

Committee of the Whole (1) Report

DATE: Tuesday, November 05, 2019

WARD(S): 4

TITLE: EXTENSION OF BASS PRO MILLS DRIVE FROM ROMINA DRIVE TO JANE STREET

FROM:

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ACTION: DECISION

Purpose

To seek Council approval to enact the necessary by-laws to dedicate the required lands for the Bass Pro Mills Drive extension from Romina Drive to Jane Street as a public highway and to provide an update on the status of the project.

Report Highlights

- To expedite the construction of the Bass Pro Mills Drive from Romina Drive to Jane Street, the lands required to construct the extension were acquired by the City in February 2019.
- Construction of the road extension commenced in early August 2019 and the road is scheduled to be open to traffic by the end of November 2019.
- The extension of Bass Pro Mills Drive from Romina Drive to Jane Street aligns with the Term of Council Strategic Priority: Transportation and Mobility, by improving the local road network.
- Necessary By-laws need to be enacted to dedicate Bass Pro Mills Drive from Romina Drive to Jane Street as a public highway.

Recommendations

1. That a By-law be enacted to dedicate the required lands for Bass Pro Mills Drive extension from Romina Drive to Jane Street as public highway.

2. That a By-law be enacted to amend By-law 284-94, the Consolidated Traffic By-law to designate Bass Pro Mills Drive from Edgeley Boulevard to Jane Street as a through street.
3. That a By-law be enacted to amend By-law 064-2019, the Consolidated Parking By-law to prohibit stopping on both sides of Bass Pro Mills Drive from Romina Drive to Jane Street.

Background

The extension of Bass Pro Mills Drive is a key initiative which aligns with the Service Excellence Strategic Plan to expand and extend the existing transportation network to improve mobility and support growth and development.

The lands required to construct the extension were remediated and Records of Site Condition was filed with the MOECC to the satisfaction of the City. Subsequently these lands were acquired by the City on February 13, 2019 allowing the City to move forward with the implementation of the extension.

The City issued the tender for the construction of the road extension on May 18, 2019 and the tender closed on June 24, 2019. The Contract was awarded to the lowest compliant bidder, Dom-Meridian Construction on July 19, 2019. Construction of the road extension commenced in early August and the road is scheduled to be opened to traffic by the end of November 2019.

Previous Reports/Authority

N/A

Analysis and Options

The Road extension is consistent with the recommendations of the Vaughan Official Plan 2010 and the Vaughan Mills Centre Secondary Plan.

The extension of Bass Pro Mills Drive from Romina Drive to connect with Jane Street is an important road network improvement that is identified in the Vaughan Official Plan. According to the Plan, the extension needs to be implemented within the 2021 plan horizon to support future growth and development in the area.

The extension of this Major Collector Road will provide direct access from Jane Street to the partial interchange at Bass Pro Mills Drive with northbound off and southbound on ramps to Highway 400. This connection will further expand and improve the municipal road network.

This is an important first step towards the ultimate extension of Bass Pro Mills Drive to connect with Weston Road to the west in accordance with recommendations in the Vaughan Official Plan and will provide an important east-west connection from Weston Road to Jane Street. The Municipal Class EA study for the future extension of Bass Pro Mills Drive to Weston Road is being initiated in 2020.

A By-law needs to be enacted to dedicate the lands for the Bass Pro Mills Drive extension from Romina Drive to Jane Street as a public highway

To allow the new road extension to be opened to the public, by-law needs to be enacted to dedicate Parts 2, 5,7, 12, 13, 25, 26, 27, 33, 46 & 47 on Plan 65R-37617 as a public highway under the Municipal Act. (Attachment No. 1)

A By-law needs to be enacted to amend By-law 284-94, the Consolidated Traffic By-law to designate Bass Pro Mills Drive from Edgeley Boulevard to Jane Street as a through street.

This by-law amendment will facilitate the installation of stop controls at the intersection of Romina Drive and Bass Pro Mills Drive, which currently is not stop controlled. (Attachment No. 2)

A By-law needs to be enacted to amend By-law 064-2019, the Consolidated Parking by-law to prohibit stopping on both sides of Bass Pro Mills Drive from Romina Drive to Jane Street.

Transportation and Fleet Management Services were consulted to review a no stopping prohibition on the Bass Pro Mills Drive extension. Based on their review, a no stopping prohibition is recommended on both side of the road for the proposed road extension between Romina Drive and Jane Street intersection (Attachment #3)

Financial Impact

There are no requirements for new funding associated with this report.

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

The Bass Pro Mills Drive and Jane Street intersection falls under the jurisdiction of the Regional Municipality of York. As such, the Region was consulted and provided approvals for the intersection improvement work.

Conclusion

The extension of the Bass Pro Mills Drive from Romina Drive to Jane Street aligns with the Term of Council Strategic Priority: Transportation and Mobility, by improving the local road network. In order for the Bass Pro Mills Drive extension to be opened to the public, the necessary by-laws need to be enacted.

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Attachments

1. Location sketch illustrating the general location of the portion of Bass Pro Mills Drive to be dedicated as Public Highway and draft By-law for the purpose of dedicating various parts of Bass Pro Mills Drive as Public Highway
2. Location sketch illustrating the proposed stop controls at Romina Drive and future extension of Romina Drive and associated draft By-law to amend By-law 284-94, the Consolidated Traffic By-law to designate Bass Pro Mills Drive from Edgeley Boulevard to Jane Street as a through street.
3. Location sketch illustrating the limits of proposed no stopping prohibition and the associated draft By-law to amend By-law 064-2019, the Consolidated Parking By-law to prohibit stopping on both sides of Bass Pro Mills Drive from Romina Drive to Jane Street.

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