

DATE: September 11, 2023

TO: Mayor and Members of Council

FROM: Haiqing Xu, Deputy City Manager, Planning and Growth Management

RE: COMMUNICATION – Committee of the Whole (1), September 12, 2023

Item #1

**Official Plan Amendment (Major Transit Station Areas) City-wide –
File NO. 26.18**

Recommendation

THAT the Committee of the Whole receive this Staff Communication for information regarding Agenda Item #1, Official Plan Amendment (Major Transit Station Areas) City-wide – File No. 26.18.

Background

The report, Official Plan Amendment (Major Transit Station Areas) City-wide – File No. 26.18, has been prepared strictly as a conformity exercise to bring VOP 2010 policies into conformity with updated Provincial plans and policies and the York Region Official Plan 2022 (YROP 2022) policies. *The Planning Act* requires any lower-tier municipality that must delineate Protected Major Transit Station Area (PMTSA) boundaries, identify minimum density targets (identified in YROP 2022) and include PMTSA policies in their official plans within 1-year of the upper-tier municipalities' PMTSA policies coming into effect. As such, VOP 2010 must include PMTSA policies, approved by York Region, by November 4, 2023, as the YROP 2022 was approved with modifications by the Province on November 4, 2022.

In April 2021, a report was brought to Vaughan Committee of the Whole to address York Region Council's request to consider MTSA along the Jane Street Corridor. Vaughan Council endorsed six MTSA stations along Jane Street, north of the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre to Major Mackenzie Drive.

When the YROP 2022 was approved by the Province with modifications on November 4, 2022, Appendix 2 of the YROP 2022 was modified in part by deleting the six Jane Street MTAs previously endorsed: The six Jane Street MTAs were identified as 'Future MTAs' on Map 1B – Urban Systems Overlay of the YROP 2022:

- MTSA 72 Langstaff BRT Station,
- MTSA 73 Major Mackenzie BRT Station,
- MTSA 74 Norwood BRT Station,
- MTSA 75 Pennsylvania BRT Station,
- MTSA 76 Springside BRT Station
- MTSA 77 Vaughan Mills BRT Station.

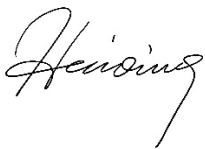
Policy 4.4.43.c. of YROP 2022 states that Future MTAs identified on Map 1B require further planning and consultation to finalize their location and delineation. The remaining 20 MTAs (identified in the above noted report) were identified as PMTSAs in the provincially approved YROP 2022.

The report, Official Plan Amendment (Major Transit Station Areas) City-wide – File No. 26.18, has been prepared strictly as a conformity exercise to bring VOP 2010 policies into conformity with updated Provincial plans and policies and the York Region Official Plan 2022 (YROP 2022) policies. Since the Jane Street MTAs are identified in YROP 2022 as Future MTAs, they could be added into the Vaughan Official Plan through the Official Plan Review process as an Official Plan Amendment.

The addition of MTSA policies more specific to the Vaughan planning context is currently being considered through the Official Plan Review being undertaken by the Policy Planning and Special Programs Department.

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Respectfully submitted by



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