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September 26, 2006

Town of Markham 101 Town Centre Blvd. Markham, Ontario L3R 9W3

Attention: Municipal Clerk

Dear Sir/Madam:

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TOWN OF MARKHAM
\_\_CLERKS DEPT.

#### Re: Town of East Gwillimbury Resolution re Urbanization of Regional Roads

For your information and records, at its regular meeting of Council on September 26, 2006, the Municipal Council of the Town of East Gwillimbury enacted as follows:

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Programs & Infrastructure Report CPI-2006-36, dated September 18, 2006, regarding urbanization of Regional roads be received and adopted;

THAT Council pass the following resolution in support of the urbanization of Regional Roads:

WHEREAS improvements to Regional and local road systems are a high priority for the public in York Region; and

WHEREAS the growth-related costs of improvements to the road system are eligible for recovery through the Region of York and the Town's respective Development Charge By-laws; and

WHEREAS the urbanization (i.e., installation of storm sewers, curbs and gutters) of roads is an effective method of improving the Regional road system and reducing annual maintenance costs; and

WHEREAS the staff of the Town of East Gwillimbury and York Region have had discussion regarding this matter;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Town of East Gwillimbury supports the urbanization of Regional roads within urban areas, and in particular Green Lane, and that the cost of urbanizing Green Lane and other Regional roads within urbanized areas be included in the next Region of York Development Charge By-law update proposed for 2007; and

THAT, in consideration that this issue impacts all Municipalities within the Regional Municipality of York, this resolution be forwarded to all area municipalities for their consideration and support."

Attached for your records, please find a copy of Community Programs & Infrastructure Report CPI-2006-36.

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If you have any further questions with regard to the above, please do not hesitate to contact the Town of East Gwillimbury Community Programs and Infrastructure Department.

Yours truly,

Anna M. Knowles

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Deputy Clerk

Attach.

c.c.: Regional Municipality of York

All York Region Municipalities

W. Hunt, General Manager, Community Programs &

Infrastructure

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# COMMUNITY PROGRAMS & INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT CPI-2006-36

To:

Committee of the Whole

Date:

September 18, 2006

Subject:

Urbanization of Regional Roads

Origin:

Community Programs & Infrastructure

Development Engineering Branch

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. **THAT** Community Programs & Infrastructure Report CPI-2006-36 dated September 18, 2006 regarding urbanization of Regional roads be received and adopted.

2. **THAT** Council pass the following resolution in support of the urbanization of Regional roads.

WHEREAS improvements to Regional and local road systems are a high priority for the public in York Region, and;

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**THAT**, in consideration that this issue impacts all Municipalities within the Regional Municipality of York, this resolution be forwarded to all area municipalities for their consideration and support.

### **PURPOSE**

This report is prepared as a follow-up to Council resolution C2006-231CPI dated June 5, 2006 (copy attached). Staff, through Council, are requesting support from other area municipalities for the urbanization of Regional roads within existing urban areas.

### **BACKGROUND**

Council at its meeting June 5, 2006 passed resolution C2006-231CPI in support of urbanization of Regional roads and more specifically, that portion of Greenlane fronting on the Harvest Hills Development. This resolution was forwarded to the Commissioner of Works at the Region in a letter dated June 8, 2006 (copy attached).

Recently there has been increased development pressure along the Yonge Street – Greenlane corridor, where presently, rural road sections exist. As this and other corridors begin to develop, the priority should be to urbanize the road networks to provide full curb and gutter sections with boulevards to accommodate increased pedestrian movement, road and pedestrian safety and reduced road maintenance costs.

#### **ANALYSIS**

As development on the fringes of existing built-up areas continues to increase, the need to urbanize the arterial road networks adjacent to these development areas also increases. Both commercial and residential developments demand improvements to the road network which includes expanded boulevard areas for pedestrian movement as well as other increased uses such as transit lanes, bicycle lanes, etc. which are better suited within an urban cross section versus a limited rural section.

This approach should be region-wide and therefore, support of the other area municipalities is recommended.

#### NEED FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION

None

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The increased costs associated with providing urbanization on the Regional road system will require revisions to the regional development charges by-law.

## **CONFORMITY WITH STRATEGIC PLAN**

The contents of this report support the Strategic Pillars as follows:

1. Protecting & Enhancing the Environment

Urbanized (curb and gutter) road sections as compared to rural (ditched), improve the roadside environment

- 2. Providing and Advocating for Quality Programs and Services to the Community Urbanized road sections as compared to rural provide a safer road network for pedestrian and vehicular movement.
- 3. Investing in Municipal Infrastructure
  Increased investment in Regional and municipal infrastructure
- 4. Managing Growth to Ensure a Sustainable Community
  Urbanization reduces road maintenance costs as compared to a rural road section thereby enhancing a sustainable community.

This report has been reviewed by the Senior Management Team.

Prepared By,

Don Allan, CET, CST

Manager of Development Engineering

Approved and Recommended By,

B. W. Hunt, P! Eng., General Manager

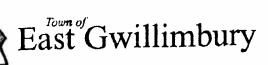
Community Programs & Infrastructure

Approved for Submission,

Thomas R. Webster

Chief Administrative Officer

Council – June 5, 2006





C 2006-231CPI

COUNCIL

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DATE: June 5, 2006

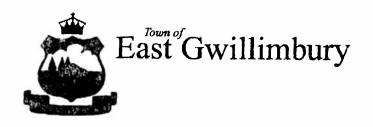
BE IT RESOLVED THAT, in consideration that the Town of East Gwillimbury is supportive of urbanization of Regional roads in built up areas;

AND FURTHER, THAT the installation of curbs and gutters in lieu of ditches improves the aesthetics of the area and reduces Regional road maintenance costs associated with garbage collection in ditches, drainage, shoulder maintenance and grading, and improves drainage to the road sub-base, thereby increasing the road surface life expectancy;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Region provide Development Charge Credits to the developers of the Harvest Hills Development (19T-04001) south of Green Lane and west of Yonge Street for the urbanization of the south side of Green Lane from Trinity Development, westerly to the proposed nature trail adjacent to the proposed storm water management pond.

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James Young, Mayor



B. W. Hunt, P.Eng.

General Manager Community Programs & Infrastructure 905-478-4282 engineering@eastgwillimbury.ca

**VIA FAX** 

June 8, 2006

Mr. Bruce Macgregor, Commissioner Regional Engineering Department Regional Municipality of York 17250 Yonge Street Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1

Dear Mr. Macgregor:

Re:

Urbanization of Green Lane and Signalization at Intersections

Minto Communites Inc. & Harvest Hills Development Corporation, 19T-04001

Attached is a Council resolution dated June 5, 2006 supporting the urbanization of the south side of Green Lane over referenced limits. We understand and appreciate the fact that the Region supports this position. Accordingly, the urbanization of Green Lane as referenced should be reflected in the Region's conditions of draft plan approval.

In addition, we maintain that the signalization of the two intersections with Green Lane (one being Woodspring Avenue) should be signalized as part of at least an occupancy requirement within this development regardless of warrants. Clause 30 of the Region's proposed draft conditions does not address timing and we believe it should. In other words, the signalization should be part of this development.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly.

B. W. Hunt, P.Eng. General Manager

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c.c. Thomas Webster, C.A.O.
Dan Stone, Director of Planning
Don Allan, Development Supervisor
Heather Konefat, Region of York
Minto Developments
Crystal Homes