



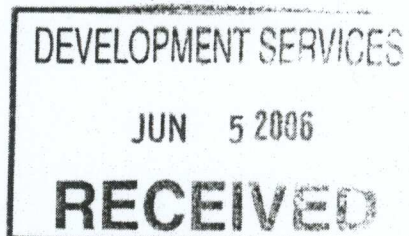
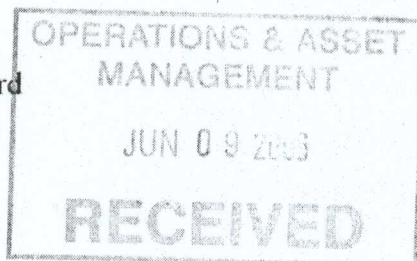
Alan Brown

APPENDIX "B"

May 26, 2006

Regional Clerk's Office  
Corporate Services Department

Ms. Sheila Birrell  
Town Clerk  
Town of Markham  
101 Town Centre Boulevard  
Markham, Ontario  
L3R 9W3



Dear Ms. Birrell:

**Re: Intersection Cost Sharing  
McCowan Road at Bullock Drive  
Town of Markham**

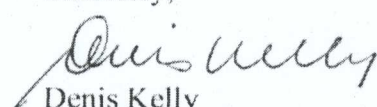
The Council of the Regional Municipality of York, at its meeting held on Thursday, May 25, 2006 adopted, without amendment, the attached Clause No. 4, Report No. 6 of the Transportation and Works Committee.

By the adoption of the foregoing clause, Regional Council has authorized the following:

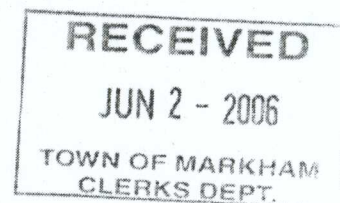
1. Staff be authorized to enter into an agreement with the Town of Markham and GO Transit for cost-sharing the intersection improvements associated with McCowan Road (Y.R. 67) at Bullock Drive, not to exceed \$150,000.
2. The Commissioner of Transportation and Works be authorized to sign the necessary agreement, subject to review by Legal Services.
3. The Regional Clerk forward this report to the Clerk of the Town of Markham and GO Transit.

A copy of Clause No. 4, Report No. 6 of the Transportation and Works Committee is attached for your information.

Sincerely,

  
Denis Kelly  
Regional Clerk  
E. Stevenson/mg  
Attachment

Copy to: Commissioner of Transportation and Works





Clause No. 4 in Report No. 6 of the Transportation and Works Committee was adopted, without amendment, by the Council of The Regional Municipality of York at its meeting on May 25, 2006.

### **4**

#### **INTERSECTION COST SHARING MCCOWAN ROAD AT BULLOCK DRIVE TOWN OF MARKHAM**

The Transportation and Works Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendations contained in the following report, April 26, 2006, from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works:

#### **1. RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that:

1. Staff be authorized to enter into an agreement with the Town of Markham and GO Transit for cost-sharing the intersection improvements associated with McCowan Road (Y.R. 67) at Bullock Drive, not to exceed \$150,000.
2. The Commissioner of Transportation and Works be authorized to sign the necessary agreement, subject to review by Legal Services.
3. The Regional Clerk forward this report to the Clerk of the Town of Markham and GO Transit.

#### **2. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to seek Regional Council approval to enter into an agreement with the Town of Markham and GO Transit for cost-sharing intersection improvements of McCowan Road and Bullock Drive as shown on *Attachments 1 and 2*.

#### **3. BACKGROUND**

The Town of Markham is in the process of expanding the facilities and amenities at Centennial Community Centre. In response to the circulation of the site plan drawings, GO Transit expressed interest in increasing their parking spaces to maintain and attract new ridership. As a result, the Town and GO Transit explored various options and determined a parking structure would accommodate their needs.

The increased parking requirements at the Centennial Community Centre would create additional pressures for traffic exiting onto Bullock Drive and travelling eastbound to McCowan Road. Therefore, in order to accommodate the additional traffic, studies have shown an eastbound double left-turn is required.



