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York Region
17250 Yonge Street
Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1

RE: Resolution from Mayor Lovatt, re: Transfer of Ownership and Jurisdiction of Highway 48 Between 19th Line and Bethesda Side Road

Please be advised that the above-noted matter was placed before Council at its meeting held on August 27, 2019, and the following resolution was passed:

Whereas the lands on the east side of Highway 48 have been approved for development but are currently restricted from accessing Highway 48 directly; and

Whereas the restricted access to Highway 48 has distorted plans of subdivision and site plans by directing all future traffic to local roads, which would unnecessarily prolong and complicate the traffic flow and lower the level of service at these intersections; and

Whereas there are significant development interests in the lands on both sides of Highway 48; and

Whereas the Town, in conjunction with the City of Markham, is undertaking a visioning exercise that may reveal the need to further expand the Stouffville settlement area boundary to include eligible lands west of Highway 48; and

Whereas the southern portion of Highway 48 serving inter-regional traffic will gradually diminish and change to serving inter-municipal and local traffic when development takes place; and

Whereas new developments will require more direct accesses to Highway 48; and

Whereas community-building and its associated infrastructure requires local and regional involvement.

Therefore, be it resolved,

1) That Council request that the ownership and jurisdiction of Highway 48 between the 19th Line and Bethesda Side Road be transferred from MTO to York Region; and



- 2) That Council direct staff to initiate a discussion with both MTO and York Region staff on detailed terms of the transfer; and
- 3) That Council direct staff to further discuss with York Region developing access control policies for the future regional road; and
- 4) That Council direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to York Region and Minister of Transportation.

Carried

Yours truly,

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cc. Minister of Transportation