



OAKVILLE

REPORT

COUNCIL MEETING

MEETING DATE: JANUARY 25, 2021

FROM: Engineering and Construction Department

DATE: January 12, 2021

SUBJECT: **Transfer of Portions of Burnhamthorpe Road From Halton Region to the Town of Oakville**

LOCATION: Burnhamthorpe Road West and Burnhamthorpe Road East from Bronte Road to west of Ninth Line

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RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the report dated January 12, 2021 from the Engineering and Construction Department, entitled “*Transfer of Portions of Burnhamthorpe Road from Halton Region to the Town of Oakville*”, be received;
2. That the Town Solicitor be authorized to prepare the necessary By-law and ancillary documents to facilitate the proposed transfer, as outlined in this report;
3. That the Commissioner of Community Services be authorized to amend the Road Maintenance Agreement with Halton Region to reflect the transfer of Burnhamthorpe Road (Regional Road 27), from Sixth Line to approximately 380 m west of Ninth Line (Regional Road 13) and from Regional Road 25 to the terminus west of Highway 407 ETR, to reflect the transfer as outlined in this report;
4. That the Commissioner of Community Services be authorized to amend the Road Maintenance Agreement with Halton Region to include the operation and maintenance of William Halton Parkway (Regional Road 40) from Sixth Line to Ninth Line (Regional Road 13) when the construction maintenance period lapses as outlined in this report;
5. That staff be directed to undertake the necessary processes to update relevant maps, databases, and other documents to reflect the transfer of those portions of Burnhamthorpe Road to the Town of Oakville; and

6. That a copy of this report be forwarded to Halton Region to confirming that the Town of Oakville's Council has provided their consent for the transfer of Burnhamthorpe Road (Regional Road 27), from Sixth Line to approximately 380 m west of Ninth Line (Regional Road 13) and from Regional Road 25 to the terminus West of Highway 407 ETR to the Town of Oakville.

KEY FACTS:

The following are key points for consideration with respect to this report:

- Halton Region's Road Rationalization Review, completed in 2015, recommended that Burnhamthorpe Road (Regional Road 27) be transferred to the Town of Oakville once William Halton Parkway was constructed and open to traffic. A staff report outlining the findings of the Road Rationalization Review that relate to Regional roads within Oakville was presented to Community Services Committee on January 25, 2016.
- Town Council approved the comprehensive "Burnhamthorpe Road Character Study and Class Environmental Assessment" in 2015 in anticipation of the future transfer of Burnhamthorpe Road upon completion of William Halton Parkway.
- In light of the progress of development in north Oakville and of the completion of Regional construction projects, including the construction of two sections of William Halton Parkway and the widening of Dundas Street, an earlier transfer of portions of Burnhamthorpe Road EA is supported by town and Region staff.
- On October 21, 2020, Regional Council approved the transfer of portions of Burnhamthorpe Road to the Town of Oakville

BACKGROUND:

Halton Region, in collaboration with the City of Burlington, the Town of Halton Hills, the Town of Milton and the Town of Oakville, conducts regular reviews of the arterial road designations throughout Halton Region to ensure the classification of roads are current. The most recent Road Rationalization Review was completed in 2015. Town staff presented a report to Community Services Committee on January 25, 2016 outlining the findings of the Road Rationalization Review. An outcome of that report was that portions of Burnhamthorpe Road (Regional Road 27) were to be transferred to the Town of Oakville once the construction of William Halton Parkway (Regional Road 40) was complete.

Town Council approved the comprehensive "Burnhamthorpe Road Character Study and Class Environmental Assessment" (Burnhamthorpe Road EA) on February 9, 2015 in anticipation of the future transfer of Burnhamthorpe Road upon completion of William Halton Parkway. The Burnhamthorpe Road EA identified the preferred

future design of the road to support the objectives of the North Oakville East Secondary Plan and the transportation needs associated with that area. The preferred design is for an “urban” road that includes elements such as wide boulevards, sidewalks, on-street parking with bump outs (in the west and transitional areas), and buffered bike lanes.