Subsequently, at the Town of Markham Council meeting of September 27, 2005, the Town requested that the Region enter into a three-party cost-sharing agreement with the Town of Markham and GO Transit for each jurisdiction to cost share the intersection improvements associated with the intersection of McCowan Road at Bullock Drive.

#### **4. ANALYSIS**

The Town of Markham and GO Transit retained a consultant to review the feasibility of a parking structure to expand the parking area at the GO Transit station and Centennial Community Centre and the associated traffic/parking impacts. From the study, it was determined that in order to manage the increased volume of traffic exiting from the proposed expanded commuter parking area, an eastbound dual left-turn lane is required on Bullock Drive at the intersection of McCowan Road.

A preliminary design has been completed which shows the impact of the left-turn lane on the surrounding area. It also shows that there is minimal impact on McCowan Road. However, there is an overall benefit to transportation as more people will be using public transit, thereby, reducing the number of vehicles on the road. In addition, with the introduction of a double left-turn lane, more vehicles will be able to clear the intersection over a shorter time period allowing staff to improve traffic control signal operations. Therefore, it is felt that the Region will benefit from the improvement and should be a contributing partner to this agreement. The total estimated cost of the improvements is \$450,000. Although the works on McCowan Road are minimal, this project promotes the use of transit which is consistent with the objective in the Regional Official Plan "To provide transit service that is convenient, accessible and equitable to all residents of York". Therefore, it is recommended that the Region contribute a one-third share to this project to a maximum of \$150,000.

#### **5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Sufficient funds for this intersection improvement are included within the 2006 Capital budget.

#### **6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT**

This report supports the Town of Markham's request for a cost-sharing arrangement associated with the intersection improvements required at McCowan Road and Bullock Drive.



## 7. CONCLUSION

The proposed intersection improvement facilitates the Town of Markham and GO Transit requirements for a parking structure at the Centennial Community Centre located in the north-west quadrant of McCowan Road at Bullock Drive. As a result, the Region agrees, in principal, to enter into a three-party cost-sharing agreement with the Town of Markham and GO Transit. It is, therefore, recommended that approval be granted to enter into an agreement with the Town of Markham and GO Transit to cost-share in this project to a maximum of \$150,000.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.

