

# **Public Works and Infrastructure Committee**

**Meeting No.** 20 **Contact** Rosalind Dyers,

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Meeting Date Wednesday, November 12, 2008 Phone 416-392-8018

Start Time 9:30 AM E-mail pwic@toronto.ca

**Location** Committee Room 1, City Hall

Public Works	and Infrastructure Comm	ittee
Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker (Chair)	Councillor Shelley Carroll	Councillor Chin Lee
Councillor Adam Giambrone (Vice-Chair)	Councillor Mark Grimes	Councillor John Parker

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Confirmation of Minutes - October 10, 2008

Speakers/Presentations – A complete list will be distributed at the meeting

**Communications/Reports** 

# 1b Requesting a Ban of Water Bottle Sales on City Property

# Origin

(November 10, 2008) Letter from the Executive Committee.

# Summary

The Executive Committee on November 10, 2008, referred the Member Motion (September 30, 2008) by Councillor Del Grande, seconded by Councillor Di Giorgio, entitled "Requesting a Ban of Water Bottle Sales on City Property", to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee for consideration at its meeting scheduled to be held on November 12, 2008, when the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee gives consideration to the report (October 31, 2008) from the General Manager, Solid Waste Management Services, entitled "Proposed Measures to Reduce In-Store Packaging Waste and Litter, Municipal Hazardous and Special Waste and Plastic Water Bottles".

#### **Background Information**

2008-11-12-PW20.1b-Letter from Executive Committee-EX26.39 (http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/pw/bgrd/backgroundfile-17334.pdf) 2008-11-12-PW20.1b-Attachment - EX26.39 (http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/pw/bgrd/backgroundfile-17335.pdf)

# 9a Installation Traffic Control Signal at the Intersection of Morningside Avenue and Tams Road

#### Origin

(November 10, 2008) Member Motion from Councillor Paul Ainslie.

# Summary

On behalf of my residents who reside in the Lakeview, Tams communities I urge the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee to support as I do item PW 20.9: Installation Traffic Control Signal at the intersection of Morningside Avenue & Tams Road.

The item supported by the local residents through a signed petition as well as unanimously supported by the Scarborough Community Council at the October 7, 2008 meeting is warranted

on many levels. Firstly the community was built abutting Morningside Avenue to the west, a busy throughway which stretches across many wards as well as being located just south of Highway 401; where vehicles exit at accelerated speeds. A Toronto public transit stop is situated on the east side of Morningside Avenue and Tams Road, forcing public transit users to illegally cross at this busy intersection. Vehicles exiting Tams Road are forced to make left turns onto Morningside Avenue, where the Highway 401 exit ramp prohibits a clear view for oncoming traffic; many accidents have occurred because of this visual impairment.

There is also the possibility of a reuse facility at this location as solid waste is in early discussions to build the facility at the Morningside Yard which is at Tams and Morningside which will increase traffic at this site.

#### ITEMS TO BE INTRODUCED:

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Consent to Assignment of Agreement - Toronto Community Housing Corporation - Community Energy Distribution Systems - Regent Park Revitalization and Moss Park

Confidential Attachment - The security of the property of the municipality or local board

#### Origin

(November 6, 2008) Report from the General Manager, Transportation Services.

#### Recommendations

The General Manager, Transportation Services recommends that:

- 1. City Council consent to the Assignment of the Municipal Access Agreement (January 1, 2007) with Toronto Community Housing Corporation (TCHC) to the Joint Venture between TCHC and the party outlined in Confidential Attachment 1 to this report, on such terms and conditions as may be required by the General Manager, Transportation Services and the City Solicitor and in such form as required by the City Solicitor in order to protect the interests of the City.
- 2. City Council require that the consent granted in Recommendation 1 above be subject to the TCHC and the Assignee entering into an Assignment/Consent Agreement on terms and conditions satisfactory to the City Solicitor, including any amendments to the Municipal Access Agreement as may be required by the General Manager and the City Solicitor to address the calculation and payment of annual encroachment fees based on the amount of \$14.37 (2008 amount) per linear metre required as a result of the Assignment.

3. Confidential Attachment 1 be released publicly upon the Toronto Community Housing Corporation finalizing its business arrangement with the joint venture partner and execution of the Assignment/Consent Agreement with the City of Toronto.

# **Summary**

The Toronto Community Housing Corporation (TCHC) is seeking Council's consent to assign its existing Municipal Access Agreement (MAA) for a community energy system in the Regent Park Revitalization Project to a joint venture in which TCHC would be the majority partner.

The MAA contemplates the possibility of assignment of the Agreement at some point during the term and contains provisions for such action, subject to the consent of the City, which shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. The Assignee will be responsible to carry out all obligations under the MAA.

