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October 23, 2024

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Christopher Raynor, Regional Clerk  
Regional Clerk's Office, Corporate Services Department  
The Regional Municipality of York  
17250 Yonge Street  
Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1

Dear Christopher:

**Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of October 22, 2024  
Item 8.9.1 - Councillor Thompson; Re: Interchange at Highway 404 and St. John's  
Sideroad**

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on October 22, 2024, and in this regard, Council adopted the following resolution:

**Whereas the York Region Transportation Master Plan, approved by York Region Council in September of 2022 identified a need for an interchange to be built at Highway 404 and St. John's Sideroad by 2051; and**

**Whereas the Region will be updating the 2022 Transportation Master Plan every 5 years during its planning horizon, with the next update occurring in 2027; and**

**Whereas our Official Plan forecasts Aurora's population will be 79,600 residents and 38,300 jobs by 2041 and 85,800 residents and 41,600 jobs by 2051; and**

**Whereas additionally, neighbouring municipalities of Newmarket and Whitchurch-Stouffville are expected to grow cumulatively to over 221,500 people and 86,400 jobs to 2051, with the Region's total population also expected to be over 2 million people and approximately 1 million jobs over the same horizon; and**

**Whereas the Region's Municipal Comprehensive Review and Land Needs Assessment for the 2022 Regional Official Plan identified Aurora as having the greatest share of Major Office jobs over the planning horizon of any Northern Six York Region municipalities; and**

**Whereas Aurora's Employment Area along the 404 Corridor is over 2 kilometres long and is anticipated to generate over 6,000 new jobs, yet it currently is forced**

**to rely on only one existing interchange at the south end, along Wellington Street East; and**

**Whereas the Province of Ontario has mandated significant local growth as part of the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, and has defined Provincial Interests under the Planning Act that include providing employment opportunities and protecting the financial and economic well-being of the Province and its municipalities; and**

**Whereas the proposed St. John's Sideroad interchange has been built into the planning framework of the Town for nearly two decades, including as a planned element in the 2010 Aurora 2C Secondary Plan, the 2010 Official Plan, and the Town's current 2024 Official Plan; and**

**Whereas Council recently endorsed the Municipal Housing Target pledge of 8,000 residential units by 2031; and**

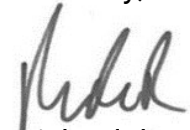
**Whereas traffic congestion is a growing concern for all Aurora residents and has an impact, socially, environmentally and economically, on the Town, neighbouring municipalities, and the Region at large;**

- 1. Now Therefore Be it Hereby Resolved That staff provide the Region with Traffic and Household data and projections that supports the need for the interchange at St. John's and Highway 404; and**
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The above is for your consideration and any attention deemed necessary.

Please be advised that the appropriate Planning and Development Services staff will be in contact regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



Michael de Rond

Town Clerk

The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

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Attachment: Council meeting extract of October 22, 2024

Copy: Marco Ramunno, Director, Planning and Development Services  
Nancy Fleming, Manager, Engineering and Capital Delivery



## 8. Committee of the Whole Meeting Report of October 1, 2024

**Moved by** Councillor Gaertner

**Seconded by** Councillor Gilliland

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting Report of October 1, 2024, be received and the recommendations carried by the Committee approved, with the exception of sub-item 8.8.3, which was discussed and voted on separately as recorded below.

Yeas (6): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Thompson, and Councillor Gallo

**Carried (6 to 0)**

### 8.9 Member Motions

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