

REPORT OF THE TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

For consideration by the General Committee
of the City of Barrie on August 8, 2011

The Transportation and Economic Development Committee met at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 26 in the Council Chambers.

PRESENT: Councillor J. Brassard, Chair
Councillor B. Jackson
Councillor M. Prowse.

STAFF: City Clerk, D. McAlpine
Director of Environmental Services, J. Thompson
Director of Legal Services, I. Peters
General Manager of Corporate Services, E. Archer
General Manager of Infrastructure, Development and Culture, R. Forward
Infrastructure Planning Engineer, R. Scheunemann
Manager of Accounting, K. Short
Manager of Infrastructure Planning, S. Patterson
Supervisor – Council Secretariat, L. Pearson.

The Transportation and Economic Development Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION “A”

11-TED-024 PRESENTATION – ESSA ROAD TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS (BRYNE DRIVE/ARDAGH ROAD TO ANNE STREET) MUNICIPAL CLASS EA, PHASES 3 AND 4

R. Scheunemann, Infrastructure Planning Engineer of the Engineering Department provided a presentation concerning the Essa Road Transportation Improvements (Bryne Drive/Ardagh Road to Anne Street) Municipal Class EA, Phases 3 and 4. Mr. Scheunemann provided background information on the Environmental Assessment process associated with the Essa Road Transportation Improvements. He outlined the alternatives reviewed during Phases 1 and 2 of the project as well as the design alternatives considered during Phases 3 and 4. Mr. Scheunemann noted that transportation infrastructure improvements are needed on Essa Road to meet current and future population growth.

R. Scheunemann provided an overview of the specific parameters associated with both the ultimate and interim preferred design alternatives for Phases 3 and 4. He outlined information related the safety benefits of medians and the results of the synchro analysis associated with the proposed development on the Osmington Lands.

In closing, R. Scheunemann noted that if the preferred alternative is approved by City Council, a Notice of Completion would be posted and the project would then proceed to detail design.

Committee members asked several questions of staff related to the Osmington development, provincial cost sharing, property acquisitions, cross-access agreements and the re-prioritization of capital projects to accommodate the increased costs anticipated with this project.

The Committee opened the floor to additional questions and comments from the audience. Three individuals (Ken Reese, Rigo Ungaro and Rosemarie Humphries) provided comments indicating their concerns related to consideration of round-about/traffic circle design alternatives and the priority of the project as it relates to the Osmington development.

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The Transportation and Economic Development Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):

SECTION “B”

11-TED-025 ESSA ROAD TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS (BRYNE DRIVE/ARDAGH ROAD TO ANNE STREET) MUNICIPAL CLASS EA, PHASES 3 AND 4

1. That the Preferred Design Alternative for the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for Essa Road (Class EA), from east of Anne Street to west of Bryne Drive, Phases 3 & 4 be adopted as outlined in Staff Report ENG035-11.
2. That the Director of Legal Services be authorized to commence expropriation proceedings against the properties identified in the Phases 3 & 4 Essa Road Class EA and to settle the expropriation in an amount up to a maximum of \$5,500,000 for all of the subject properties in conjunction with attempts to acquire the properties through negotiated settlements.
3. That the Corporation of the City of Barrie make an application to City Council, as approving authority, for approval to expropriate the said lands and that the Mayor, and the City Clerk, be authorized to execute the necessary forms of application.
4. That the “Notice of Application for Approval to Expropriate” be served and published and that any requests for inquiries received, pursuant to the “Notice of Application for Approval to Expropriate” be forwarded to the Chief Inquiring Officer and the Chief Inquiring Officer be requested to report to Council with respect to any such request.
5. That the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute all associated and required documents in a form approved by the Director of Legal Services.
6. That in accordance with the requirements of the Class EA process, the Engineering Department publish a Notice of Completion for the Essa Road Environmental Study Report (ESR).
7. That the additional property acquisition costs of \$5.5 million be funded from Development Charges Reserve (Account 11-05-0520) in the amount of \$3,553,000 (64.6%) and \$1,947,000 (35.4%) from the Tax Capital Reserve (Account 13-04-0440). Any proceeds from the sales of remaining lands will be returned to the Development Charges Reserve and the Tax Capital Reserve in the same proportion. (11-G-209) (ENG035-11) (File: T05-ES)

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

CHAIRMAN