

ACCESS TO HWY. 407 FROM NINTH LINE WILL GO AHEAD, COUNCIL DECIDES

Bid to block interchange fails

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A last-ditch effort by Markham's east-end councillors to block a Hwy. 407 interchange at the Ninth Line failed Tuesday.

Ward 5 Councillor Jack Heath and Regional Councillor Ralph Aselin tabled a motion requesting the 407 ETR company drop a planned partial exit at the Ninth Line, citing increased traffic in Box Grove, noise, and the fact Ninth Line dead-ends at Steeles Avenue.

They argued drivers could use the exit at Markham's bypass exit, 1.7 kilometres east, or at Hwy. 48, two kilometres to the west. They noted Vaughan councillors passed a similar motion regarding Centre Street.

"Area residents have expressed their opposition to construction of a Ninth Line partial interchange at this time..." Heath's motion reads. "The Markham bypass interchange (should be) constructed first and a Ninth Line interchange constructed when justified by traffic data."

But town traffic studies indicate the need already exists.

"Drivers on 48, Ninth Line and into Cornell continue to want us to have Ninth Line access to the 407," said engineering director Al Brown. "They

don't want to make the trip east to the bypass."

He said removing one interchange would put pressure on the other streets, McCowan Road and Hwy. 48 in this case, and an exit at the Ninth would improve existing traffic problems by 30 per cent.

BIA chairperson Maria Gabriel told council she's concerned about more traffic on Markham's Main Street.

"If they make the decision not to build an interchange at Ninth Line, whoops, we're in trouble on Main Street," she said. "We need to find a solution that works for both communities."

Judi MacIntyre was even clearer, citing the money, time and effort residents have put into revitalizing Main Street.

"Please don't hamper our efforts. I urge you not to defer a Ninth Line interchange."

Ward 4 Councillor George McKelvey pointed out the Ninth Line has been a main artery for 200 years.

"Residents on the Ninth Line did not oppose improvements to speed up traffic," he said. "If the interchange isn't built at this time, it probably won't be built for 20 years."

He said constituents in Swan Lake "nearly fell over in a faint" when they learned they may have to drive to the McCowan Road exit.

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