Program was presented at York Region Council on April 25, 2019;

Whereas, Vaughan is a rapidly growing city that includes transformational initiatives either complete or underway such as the development of the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre (VMC), our emerging downtown core; construction of the Mackenzie Vaughan Hospital, Canada's first smart hospital; the arrival of Niagara University's new bi-national campus to the city, marking the first university in Vaughan and York Region; and the opening of North Maple Regional Park;

Whereas, the ongoing growth, investments and economic opportunities that continue to shape Vaughan's promising future require the need to build modern, reliable and effective infrastructure to serve the needs of the citizens, businesses and visitors of Vaughan;

Whereas, the people of Vaughan have expressed significant concerns about traffic gridlock, of note, results from the most recent 2018 Citizen Satisfaction Survey, found that 59 per cent of residents say transportation is the most important issue facing their community;

Whereas, Transportation and Mobility is a leading priority in the City's Council approved 2018-2022 Term of Council Service Excellence Strategic Plan; and

Whereas, the proposed Roads Capital Acceleration Program does not identify investments within the City of Vaughan until 2024.

It is therefore recommended:

1. That York Region staff consider the following projects and timing of projects for inclusion into the Roads Capital Acceleration Program:
 - a. Improvements to Major Mackenzie Drive (from Keele Street to McNaughton/Avro Drive) be expedited to a 2020 construction year
 - b. Intersection improvements at Weston Road and Rutherford Road by 2022
 - c. Regional funding be provided for the North Maple Community Bridge (33 percent of the total cost); and
2. That the City Clerk forward a copy of this report to the Region of York.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua