



## MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

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| Date:         | FEBRUARY 1, 2011 – COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE          |
| Title:        | 407 TRANSITWAY ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT REPORT        |
| Submitted by: | Councillor Racco & Regional Councillor Deb Schulte |

**Whereas**, the Ministry of Transportation has completed the Environmental Project Report for the 407 Transitway; and

**Whereas**, the Environmental Project Report recommends that the proposed 407 Transitway GO Barrie (Concord) Station be located on a parcel of land encompassed by the Go Transit Railway line to the west; Highway #7 to the north, Highway #407 to the south and the Don River Valley corridor to the east; and

**Whereas**, under the new Official Plan, the lands encompassing the station site are designated as a local centre and community areas on the City's Urban Structure Plan and further designated mid-rise, mixed use on the Land Use Plan; and

**Whereas**, the north part of the Station site is within the Concord Centre area which will be subject to the preparation of a future Secondary Plan; and

**Whereas**, Councillor Racco submitted a letter of submission regarding the 407 Transitway Environmental Project Report within the prescribed timeframe; and

**Whereas**, Regional Councillor Schulte submitted a letter of submission regarding the 407 Transitway Environmental Project Report within the prescribed timeframe; and

**Whereas**, the Concord West Residents Ad Hoc Committee, the Concord West Seniors Club and the Concord West Ratepayers' Association, representing the residents in the area raised a number of concerns and submitted a letter of objection regarding the 407 Transitway Environmental Project Report within the prescribed timeframe; and

**Whereas**, the Region of York's Planning & Development Services Department submitted a letter of submission regarding the 407 Transitway Environmental Project Report with the prescribed timeframe; and

**Be it therefore resolved that** the City of Vaughan hereby requests the Province of Ontario through the Ministry of Transportation work with staff at the City of Vaughan and the Region of York, together with the area residents, during the future Secondary Plan process to address all concerns raised and amend the Environmental Project Report as necessary; and

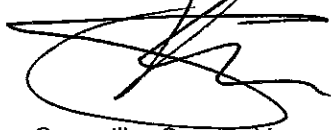
**That** the Province of Ontario be requested to seriously consider relocating the proposed 407 Transitway GO Barrie (Concord) Station, along with the parking component, to an alternate location so that the natural green space adjacent to the Bartley Greenway/Langstaff Ecopark be preserved and that the footprint of the parking areas be reduced through such measures as structured parking; and

**That** the Province of Ontario be requested to seriously consider transferring the green space on the south side of Highway #7 to the Toronto Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) for the enhancement of the Natural Heritage System by increasing green space adjacent to important valley land corridors (Don River/Bartley Smith Greenway) and for the purpose of addressing the

residents' request to preserve the green space and provide a safe passage and access to the green space for the community; and

**That** a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier's Office, the Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Environment, Minister of Infrastructure, the Minister of Natural Resources, the 407 Transitway Project Manager, the Region of York, Metrolinx, the Ontario Realty Corporation, the Toronto Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), the Town of Richmond Hill and the Town of Markham.

Respectfully submitted,



Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco



Regional Councillor Deb Schulte

**Attachments**

1. Letter of Submission by Councillor Racco
2. Letter of Submission by Regional Councillor Schulte
3. Letter of Submission by the Region of York
4. Letter of Submission by the Concord West Ad Hoc Committee, the Concord West Seniors Club and the Concord West Ratepayers' Association.