

MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

Council Report

DATE: Wednesday, February 17, 2021

**TITLE: CITY OF VAUGHAN URGES FEDERAL FUNDING FOR THE
YONGE NORTH SUBWAY EXTENSION (YNSE)**

FROM:

Councillor Alan Shefman

Whereas, The Yonge North Subway Extension (YNSE) is a leading transportation priority for the City of Vaughan and York Region, and

Whereas, The YNSE has been identified as a critical infrastructure investment with the current York Region and City of Vaughan Transportation Master Plans, and

Whereas, Developing a comprehensive transit network is a crucial infrastructure issue in the City of Vaughan and throughout the Greater Toronto Area (GTA); and

Whereas the YNSE will support a growing population, generate economic opportunity, and reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in Vaughan and surrounding communities. And

Whereas the YNSE is an integral part of the rapid transit priority projects that would strengthen connection within the Greater Toronto Hamilton Area, and

Whereas, The business cases completed to-date for the YNSE are compelling –affirmed in successive Regional Transportation Plans completed for the GTA in 2008, and again in 2018, and

Whereas, The project will create skilled jobs and lasting social infrastructure critical to the recovery from the impact of the global COVID-19 pandemic; and

Whereas, A project of this size and scope requires investment from all levels of government; and

Whereas, the YNSE is included among the five major transit priorities the Province of Ontario has identified, which require federal funding to move forward.

Whereas, the City of Vaughan welcomes the federal government's recent commitment to invest in public transit, which includes permanent funding of \$3 billion per year for Canadian communities beginning in 2026-27.

It is therefore recommended:

1. **THAT** the City of Vaughan reaffirms its long-standing commitment to advancing the successful completion of the Yonge North Subway Extension; and
2. **THAT** the City of Vaughan calls on the Federal Government to commit to broad and substantial municipal funding for the Yonge North Subway Extension to provide immediate stimulus to the local, provincial and the federal economies to emerge stronger from the impact of the global COVID-19 pandemic; and
3. **THAT** the Federal Government's financial commitment be made as soon as possible, and
4. **THAT** this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada; the Federal Minister of Infrastructure and Communities; the Federal Minister of Transportation; the Federal Minister of Finance, the Premier of Ontario; the Ontario Minister of the Finance; the Ontario Minister of Infrastructure; the Provincial Minister of Transportation; the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM); the Local Members of Parliament (MPs); the Local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs) as well as York Region and its member municipalities.