

## **MEMORANDUM**

To: Regional Chair Emmerson and Members of Regional Council

From: Bruce Macgregor  
Chief Administrative Officer

Date: June 7, 2022

Re: 2018 – 2022 Council Accomplishments

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### **York Region annual Community Reports highlight Council achievements**

York Region prepares annual Community reports in alignment with the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) criteria. York Region's 2019, 2020 and 2021 [Community Reports](#) include the Strategic Planning framework, detail achievements by areas of focus, highlight awards and recognitions and provide a 5-year statistical review.

The accomplishments outlined in York Region Community Reports demonstrate Council's Vision of Strong, Caring, Safe Communities and commitment to achieving the [2019-2023 Strategic Plan](#) within the four areas of focus: Economic Vitality, Healthy Communities, Sustainable Environment and Good Government.

Significant accomplishments of the 2018-2022 York Regional Council include:

- Approval of the Yonge North Subway Extension - as Council's top transportation priority, this critical rapid-transit link will unlock new travel choices for commuters, connect workers to high-value jobs and drive prosperity at national, provincial and regional levels
- Update to the Regional Official Plan – through the Municipal Comprehensive Review process and in response to changes to Provincial Plans, the updated policies in the Regional Official Plan set the stage for more detailed planning with the Region's nine cities and towns and help coordinate planning efforts and infrastructure delivery across York Region
- Approval of the 2022 Development Charges Bylaw – this cost recovery tool will help fund infrastructure needed to service planned growth as outlined in the Regional Official Plan and for the first time includes the Region's contribution to the Yonge North Subway Extension capital project

- Support for York University Markham Campus – based on Council approval of \$25 million in capital funding, York Region, the City of Markham and York University officially broke ground on a new Markham campus in 2020 that will bring approximately 4,200 new student spaces to York Region in the 2023/24 academic year
- Expansion of YorkNet – with Council support and funding from Provincial and Federal governments, reliable internet has been brought to residents and businesses in York Region, particularly those in rural and underserved areas

**While COVID-19 predominated through most of this term of Council, critical initiatives were substantially advanced**

In response to COVID-19, Regional Council adopted virtual meetings and was successful in advancing high volumes of critical business, supported increased public participation, while averting over 26 tonnes of GHG emissions.

The dedication and commitment of York Regional Council, staff, municipal counterparts, stakeholders and partners in responding to the pandemic was also evident in maintaining the critical services supporting quality of life in York Region’s communities.

In this period of post-pandemic recovery, the Region continues to seek opportunities to drive innovation and place residents and businesses at the forefront of all decisions.

For more information on this memo, please contact Bruce Macgregor, Chief Administrative Officer, at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 71200. Accessible formats or communication supports are available upon request.



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