

Request for Authority to Enter into Crossing Agreements with Oil Pipeline Companies

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To:	Public Works and Infrastructure Committee
From:	Executive Director of Technical Services
Wards:	Ward 2 - Etobicoke North
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SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to request authority to enter into crossing agreements with oil pipeline companies, specifically Enbridge Pipelines Inc., Sarnia Products Pipeline, Sun-Canadian Pipeline and Trans-Northern Pipelines Inc., to allow the City's contractor to install watermain crossings the six interprovincial high-pressure oil pipelines on Irwin Road and Elmhurst Drive in Ward 2 - Etobicoke North.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Executive Director, Technical Services recommends that:

1. The City of Toronto enter into agreements with Enbridge Pipelines Inc., Sarnia Products Pipeline, Sun-Canadian Pipeline and Trans-Northern Pipelines Inc. with Terms and Conditions satisfactory to the Executive Director, Technical Services and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor to allow the City's contractor to install watermain crossings the interprovincial high-pressure oil pipelines as part of the work related to the Irwin Road and Elmhurst Drive Watermain Replacement Project; and,
2. The appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The City is proposing to replace the 150 mm diameter watermain on Irwin Road and Elmhurst Drive, from Islington Avenue to Albion Road, in Ward 2 - Etobicoke North as part of its 2009 Capital Works Program. Irwin Road is classified as a local road and Elmhurst Drive is classified as a collector road. In this section between Islington Avenue and Albion Road, both Irwin Road and Elmhurst Drive are oriented in an east-west direction. Also within this section between Islington Avenue and Albion Road, six interprovincial high-pressure oil pipelines cross both Irwin Road and Elmhurst Drive in an approximately northeast-southwest orientation. The six pipelines are owned by four companies, namely, Enbridge Pipelines Inc., Sarnia Products Pipeline, Sun-Canadian Pipeline and Trans-Northern Pipelines Inc.

The pipeline companies require the City to obtain permission from and enter into agreements with them in order to install the watermain across the pipelines' right-of-ways.

All work performed by the City's contractor to install new watermain on Irwin Road and Elmhurst Drive will be conducted within the City's right-of-way.

COMMENTS

The proposed watermain design drawings for Irwin Road and Elmhurst Drive have been circulated to the oil pipeline companies for review. No adverse comments were received.

The replacement of the watermain on Irwin Road and Elmhurst Drive is part of a contract that encompasses watermain replacement on four roads and sanitary sewer replacement on one road, all located within Ward 2 - Etobicoke North. It is anticipated that construction for this contract will commence in late March 2009 and extend to September 2009.

In order to maintain the construction schedule, the Executive Director, Technical Services is recommending that the appropriate City officials be authorized to enter into agreements with the oil pipeline companies and that the agreements be executed prior to the commencement of construction on Irwin Road and Elmhurst Drive.

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