

Committee of the Whole (2) Report

DATE: Wednesday, October 13, 2021

WARD(S): ALL

TITLE: YORK REGION WATER AND WASTEWATER MASTER PLAN UPDATE

FROM:

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ACTION: DECISION

Purpose

York Region will provide a presentation on its Water and Wastewater Master Plan Update including draft water and wastewater infrastructure and associated costs required to support growth to 2051 as part of the ongoing Municipal Comprehensive Review.

Report Highlights

- The Region's Water and Wastewater Master Plan is a long-term servicing plan that identifies infrastructure and programs required to support projected growth to 2051 as envisioned in the Regional Official Plan, and in coordination with the ongoing Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR).
- The Master Plan Update commenced in Q3 2019 and is expected to be completed in early 2022.
- Servicing a population of over 2 million people will require \$4.3 billion in water and wastewater infrastructure and supporting programs.

Recommendations

1. That York Region's Water and Wastewater Master Plan Update presentation be received for information purposes.
2. That staff continue to engage with the Region of York to coordinate water and wastewater infrastructure needs with the City's ongoing Integrated Urban Water Master Plan; and

3. That a copy of this report be forwarded to York Region.

Background

York Region's Water and Wastewater Master Plan Update outlines critical infrastructure to support growth to 2051

York Region has completed regular updates to its Water and Wastewater Master Plan for over two decades to ensure long-term strategies reflect evolving needs. The last update was completed and endorsed by Regional Council in 2016.

The current Master Plan Update is being completed in coordination with the Municipal Comprehensive Review and the Region's Transportation Master Plan using the Council-endorsed principle of aligning growth with infrastructure. The Master Plan Update is based on the March 2021 MCR *Proposed 2051 Forecast and Land Needs Assessment Report*.

The Region is expecting to complete this Master Plan Update and obtain Regional Council endorsement in Q1 2022. The Region will circulate a draft version of the Master Plan Report to all local municipalities later this year. The City will have an opportunity to provide formal comments before the Notice of Completion is issued.

The Master Plan Update strives to develop a comprehensive, cost-efficient, and resilient infrastructure plan and long-term servicing strategy for water and wastewater services

In alignment with the Regions' 2019 - 2023 Strategic Plan and 2021 Fiscal Strategy, the goal of the Region's Water and Wastewater Master Plan is to develop a long-term servicing strategy that is environmentally sustainable and provides cost-effective and reliable services through integration, innovation, and infra-stretching.

Previous Reports/Authority

There are no previous reports, websites and/or direction on this topic.

Analysis and Options

York Region's Master Plan Update confirms that the 2016 servicing strategies remain valid

This Master Plan Update is following the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment framework. Detailed analysis confirmed the high-level servicing strategies from the 2016 Master Plan continue to be valid to meet the needs of York Region's growing communities.

Drinking water will continue to be supplied from Toronto and Peel, with minor York-Peel watermain improvement works proposed as demands and flows increase. Major works, such as the Northeast Vaughan Water Servicing and the West Vaughan Water Servicing will continue as planned to connect the City's urban expansion areas.

Wastewater flows will continue to be serviced through the York-Durham Sewage System (YDSS) and Peel Diversion System. The City's urban expansion areas will be connected via the proposed Northeast Vaughan and West Vaughan Wastewater Servicing projects.

The overall servicing strategy will service planned growth, improve system resiliency, reduce water age, lower energy consumption, and improve water balance.

York Region's Master Plan Report will be presented to Regional Council for endorsement in 2022

This Master Plan Update is scheduled for completion in Q1 2022. Key activities in the next few months include public and stakeholder consultation, presentations to local municipal Councils, Regional Council endorsement and report submission to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks.

Financial Impact

The proposed water and wastewater infrastructure identified in this Master Plan Update will be funded by York Region.

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

City staff will continue to closely coordinate with the Region to ensure efficiency and compatibility with the City's on-going Integrated Urban Water Master Plan.

Conclusion

The Region's Water and Wastewater Master Plan Update supports the Region's Municipal Comprehensive Review and will provide input to their planned Development Charge Bylaw Update in 2022. The Region is expecting to complete this Master Plan Update and obtain Regional council endorsement in Q1 2022. The Region will circulate a draft version of the Master Plan Report to all local municipalities later this year. The City will have an opportunity to provide formal comments before the Notice of Completion is issued.

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Attachments

1. Presentation Slides, York Region 2021 Water and Wastewater Master Plan Update

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