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ITEM - Dep. 2

DATE: January 30, 2020

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of Council

FROM: Nick Spensieri, Deputy City Manager, Infrastructure Development
Zoran Postic, Deputy City Manager, Public Works

RE: DEPUTATION 2, COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - FEBRUARY 4, 2020

REQUESTING IMMEDIATE IMPROVEMENTS (WITHIN 2020) TO TESTON ROAD BETWEEN KIPLING AVENUE AND PINE VALLEY DRIVE

Purpose

This communication is in response to a deputation from a citizen dated January 8, 2020 requesting immediate improvements (within 2020) to Teston Road between Kipling Avenue and Pine Valley Drive.

Background

The section of Teston Road between Kipling Avenue and Pine Valley Drive currently has a rural cross section that is appropriate for the existing rural landscape adjacent to Teston Road. Substantial development growth is currently taking place in north Vaughan contributing to higher traffic volumes and increased demand for adequate pedestrian and cycling facilities. Teston Road permits truck use between Kipling Avenue and Pine Valley Drive; however, truck use is prohibited on Teston Road/Stegman's Mill Road, west of Kipling Avenue.

Current winter maintenance service levels provided on Teston Road between Pine Valley Drive and Kleinburg Summit Way exceed legislated maintenance standards

Teston Road is a Class 3 roadway that, per the legislated Maintenance Standards (MS) is inspected at minimum once every seven days.

Teston Road is maintained at the highest winter maintenance levels that the City delivers. The roadway is on a prioritized anti-icing route in accordance with the following required levels of service:

- Ice treatment typically occurs within four hours of discovery
- Icy roadways are typically treated within four hours of discovery
- Snow accumulation is typically addressed within four hours of five cm of accumulation.

All winter control activities exceed the service levels required by the MS of 16 hours, eight hours, and 12 hours at eight cm of accumulation respectively.

The roadway is continuously maintained, with 11 road related work orders completed in 2019, and two completed to date in 2020.

Review of patrol data indicates that Teston Road was patrolled at minimum once daily over the past two months, except on January 18, 2020 and December 2, 2019. On both days, the City was engaged in a salting operation.

Accident and claim data were also compared for Teston Road through winter months. There were seven accidents reported on Teston Road between January 2016 and September 2019. Two of the seven were due to collisions with wildlife. Between 2015 and 2019, no claims were submitted to the City related to 'Ice/Snow – Surface' conditions.

York Region has commenced the detailed design for improvements along Teston Road between Weston Road and Pine Valley Drive

York Region has completed an Environmental Assessment for the improvements along Teston Road, between Weston Road and Pine Valley Drive. These improvements will include road widening, urbanization, active transportation facilities and the intersection jog elimination at Pine Valley Drive. Detailed design for this project is currently underway.

Teston Road between 250 metres west of Pine Valley Drive and Kleinburg Summit Way Environmental Assessment Study is anticipated to commence in February 2020

In order to determine corridor improvements for this section of Teston Road, the City will be undertaking a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA). The EA will identify road and boulevard improvements for the Teston Road study limits with considerations for the existing and planned development and opportunities for other transportation improvements (i.e. multi-modal travel). The preferred design will reflect both the existing and planned land use, urban form and transportation contexts, while trade-offs between features should respect the long-term objectives for Teston Road and surrounding areas.

The study will be conducted in accordance with the Municipal Engineers Association's Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process (MCEA, October 2000, as amended in 2007, 2011 and 2015). It is anticipated to commence in February 2020 and to be completed in two (2) years.

Stakeholder and Public Engagement

The study will include a comprehensive consultation process engaging a Stakeholders Group and a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) made up of key stakeholders; York Region, York Region Transit (YRT), Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), property owners,

block developers, landowners' groups, business owners, local community and business groups, citizens, utilities and the applicable Federal, Provincial, Regional and Municipal agencies.

The study will also include at least one Public Information Center (PIC)/Open House.

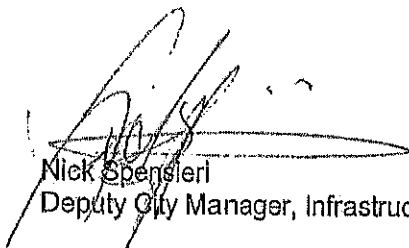
In addition, citizens and landowners within and around the study area boundary, interest groups and Local Ratepayers Associations, Indigenous communities as well as other community and business representatives will be consulted as part of the process.

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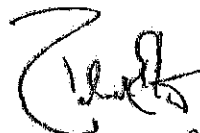
Communication will be a crucial element of this study. At the outset of the study, a comprehensive mailing list will be developed and will include the names of all property owners, relevant review agencies, Indigenous communities, utilities, local interests' groups and other stakeholders.

In addition, a study webpage will be developed in collaboration with Corporate Communications Department to feature major aspects of the project and will be updated on a regular basis.

Respectfully submitted,



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