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Subject: **Embleton Road Download – Arterial Road Rationalization – Implementation of Option 4A (Ward 6) – File I.AC (TRAF)**

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Open Session Recommendations:

1. That the report titled:**Embleton Road Download – Arterial Road Rationalization – Implementation of Option 4A (Ward 6) – File I.AC (TRAF)** to the Council Meeting of September 29, 2021 be received; and,
2. That Embleton Road, from Mississauga Road to Winston Churchill Boulevard be transferred to the City of Brampton from the Region of Peel (“Embleton Road”), effective October 15th, 2021; and,
3. That Traffic By-law 93-93, as amended, be further amended to include the revisions required with the transfer of Embleton Road; and,
4. That Staff be directed to take all required steps to effect the transfer of Embleton Road to the City of Brampton from the Region of Peel; and,
5. That the Commissioner of Public Works and Engineering be delegated authority to execute any necessary agreements and documents to effect the transfer of Embleton Road to the City of Brampton from the Region of Peel on such terms and conditions as may be acceptable to the Senior Manager of Realty Services and in a form acceptable to the City Solicitor or designate; and,
6. That a copy of this resolution and necessary amending By-laws be forwarded to Peel Regional Police.

Overview:

- **As part of the Arterial Road Rationalization Review, Regional Council approved, in principle, the jurisdictional transfer of Embleton Road from Mississauga Road to Winston Churchill Boulevard from the Region of Peel to the City of Brampton as per Regional Council Resolution 2011-681.**
- **The by-law schedules relating to THROUGH HIGHWAYS (Schedule III), RATE OF SPEED (Schedule X), HEAVY TRUCKS (Schedule XI), NO PARKING (Schedule XIV) and NO STOPPING (Schedule XV) are impacted by this transfer.**
- **City of Brampton and Region of Peel staff have been working together to ensure that a comprehensive review of real estate, traffic, maintenance, legal, and financial responsibilities and implications is undertaken prior to the transfer of Embleton Road on October 15, 2021.**
- **Although there will be financial costs associated with each individual transfer, the net broader financial impacts should be approximately neutral at the Regional and local municipality levels.**

Background:

In November 2005, Regional Council directed staff, working in conjunction with local municipal staff, to review the criteria for designating a road as upper tier and to undertake a review to rationalize the arterial road network. This was broken into three phases.

Phase I, completed in June 2007, was a technical exercise, comparing arterial road definitions and classification criteria using local official plans and comparing them to the local jurisdictions, provincial, national and international industry standards and definitions. Region Council subsequently established Terms of Reference for the Arterial Roads Review Ad Hoc Steering Committee (ARRASC) and the Regional and Area Municipal Staff Working Group to complete the remaining two phases of work.

Phase II involved the hiring of a consulting firm to work with a staff steering committee from all four jurisdictions to identify nine jurisdictional options, which were endorsed by Regional Council on July 3, 2008. Of the nine options presented, Option 4A was recommended and later approved by Regional Council in June 2011 through Resolution

2011-681, approved in principle to implement the jurisdictional transfers recommended under Option 4A (see appendix I – Map of Option 4A).

Coleraine Drive was the first arterial road to undergo jurisdictional transfer between municipalities. The portion of Coleraine Drive located north of Mayfield Drive was transferred from the Town of Caledon to the Region of Peel in June 2014. The portion of Coleraine Drive south of Mayfield Drive was transferred from the City of Brampton to the Region of Peel in June 2016.

Phase III involved the review of operational and maintenance responsibilities for sixteen right of way elements. Of these, two elements were identified to be transferred to the City being the maintenance and operations of traffic signals and street lighting, in which the City took over the oversight of these elements in 2015 and 2017.

Current Situation:

As outlined in Option 4A, seven arterial roads were identified to be transferred across the Region. Specific to Brampton, Embleton Road was identified as the next arterial road that was determined to undergo jurisdictional transfer.

Embleton Road is a 2.9 kilometre (5.8 lane kilometre) arterial road currently under the jurisdiction of Region of Peel and will be transferred to the City of Brampton (see Appendix II for a map of Embleton Road from Mississauga Road to Winston Churchill Boulevard).

Embleton Road will be the second road to undergo jurisdictional transfer as part of Option 4A and will be the first road which will be transferred by the Region of Peel to a local municipality. City of Brampton and Region of Peel staff have been working together to ensure that a comprehensive review of real estate, traffic, maintenance, legal, and financial responsibilities and implications is undertaken.

City staff and Regional staff are working towards an effective transfer date of October 15th, 2021. In leading up to this date, Regional staff presented their report titled “Transfer of Embleton Road from Region of Peel to the City of Brampton” to Regional Council on September 23rd, 2021. The Council report on September 23rd, 2021, will gain Regional Council’s approval for the transfer and the enactment of the necessary by-laws.

Corporate Implications:

Financial Implications:

The transfer of the Embleton Road will result in an increase in the City’s annual road maintenance and operation costs of approximately \$37,000. Additionally, the City’s Capital Plan will need to include three new intersection projects associated with Embleton Road in future years. These projects are primarily funded from the Roads

Development Charges Reserve Fund and are currently estimated at \$ 3 million in the Region of Peel's Capital Plan.

Cost neutrality was one of the core principles adopted by the Arterial Road Rationalization Ad hoc Steering Committee with regards to the jurisdictional transfers of roads. Although there will be financial costs associated with each individual transfer, the net broader financial impacts should be approximately neutral at the Regional and local municipality levels. In the transfers of Coleraine Drive from the Town of Caledon and the City of Brampton to the Region of Peel, the same cost neutrality principle was followed, apart from a financial agreement required to transfer debt on the road. It is recommended the same cost neutrality approach be carried forward.

Subject to Council approval of the jurisdiction transfer, the financial impacts will be reflected in the City's 2022 Operating and Capital Budgets and Plan, as well as in the City's next Development Charge Background Study.

Additionally, the Region of Peel has also confirmed that there are no debt obligations outstanding related to this transfer.

Legal Implications:

Legislative Services – Legal Services will review and approve as to form the Transfer of Embleton Road to the City of Brampton from the Region of Peel and any other documents or agreements as may be required in connection therewith.

Term of Council Priorities:

This report fulfils the Council Priority of a Well-Run City through practicing proactive, effective and responsible management of municipal assets and services.

Conclusion:

City of Brampton and Region of Peel staff have worked diligently to ensure all necessary steps are completed for the successful jurisdictional transfer of Embleton Road, effective October 15th, 2021. Region of Peel staff have separately engaged Regional Council, and have taken a similar report to update their Council for approval of the transfer.

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Attachments:

Appendix I – Map of Option 4A
Appendix II – Map of Embleton Road