Presently, the MAA as approved by Council does not require the payment of any fee to the City in the nature of a land-based license or lease fee, provided that any revenues generated are wholly dedicated to the purposes and objects of the TCHC. The Assignee will therefore be subject to the City's standard annual encroachment fees (\$14.73 per linear metre in 2008) to the extent of the interest in the system granted by the TCHC to its private sector partner as identified in Confidential Attachment 1.

# **Financial Impact**

The assignment of the MAA will not have any adverse financial impacts on the City. To the extent that the Assignee does not satisfy the provisions of the MAA related to the exemption of land-based license or lease fees, standard annual encroachment fees payable to the City may become applicable pursuant to the terms of the MAA.

# **Background Information**

2008-11-12-PW20.20-Staff Report (http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/pw/bgrd/backgroundfile-17355.pdf)

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# 2008 Bikeway Network Program - Phase 5 Installation of Bicycle Lanes

#### Origin

(November 7, 2008) Report from the General Manager, Transportation Services.

#### Recommendations

The General Manager, Transportation Services recommends that City Council:

- 1. Approve the installation of bicycle lanes on both sides of Lawrence Avenue East, from Victoria Park Avenue to Rouge Hills Drive;
- 2. Authorize the General Manager, Transportation Services to develop and implement the detailed design for the Lawrence Avenue East bicycle lanes, including amendments to

traffic and parking regulations, in consultation with the Ward Councillors and T.T.C. staff; and

3. Authorize and direct appropriate City officials to take the necessary action to give effect thereto, including the introduction of all necessary bills.

# **Summary**

This is the fifth report to obtain approval for installing bicycle lanes as part of the Toronto Bike Plan – 2008 Bikeway Network Program. This report recommends that bicycle lanes be installed on both sides of Lawrence Avenue East, from Victoria Park Avenue to Rouge Hills Drive. Bicycle lanes on both sides of this 16.1 km section of Lawrence Avenue will add 32.2 km to the Bikeway Network and will increase the total length of bicycle lanes approved by City Council in 2008 to 102.2 km. This will increase the total length of the approved bicycle lanes to 249 km.

The final section of the 2008 Bikeway Network Program represents a significant east-west bikeway on Lawrence Avenue East crossing the entire Scarborough District. There are several design and operational issues which need to be addressed during the detailed design process. It is recommended that the General Manager, Transportation Services, be authorized to develop and implement the detailed design and introduce amendments to traffic and parking regulations as necessary, in consultation with the Ward Councillors and T.T.C. staff.

# **Financial Impact**

Funds to implement the bicycle lanes recommended in this report are provided within the Transportation Services Division 2008 Capital Budget in the Cycling Infrastructure Account CTP 808-05.

# **Background Information**

2008-11-12-PW20.21-Staff Report

(http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/pw/bgrd/backgroundfile-17350.pdf)

2008-11-12-PW20.21-drawing421P0119

(http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/pw/bgrd/backgroundfile-17351.pdf)

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# **Permanent Restoration of Sidewalk Cuts**

# Origin

(November 10, 2008) Letter from Councillor Paula Fletcher, Ward 30

#### **Summary**

My office has been receiving calls from residents who are concerned over the temporary asphalt fixes in sidewalks by Toronto Water. This temporary surfacing does present difficulties for pedestrians, from the time of its installation to when permanent surfacing is laid down. It

seems to be long time from the temporary to the permanent sidewalk repair.

It would be beneficial for all pedestrians, but especially for seniors, those with disabilities or conditions which limit mobility, to minimize the time frame for permanent repairs.

I would ask the General Manager, Toronto Water in collaboration with the General Manager Transportation Services develop a protocol which seeks to minimize the delay in permanent restoration associated with water and wastewater infrastructure renewal projects.

# **Background Information**

2008-11-12-PW20.22-Letter from Councillor Fletcher (http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/pw/bgrd/backgroundfile-17356.pdf)

PW20.23 ACTION Ward: 30
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# **Construction Signage for Water Infrastructure**

# Origin

(November 10, 2008) Letter from Councillor Paula Fletcher, Ward 30

# **Summary**

The City of Toronto is making massive improvements to our aging infrastructure not only to meet the service expectations of Toronto residents but also to plan ahead for extreme weather events associated with climate change.

Currently, some of the most significant investments are being made in water and wastewater infrastructure. In this division of the City, some of the infrastructure is up to 100 years old and is unable to meet the stress of the population of our City. It is important for our residents to learn about theses investments that the City is making with their property tax dollars.

I believe the current signage identifying these significant investments could better tell this good news in a more engaging manner.

I would request that the General Manager, Toronto Water, in collaboration with the Director of Strategic Communications report on options to enhance Toronto Water construction signage to highlight the city's efforts to renew aging water and wastewater infrastructure.

# **Background Information**

2008-11-12-PW20.23-Letter from Councillor Fletcher (http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/pw/bgrd/backgroundfile-17357.pdf)