



## **Administrative Report**

### **Office of the Chief Administrative Officer**

**To: Warden Tom Bain and Members of County Council**

**From: Brian Gregg  
Chief Administrative Officer**

**Date: January 25, 2017**

**Subject: Essex County Road Network Designation – Visioning Session**

**Report #: 2017-R001-ADM-0125-BG**

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#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to provide County Council information pertaining to the conduct of a "Visioning Session" related to the designation of the County Road Network.

#### **Background**

County Council requested that Administration coordinate a facilitated "Visioning Session" of County Council to discuss what Council believes to be the role and function of the County Road Network and to provide guidance to Administration in moving forward with any potential technical review.

Administration has arranged for Roger Bryan, retired Partner, Advisory Services, KMPG, to serve as the facilitator for the session.

#### **Discussion**

Attached to this report is report number 2016-R016-ENG-0420-TRB, entitled **Essex County Roads Network Designation**, prepared by the Transportation Services Department, which was originally presented to County Council in April 2016.

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This report discusses the current composition of the County Road Network and the Recommended Regional Road Network as presented in the 2005 Essex Windsor-Regional Transportation Master Plan (EWRTMP). The recommended network from the EWRTMP is significantly different than today's network and the "vision" of the recommended network based on role and function is also extremely divergent from today's reality.

As noted in the report, Administration recommended that visioning session seek to respond to three fundamental questions:

- 1) What is a County Road Network and why does it exist?
- 2) What is a County Road?
- 3) What is a County Connecting Link?

It was further suggested that the deliverable of the session would be a set of principles to be considered by technical staff in developing the Terms of Reference for a detailed Roads Designation study.

To guide the discussion at the visioning session, the facilitator has requested that each member of Council be prepared to respond to:

- What do you consider to be the role/purpose/function of the County Road Network?
- What factors and influences should be contemplated in developing the criteria to establish whether a road qualifies as a County Road?

With the vision provided by Council, County Administration will develop Terms of Reference to be included in a formal Request for Proposal to engage the services of a consultant. Administration will seek the endorsement by Council of the Terms of Reference prior to the finalization and distribution of the Request for Proposal document and the ensuing engagement of a consultant to undertake the review.

## **Recommendation**

For the information and consideration of County Council.

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Respectfully Submitted,

*Brian Gregg*

Originally Signed by

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