



Yonge North Subway Extension – Resource Agreement Between the City of Markham and Metrolinx

**Development Services Committee
November 28, 2023**



Agenda

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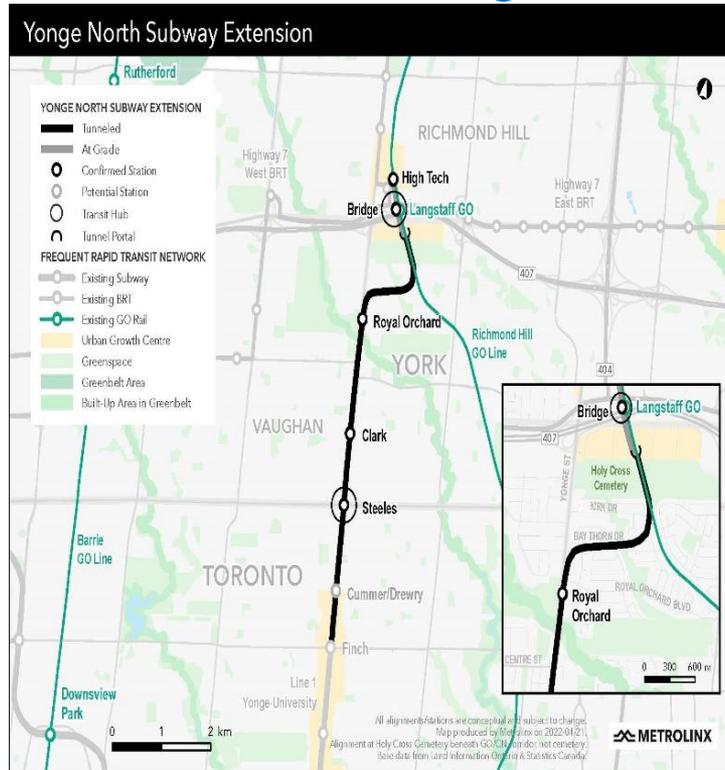


Purpose

- Seek Council authorization to enter into a Resource Agreement (RA) with Metrolinx for the Yonge North Subway Extension project (YNSE).
- The RA establishes respective roles and responsibilities for the project and provides a framework for Metrolinx to fund City Staff resources dedicated to all aspects of the long-term planning and delivery of this transformative subway project.



Context: Yonge North Subway Extension – Key Facts



- Length: Approximately 8 kilometres with 6.3km of underground section
- Anticipated Ridership: More than 94,000 daily riders
- Number of Stations: Five – Four of them directly serve Markham
- Integration with other Transit Services
- Improved access to transit: 26,000 more people within a 10-minute walk from the station (2041)
- Travel time savings of more than 22 minutes
- Jobs Created – 4,300 full-time jobs through each year of construction
- Greenhouse gas reductions – more than 4,800 tonnes of auto related emissions/year
- Estimated Capital Cost: \$5.6 billion (provincial budget 2019)



Context: Comfort Letters

- Metrolinx issued comfort letters in August 2020 and March 2023 to confirm they will provide cost-recovery for municipal Staff resources.
- The letters were provided to York Region and the Cities of Markham, Vaughan and Richmond Hill, establishing that staff time spent on the YNSE project would be reimbursed.
- The comfort letters are to be superseded by municipality-specific Resource Agreements based on their individual situations and needs.



Resource Agreement Highlights

- The City of Markham-Metrolinx Resource Agreement enables the City to hire staff dedicated to the YNSE project and provide cost-recovery for other staff time spent on the project.
- Staff from across the City are involved in various aspects of the subway project and are committed to ensuring its delivery is prioritized and expedited.



Resource Agreement Highlights

- Outlines roles and responsibilities for Metrolinx and Markham
- Provides for full reimbursement of Staff time spent on YNSE
- City commits to timely delivery of services (review, permits, approvals etc.) in order to ensure the project proceeds expediently



Recommendations

1. That the report titled “Yonge North Subway Extension – Resource Agreement between the City of Markham and Metrolinx” be received;
2. That staff be directed to continue to negotiate the Resource Agreement and any other necessary associated documents with Metrolinx and that the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute the Resource Agreement on terms satisfactory to the City Solicitor in consultation with the Commissioner of Development Services; and
3. That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the resolution.