*(The attachments referred to in this clause are attached to this report.)*



# LOCATION PLAN

Intersection Cost Sharing  
McCowan Road at Bullock Drive  
Town of Markham

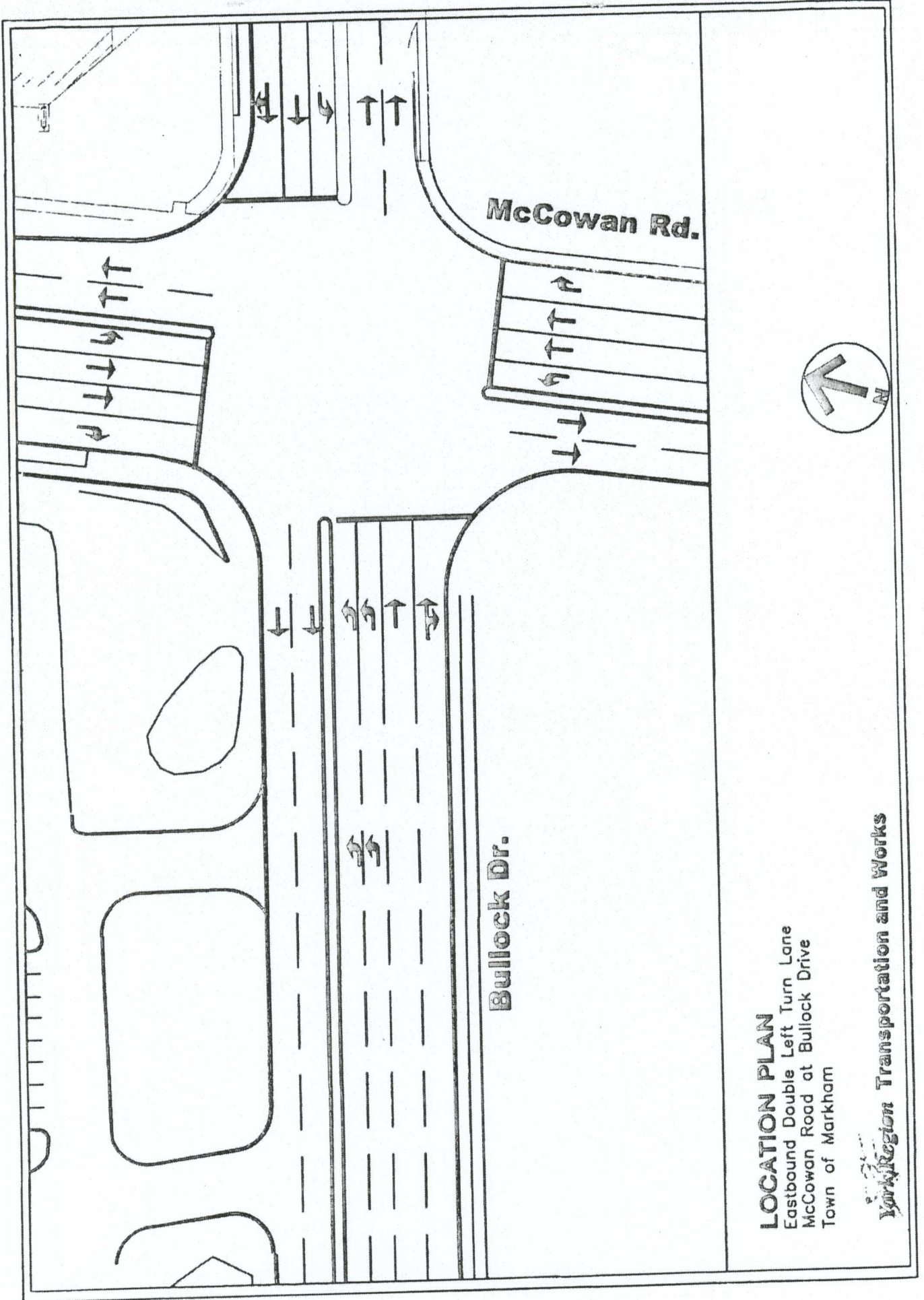
Intersection



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TRANSPORTATION AND WORKS





**3.4 Electricity Charges.** GO and Markham shall each pay its proportionate share of annual hydro charges for the Parking Garage based on hours of use to be reviewed annually and subject to adjustment from time to time in the event that GO introduces weekend GO train service, as set out below:

|          |   |            |
|----------|---|------------|
| GO:      | Monday to Friday, 6:00 a.m to 6:00 p.m  | (60 hours) |
| Markham: | Monday to Friday, 6:00 p.m to 11:00 p.m, plus<br>Saturday and Sunday 6:00 a.m to 11:00 pm | (59 hours) |

As at the date of this Agreement, GO and Markham agree to share the hydro-electrical charges on an equal, 50-50 basis.

**3.5 Payments in Lieu of Taxes.** GO shall pay to Markham, annually, an amount in lieu of taxes, equal to the taxes that would have been exigible if real property taxes had been payable by GO in respect of the Parking Garage and that portion of the Property on which the Parking Garage is to be located. Such payments shall be paid on or before February 28<sup>th</sup> in respect of each previous calendar year.

**3.6 Payments for Traffic Improvements.** GO covenants and agrees to pay to Markham fifty percent (50%) of the net cost of the improvement to the Bullock Drive widening to a maximum of \$375,000. For the purposes of calculating GO's share of the net cost, the Region's contribution to the cost of the improvements shall be deducted from the total cost. GO's payment shall be made on or before the date that Markham commences construction of the Bullock Drive widening.

**3.7 Operation of the Parking Garage.** GO shall oversee the overall operation of the Parking Garage and be responsible for the payment of all costs related to personnel, if required by GO, to operate the Parking Garage and/or the installation and maintenance of any parking control equipment required by GO.

**3.8 Maintenance of Parking Garage.** Markham shall be responsible for the cost and administration of the day to day maintenance of the Parking Garage and Kiss 'n Ride parking lot. Day to day maintenance shall only include the following:

- Video camera security system maintenance, if required
- Snow removal, (GO responsible for snow removal from platform only)
- Litter pick up, waste removal
- Power washing, as required
- Sweeping, as required
- Line painting, as required
- Graffiti removal
- Light bulb replacement
- Minor repairs to doors (i.e., broken hinges, handles)