COMMENT/OPTIONS:

At the time that the Road Rationalization Review was completed in 2015, the recommendation to Regional Council was that Burnhamthorpe Road (Regional Road 27) be transferred to the Town of Oakville once William Halton Parkway was constructed and opened. In 2015, because improvements to Dundas Street (widening to 6 lanes) were not yet complete, there were concerns that a transfer of Burnhamthorpe Road before completion of William Halton Parkway and the Dundas Street improvements would limit detour options.

As development progressed in north Oakville, and as Regional construction projects including the construction of sections of William Halton Parkway and the widening of Dundas Street advanced, town and Region staff discussed options for an earlier transfer of portions of Burnhamthorpe Road. Transferring portions of Burnhamthorpe Road would allow for the design and construction of the town’s preferred cross-section as set out in the Burnhamthorpe Road EA. The completion of the sections of Burnhamthorpe Road from Sixth Line to Ninth Line, and from Bronte Road to Third Line provides a parallel route that mitigates the previous concern about construction detours.

On October 21, 2020, through Report PW-22-20 – Transfer of Burnhamthorpe Road from Sixth Line to Ninth Line and from Regional Road 25 to Highway 407 ETR to the Town of Oakville, Wards 6 and 7, Town of Oakville, Regional Council approved the transfer of portions of Burnhamthorpe Road to the Town of Oakville.

The sections of Burnhamthorpe Road to be transferred are:

- from Sixth Line to approximately 380 m west of Ninth Line, and
- from Regional Road 25 to the terminus west of Highway 407 ETR.

There are a number of actions required to facilitate this transfer, and therefore this report recommends that the Town Solicitor be authorized to prepare the necessary By-law and ancillary documents, and that the Commissioner of Community Services be authorized to amend the Road Maintenance Agreement with Halton Region accordingly. It is further recommended that staff be directed to update relevant maps, databases, and other documents to reflect the transfer of those portions of Burnhamthorpe Road to the Town of Oakville.

Once these sections of Burnhamthorpe Road (Regional Road 27) become town roads, the town will be responsible for the operational and maintaining costs. The town will also become the owner of the associated road assets (road, culverts, streetlights, etc.). It should be noted that the scheduling of any improvements, in part or in whole, will be dependent on the status and timing of development along Burnhamthorpe Road, transfer of ownership for the widened right-of-way, and prioritization in the capital forecast.

CONSIDERATIONS:

(A) PUBLIC

Public consultation has taken place through the North Oakville Transportation Corridor and Crossing of Sixteen Mile Creek Class Environmental Assessment Study (conducted by Halton Region) and through the Burnhamthorpe Road Character Road Study and Class Environmental Assessment. No additional public consultation is required.

(B) FINANCIAL

Upon finalization of this transfer, the associated road segments will be added to the town's asset inventory. Long-term life cycle and replacement needs will be assessed and incorporated into the town's asset management plans.

The cost to these portions of Burnhamthorpe Road would be approximately \$81,000 annually, and this amount will be incorporated into the overall road maintenance budget in the future, as required.

Design and construction of the road improvements identified through the Burnhamthorpe Road Character Study and Class Environmental Assessment will be programmed through future Capital Budget processes.

(C) IMPACT ON OTHER DEPARTMENTS & USERS

Roads and Works, Finance, Planning, Development Engineering and Legal Departments were all consulted in the preparation of this report. These departments, along with Engineering & Construction, will be responsible for updating the relevant by-laws, agreements, maps, databases, and other documents to reflect the transfer of those portions of Burnhamthorpe Road to the Town of Oakville

(D) CORPORATE AND/OR DEPARTMENT STRATEGIC GOALS

This report addresses the corporate strategic goal to:

- be accountable in everything we do
- be the most livable town in Canada

(E) COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY

Road rationalization reviews ensure that roadways supporting a region-wide or local municipal function and benefit are apportioned to the appropriate tax levy region-wide. The transfer of portions of Burnhamthorpe Road also supports sustainability as it allows for the future construction of pedestrian and cycling infrastructure in accordance with the Burnhamthorpe Road EA.

APPENDICES:

Appendix A – Status of William Halton Parkway Construction and Proposed Transfers of Portions of Burnhamthorpe Road

Appendix B - Halton Region staff report – “PW-22-20 – Transfer of Burnhamthorpe Road from Sixth Line to Ninth Line and from Regional Road 25 to Highway 407 ETR to the Town of Oakville” dated October 21, 2020

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