



REPORT TO

REGULAR BOARD

NORTH YORK CENTRE SOUTH SERVICE ROAD MUNICIPAL CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ADDENDUM

"The men in charge of the work were diligent, and the repairs progressed under them. They rebuilt the temple of God according to its original design and reinforced it." II Chronicles 24:13 (NIV)

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A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In the process of completing the service road (or “ring road”) around the North York Centre area in order to improve traffic conditions and circulation, the City of Toronto is reviewing the extension of the service road from its current terminus at the intersection of Doris Avenue and Sheppard Avenue, south into the southeast quadrant of Yonge Street and Sheppard Avenue. The North York Centre South Service Road Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Addendum reviews the various options for the realignment of Doris Avenue and their impact on the surrounding area.

B. PURPOSE

To inform the Board of Trustees about the North York Centre South Service Road Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Addendum, and that Board staff will be engaging City staff in discussions and participating in the consultation process.

C. BACKGROUND

1. The need for completion of the North York Centre Service Road south of Sheppard Avenue was first established by the City in 1996.
2. In order to continue with the extension of the service road into the southeast quadrant of Yonge Street and Sheppard Avenue, the City has considered four realignment options of Doris Avenue, from Greenfield Avenue to Sheppard Avenue.
3. The previous options considered are presented in *Appendix ‘A’*. They consist of Options A through D. The least disruptive option affecting the Catholic Education Centre (CEC) is Option C, which maintains the existing alignment of Doris Avenue. The most disruptive Options are A and B as they both encroach upon and bisect the open green space in front of the CEC. Option D requires minimal realignment of Doris Avenue easterly so that it intersects with Sheppard Avenue at right angles. Options A and B are also potentially of greatest concern with respect to the safety of Cardinal Carter students and CEC staff during construction. Post construction, Options A and B raise potential safety concerns by virtue of the fact that Doris Avenue is situated closer to the CEC and the entrance to the building used by Cardinal Carter students. Options

A and B would require the taking of Board lands in front of the CEC and would likely result in the Board losing its Sheppard Avenue address.

4. At its meeting of May 14, 2014, the City's Public Works and Infrastructure Committee approved Option D. When this matter was considered by City Council in June 2014, it approved the following:

- “1. City Council direct the General Manager, Transportation Services to refine Option B to address any deficiencies and then reassess all Options, with priority given to the traffic capacity and operations at the Service Road/Sheppard Avenue intersection, to determine the preferred alternative.

2. City Council direct the General Manager, Transportation Services to present the results of the reassessment and the recommended preferred Option at a public information meeting in the community and to report to Council through the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee on the outcome of the reassessment and the community consultation.”

5. Board staff was recently approached by City staff for a meeting to go over City staff's review and recommendation for the realignment of Doris Avenue prior to a public information meeting scheduled for June 11. The City has been meeting separately with stakeholders prior to the June 11 public information meeting.

6. City staff were directed by Council in June 2014 to reassess all options, focusing on traffic capacity and operations at the intersection of Doris Avenue and Sheppard Avenue. After its review of the options, City staff are now recommending Option B, which has Doris Avenue realigned in a south-easterly direction bisecting the open space in front of the CEC, and are wanting to meet with stakeholders to go over any concerns prior to the public information meeting. The options presently under review are provided in *Appendix 'B'*, and are essentially the same options that were considered previously by the City.

7. At a meeting on June 3, City staff presented its recommended Option B to Board staff. Preliminary concerns raised by Board staff are as follows:

- safety of Cardinal Carter students and staff, as well as CEC staff, both during and post construction;

- the taking of Board lands in front of the CEC with the result that the Board could lose its Sheppard Avenue address;
 - encroachment upon the open green space in front of the CEC.
8. Board staff will continue to monitor the progress of this environmental assessment and participate in the City's consultation process, and report further to the Board of Trustees. Staff have been informed that the City's Public Works and Infrastructure Committee and Council will likely reconsider this matter in October 2015.

D. CONCLUDING STATEMENT

This report is presented for the information of the Board.