

Regional Road Assumption Policy

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Policy Statement

The Regional Road Assumption Policy will be used when considering the transfer of jurisdiction of a road either from a local municipality to the Region or from the Region to a local municipality.

Application

This policy applies to Regional staff involved in evaluating and recommending the transfer of jurisdiction of a road between the Region and a local municipality.

Purpose

This policy establishes the criteria and issues to be considered when determining whether the jurisdiction of a road will be transferred from a local municipality to the Region or from the Region to a local municipality.

Definitions

Local Municipality: Municipalities located within York Region, including the Town of Aurora, Town of East Gwillimbury, Town of Georgina, Township of King, City of Markham, Town of Newmarket, City of Richmond Hill, City of Vaughan and Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Regional Road: A road that is under the jurisdiction of The Regional Municipality of York.

Description

Considerations for the Interjurisdictional Transfer of a Road

The following criteria and issues shall be considered when assessing the proposed transfer of jurisdiction over a road:

1. Regionally Significant Transportation Network Criteria

To form part of the Regional road system, the road must support the Region's transportation plans and objectives as defined by (but not limited to) the Transportation Master Plan, Regional Official Plan and Vision 2051.

Additionally, to form part of the Regional road system, the road must meet one of the following functions:

- Perform a cross-boundary, inter-regional or inter-municipal function
- Provide a logical connection in the Regional road network and fill a gap where one currently exists
- Provide a direct link to the provincial highway system
- Support an existing or planned rapid transit route or connection to a major transit hub

2. Existing Corridor and Environmental Conditions and Issues

It is necessary to assess the existing condition of the road and any issues related to the road including:

- The environmental condition of the road (such as a Phase 1 environmental site assessment)
- Whether there are any issues with:
 - Drainage
 - Traffic noise
 - Access
- The condition of:
 - The pavement
 - Any streetscape and trees
 - Any structures, culverts and retaining walls associated with the road
- Whether there are any outstanding legal issues

Any significant existing corridor and environmental conditions or issues may require additional analysis or assessment by the Region or the local municipality before a recommendation is made concerning whether to transfer jurisdiction of the road.

3. Financial and Operational Costs

Consideration shall also be given to the following financial and operational matters:

- Anticipated long-term operating and capital costs of the road (asset management/life cycle costs)
- Short-term maintenance costs taking into consideration the condition of the road
- Impact on road operational plans and facilities
- Development charges and asset replacement reserves to be transferred by the local municipality

Responsibilities

1. If the interjurisdictional transfer of a road is being considered, the Region and the local municipality shall refer to the issues and criteria set out in this policy to evaluate the appropriateness of the transfer.
2. The Region and the local municipality shall consult with each other and provide any information that may be useful to evaluate the condition of the road, including all available information regarding surface and sub-surface infrastructure, engineering drawings, reports and digital files.
3. The Region and the local municipality shall each prepare a report to their respective councils concerning the proposed change in the jurisdiction of the road.
4. The municipality having jurisdiction of the road prior to the proposed transfer shall notify adjacent land owners of the proposed change in jurisdiction.
5. Any agreed to Development Charge (DC) reserves and asset replacement reserves specific to the road shall be transferred to the municipality having jurisdiction of the road.

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