

NOTICE OF MOTION

Moved by: Councillor David Shiner

RE: York Region – Bayview Avenue Class EA from
John Street to Major Mackenzie Drive

SUMMARY:

At the last Toronto City Council meeting of January 27 and 28, 2009 Council endorsed the extension of the Yonge subway line to Hwy. 407 with the intention of providing better access via public transit.

The Regional Municipality of York is currently conducting additional analyses and consultation work with respect to the Bayview Avenue Class EA from Major Mackenzie Drive to John Street. The EA is a proposal to widen Bayview Avenue to provide better access for the 905 region.

Bayview Avenue is an extremely busy four lane street in the City of Toronto south of Steeles Avenue East.

Currently a very high volume of transient traffic from the 905 by-passes the daily Bayview Avenue traffic chaos by travelling along John Street to Henderson Avenue and crossing Steeles Avenue at the Henderson Avenue/Maxome Avenue intersection. This has created a very unacceptable situation in the stable Willowdale residential community.

City staff from Infrastructure Planning, Transportation Services Division have advised that they have only requested information on the status of this study and have not provided any formal comments to York Region. As indicated in their October 2007 report to the North York Community Council, the limits of York Region's Bayview Avenue project are approximately John Street to Major Mackenzie Drive. Staff have considered this project to have no impact on cross boundary travel capacity. They have not focused discussions between the City of Toronto and York Regions staff on managing cross-boundary travel. At this point City staff do not know what York Region might bring forward.

Any widening of Bayview Avenue from Major Mackenzie Drive to John Street will further exacerbate the traffic problems in Willowdale and increase the volumes of transient traffic using the Henderson Avenue/Maxome Avenue intersection.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City of Toronto not support the Regional Municipality of York's proposal to widen Bayview Avenue from John Street to Major Mackenzie Drive.