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Committee of the Whole (Working Session) Report

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**TITLE: YORK REGION RAPID TRANSIT CORPORATION
CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES UPDATE**

FROM:

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ACTION: FOR INFORMATION

Purpose

To provide a status update on York Region Rapid Transit Corporation construction activities in Vaughan, including the SmartCentres Place VMC Bus Terminal, the Yonge Subway Extension, and the VivaNext Bus Rapid Transitway along Highway 7, Centre Street and Bathurst Street.

Report Highlights

- York Region Rapid Transit Corporation (YRRTC) is progressing on the delivery of a number of key transit projects within Vaughan
- The SmartCentres Place VMC Bus Terminal construction is nearing completion
- The Yonge Subway Extension (YSE) is currently in the Preliminary Design and Engineering Phase.
- Construction of the VivaNext Bus Rapid Transit lanes are on-going along Bathurst and Centre Streets, and along Highway 7.
- YRRTC continues communicating with the Vaughan Citizens during this upcoming busy construction season.

Recommendations

1. That the presentation from York Region Rapid Transit Corporation staff on the status of construction of rapid transit projects within Vaughan be received.

Background

YRRTC is engaged in a number of key planning and construction projects within Vaughan

The following is a summary of the on-going YRRTC initiatives within the City of Vaughan:

SmartCentres Place Bus Terminal

The construction of the SmartCentres Place Bus Terminal at Vaughan Metropolitan Centre is nearing completion. The 9-bay inter-regional bus terminal is scheduled to open for service this year.

Yonge Subway Extension

The Yonge Subway Extension to Richmond Hill is currently undergoing preliminary design and engineering, which is expected to take approximately 12 months to complete. The preliminary design and engineering phase includes:

- Confirming the project scope
- Advancing the overall level of design
- Developing a cost estimate
- Developing a comprehensive project schedule
- A business case and economic analysis
- Preparing and submitting a Transit Project Assessment Process amendment, if required
- Recommending the next steps required regarding the preferred project model delivery

VivaNext Bus Rapid Transitway

The second phase of the VivaNext bus rapid transit lanes construction started in the fall of 2015 on Highway 7 West, from Bruce Street to Edgeley Boulevard, and from Highway 7 along Centre Street to Yonge Street via the existing Viva route along Centre Street and Bathurst Street. Work is progressing well and the rapidway is scheduled to open for service by the end of 2019.

To help mitigate the impact on businesses in the area where construction activities are taking place, YRRTC initiated the business support program, collaborating with the Vaughan Chamber of Commerce and the Vaughan Business Enterprise Centre.

Previous Reports/Authority.

Previous update provided to the Vaughan Metropolitan Sub-Committee on June 12, 2018.

https://www.vaughan.ca/council/minutes_agendas/AgendaItems/0612_18_VMC_1.pdf

Analysis and Options

Since the previous update, the following YRRTC activities have been identified for 2019 construction season:

- SmartCentres Place VMC Bus Terminal is expected to open for service this year
- Yonge Subway Extension preliminary design and engineering phase is well underway
- Work continues on all 5 vivastations along Bathurst and Centre rapidway
- Work continues on all 5 vivastations along Highway 7 West rapidway
- Medians, planters, and boulevard work ongoing, with tree planting to begin
- Base paving to be completed and top paving to begin
- Permanent signal activations and new streetlights to be completed
- Watermain installation on Highway 7 to be completed
- Construction of the multi-use path on Highway 7 bridge over Highway 400 underway, with ongoing communications with the public
- Highway 400 Ramp realignment
- Completion of the rapidways and service opening by the end of 2019
- Shop7 and Shop Bathurst & Centre business support programs to promote business impacted by construction

Financial Impact

There are no financial impacts resulting from the recommendations of this report.

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

The delivery of these projects will provide high quality transit connections between York Region municipalities.

Conclusion

The presentation from York region Rapid Transit Corporation staff will provide an update on the status of transit projects in Vaughan. The on-going delivery of these projects within will serve to further the goals of the City's initiatives, to provide more reliable and more convenient transit service for resident and businesses.

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Attachments

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