



STAFF REPORT INFORMATION ONLY

Update on the Possible Extension of Ingram Drive

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To:	Public Works and Infrastructure Committee
From:	General Manager, Transportation Services
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SUMMARY

As directed by City Council at its meeting of July 16, 17, 18 and 19, 2007, staff is investigating the possible access to the Ingram Transfer Station from the east and has investigated the potential for acquiring the lands east of the Ingram Transfer Station.

This report summarizes recent City Council actions and the activities of the Transportation Services Division and the Facilities and Real Estate Division in this regard.

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting held on July 16, 17, 18 and 19, 2007, in considering PW7.15 “Ingram Reuse Centre and Other Potential Reuse Properties”, City Council directed the General Manager of Solid Waste Management Services to report to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee on “possible additional access to the Ingram Transfer Station from the east, as recommended by the design district charette; and the potential for acquiring lands east of the Ingram Transfer Station currently used to stockpile used asphalt.”

The decision document can be found at:

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/cc/decisions/2007-07-16-cc11-dd.pdf>

COMMENTS

Ingram Transfer Station Easterly Access

At its meeting of October 22 and 23, 2007, in considering PG9.4 “Castlefield Caledonia Design and Décor District – Final Report”, City Council directed the General Manager of Transportation Services to undertake a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) on possible road connections as identified in the district structure plan contained in the Castlefield Caledonia Design and Décor District Urban Design Guidelines. The extension of Ingram Drive, which would allow easier access to the Ingram Transfer Station from the east, will be included in the Class EA as it is identified as a possible road connection in the district structure plan.

The report can be found at:

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/pg/bgrd/backgroundfile-7170.pdf>

The decision document can be found at:

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/cc/decisions/2007-10-22-cc13-dd.pdf>

Land Acquisition

As a result of the Council direction to investigate the potential for acquiring the lands east of the Ingram Transfer Station that are currently being used to stockpile used asphalt, Facilities and Real Estate, on behalf of Solid Waste Management Services, contacted the registered owner of the lands, municipally known as 103 Ingram Drive, on December 3, 2007. Facilities and Real Estate staff indicated that the City is willing to pay market value for the acquisition of the lands to facilitate the expansion of the Ingram Transfer Station. The owners have advised Facilities and Real Estate that our request to acquire the vacant land at 103 Ingram is not feasible. The owners are currently operating two businesses on the property. They have plans to relocate another venture and have received approval to increase their operations to include recycling for organics and wood.

Next Steps

Transportation Services staff will be initiating a Class EA for the possible road connections as identified in the district structure plan contained in the Castlefield Caledonia Design and Décor District Urban Design Guidelines. Class EA studies are typically completed in 12 to 18 months. Transportation Services staff anticipate reporting to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee on this process in late 2009.

Facilities and Real Estate has determined that the vacant land at 103 Ingram Drive, east of the Ingram Transfer Station, is not available for purchase by the City. Therefore, Solid Waste Management is not taking any further action to acquire this property at this time.

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