
Subject: Ninth Line – Musselman’s Lake

Staff Report No. EPW-25-008

**Department/
Commission:** Engineering and Public Works Commission

Date: May 21, 2025

Recommendation:

- 1) That Council receive report EPW-25-008 Ninth Line – Musselman’s Lake Transportation Study for information.

Report Highlights

- The Town and York Region, will jointly undertake a study to assess future transportation needs at Musselman’s Lake
- The study will address concerns over traffic, safety, pedestrian and cyclist infrastructure, environmental conditions, and road maintenance
- Community consultation and stakeholder engagement are key

1. Purpose:

This report reintroduces the Ninth Line – Musselman’s Lake project. A Transportation Study is being developed in response to ongoing community concerns about road safety, functionality, and connectivity in the area. In partnership with York Region, staff are moving forward with the planning and engagement process.

2. Background:

During the 2018 municipal election, residents in the Musselman’s Lake community raised significant concerns about the safety, function, and form of their local road network, including Ninth Line. Preliminary discussions started shortly thereafter but were discontinued with the onset of the COVID pandemic. As Ninth Line is part of the Region’s Road Network, York Region and the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville have recently agreed to jointly undertake a Transportation Study that will guide future transportation investments.

The Study will be focused on identifying issues, engaging the community, and developing a shared vision of transportation in the Musselman's Lake area.

3. Analysis:

3.1 Transportation Study Goals and Objectives

The initial activities will include community engagement workshops, development of a vision statement, and recommendations. The study will address traffic, pedestrian and cyclist infrastructure, environmental concerns, property conflicts, and state of good repair issues.

3.2 Coordination and Collaboration

The Town will work in partnership with York Region to participate in project meetings, deliver key project messages to relevant stakeholders, communicate and manage relationships as well as identify budget needed to support any recommendations. A Steering Committee will also be developed to help guide public outreach and ensure broad community participation. The Steering Committee will incorporate representation from stakeholders including residents, conservation authorities, and emergency services.

4. Options:

4.1 Option A (Recommended)

Council receives this report for information.

5. Financial Implications:

The Transportation Study is a jointly funded initiative. The Town has allocated \$100,000 toward the initiative. York Region will contribute up to 50% of eligible costs to a maximum of \$50,000. Additional costs for internal staffing are covered within existing operating budgets. Procurement of a consultant (if needed) will be subject to the Town's standard competitive process.

6. Broader Intergovernmental Impacts and/or Considerations:

The Transportation Study supports a collaborative approach between the Town and York Region. Its outcomes will inform Regional decisions regarding Ninth Line. The Region's participation and future funding considerations are subject to their annual budget process.

7. Communication:

A communications plan will be developed and implemented jointly with York Region. Key elements include:

- A public meeting scheduled for June 26, 2025 to reintroduce the initiative to the community,
- A subsequent public meeting in September/October 2025 to gather feedback from the community,
- Staff will report to Council and provide a summary of public input and proposed next steps,
- Online engagement through the Town's website and social media,
- Project updates via newsletters and community mailouts.

8. Alignment with Strategic Plan:

1. A Town that Moves
Supports improved road condition, active transportation, and connectivity.
2. A Healthy and Greener Town
Promotes active living and environmental stewardship
3. An Engaging Town
Encourages inclusive and transparent community engagement
4. Good Governance
Strengthens partnerships and data-informed decision-making

9. Attachments:

None

10. Related Reports:

None

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