

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 25, 2013

Item 25, Report No. 28, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on June 25, 2013.

**25 WATER AND WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE CROSSING AGREEMENTS WITH
METROLINX**

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works, dated June 11, 2013:

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works recommends that:

1. That a Bylaw be enacted to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the wastewater and storm drainage underground pipe crossing agreements, Newmarket Subdivision at Mile 18.50, with Metrolinx; and,
2. And that the Bylaw delegate to the Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works, and the Director of Public Works, the authority to authorize the Clerk to execute any future water, wastewater and storm drainage underground pipe crossing agreements and renewals with Metrolinx or other railway system owners.

Contribution to Sustainability

Water and wastewater infrastructure is necessary to the vitality and sustainability of the City. Accordingly, agreements for underground pipe crossings at rail lines are essential components to maintaining this infrastructure.

Economic Impact

The renewal fees for these two agreements with Metrolinx for the Underground Pipe Crossing Agreement, Newmarket Subdivision at Mile 18.50 are \$3,500 each, for a total cost of \$7,000. The agreements are for a 10 year period.

Communications Plan

N/A

Purpose

To seek Council approval for the Mayor and Clerk to renew the current agreements with Metrolinx, and, obtain delegated authority for the Commissioner of Engineering & Public Works, and the Director of Public Works, to authorize the Clerk to execute and any further agreements or renewals.

Background - Analysis and Options

The City has an extensive underground network of water, wastewater and storm drainage pipes

The City has approximately 870 km of watermains, 852 km of wastewater pipes, and 833 km of storm drainage pipes. This infrastructure crosses under City and Regional roads, rivers, and rail lines, in order to provide service to the residents and businesses in Vaughan. As rail lines are regulated by provincial or federal governments, agreements are required for City infrastructure to cross underneath them.

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The current 10 year agreements with Metrolinx for the existing storm and sanitary sewer crossings on McNaughton Road are due for renewal

There are two separate agreements with Metrolinx for the storm and sanitary sewer crossings on McNaughton Road. This location is referred to in the agreements as the crossings at Newmarket Subdivision, Mile 18.50. The current agreements commenced August 1, 2003, and are for a 10 year period, expiring July 31, 2013. Metrolinx have sent through the necessary renewal documents to allow this infrastructure crossing for a further 10 year period.

Current authority to execute these types of agreements and renewals requires Council direction

The Delegation of Powers and Duties Policy provides that Council may delegate powers and duties of an administrative nature to staff for the efficient management of the corporation. Agreements of this type currently require a report to Council, seeking authority for the Mayor and Clerk to execute these agreements. Given the fact that this existing underground infrastructure is vital to the operation of the City's water, wastewater and storm infrastructure, and the agreements are standard form agreements, the authorization to execute can be categorized as an administrative function. It is recommended that authority to authorize the Clerk to execute future agreements and renewals of this nature be delegated to the Commissioner of Engineering & Public Works and the Director of Public Works.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and ties into the following Vaughan Vision 20/20 Goals and Objectives:

Goal: Organizational Excellence
Objective: Manage Corporate Assets

Regional Implications

N/A

Conclusion

In order for the City's underground sanitary sewer and storm sewer infrastructure to remain in place, renewal of the existing agreements with Metrolinx is required.

To facilitate the efficient management of the administrative business of the corporation, on a go forward basis, it is recommended that authority to authorize the Clerk to execute and renew agreements of this nature be delegated to the Commissioner of Engineering & Public Works and the Director of Public Works.

Attachments

N/A

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