

MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

Committee of the Whole (1) Report

DATE: Wednesday, April 07, 2021

TITLE: Members Resolution Regarding the Yonge North Subway Extension

FROM:

Councillor Alan Shefman

Whereas, the extension of the Yonge Street Subway (YNSE -Yonge North Subway Extension) has been designated as a priority rapid transit project by the Province of Ontario, and

Whereas, The Environmental Assessment for the YNSE project was approved by the Province of Ontario in 2009 and

Whereas, the YNSE has been in a planning stage for approximately 15 years, and

Whereas, the proposed route and stations (Option 1 in the Initial Business Case) identified through a long and detailed planning process, including a formal approved Environmental Assessment and significant public consultation has been considered the most ideal and efficient route for the extension, and

Whereas, Metrolinx assigned to manage the delivery of the project in 2019. And

Whereas the Initial Business Case and Supplementary Analysis released by Metrolinx on March 18, 2021, is based on a \$5.6 billion funding envelop, and

Whereas, the Initial Business Case, reflecting the current allotted budget has not recommended certain key elements of the original plan such as stations at Cummer, Clark and Royal Orchard, an alignment that remains on Yonge Street to its terminus

north of the 407 highway and a lack of commuter parking in the vicinity of the terminus station.

It is therefore recommended:

1. That the Council of the City of Vaughan is most supportive of the efforts by the Province to move the YNSE project forward with the publication and recommendations of the Initial Business Case, and
2. That every effort be made to revise the YNSE Reference Alignment, identified within the supplemental analysis undertaken following the Initial Business Case, to address the problematic issues of the alignment away from Yonge Street, the limitation of “neighbourhood” stations and the lack of a clear plan for commuter parking, and
3. That Option 1 as outlined in the Initial Business Case be supported, and
4. That the required funds to support Option 1 or a close variation of this option be provided by increasing the funding envelop through the funding support for this project by the Provincial and Federal Governments, and
5. That the appropriate government bodies, including the Offices of the Premier and Prime Minister, be advised of this resolution of Council.