

STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Real Estate Acquisitions – TTC Sheppard East LRT - Don Mills Station to Consumers Road

Date:	August 6, 2010
To:	Government Management Committee
From:	Chief Corporate Officer
Ward:	33 – Don Valley East
Reference Number:	P:\2010\Internal Services\Re\Gm10074re (AFS – 12780)

SUMMARY

In July 2008, City Council approved the recommendations in the Sheppard East Light Rail Transit (the "Line") Environmental Assessment Study for this first Transit City light rail line.

This report seeks authority to acquire the property requirements set out in Appendix "A" and as illustrated in Appendix "B" (the "Required Property") for the purposes of widening Sheppard Avenue East and constructing the Line.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Chief Corporate Officer recommends that:

- 1. City Council grant authority to the Director of Real Estate Services to negotiate to acquire and, if unsuccessful, to initiate expropriation proceedings, for the Required Property for the purposes of widening Sheppard Avenue East and constructing the Line between the Don Mills Station and Consumers Road.
- 2. City Council grant authority to the Director of Real Estate Services to serve and publish Notices of Application for Approval to Expropriate the Required Property, to forward to the Chief Inquiry Officer any requests for hearing that are received, to attend the hearing to present the City's position and to report the Inquiry Officer's recommendations to City Council for its consideration.

Financial Impact

Funding for the Required Property is available in the 2010 approved Capital Budget, project CTT135.

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

DECISION HISTORY

On October 29 and 30, 2008, City Council adopted Report GM18.13, authorizing staff to acquire thirty-one private property requirements for purposes of the widening of Sheppard Avenue East between West Highland Creek and Midland Avenue and constructing a grade separation at the Agincourt GO Station.

On March 31 and April 1, 2010, City Council adopted Report No. GM29.16, authorizing staff to acquire portions of a sixty-nine private property requirements for the purposes of constructing the Line and widening Sheppard Avenue East from west of Birchmount Road to West Highland Creek and from Midland Avenue to east of McCowan.

On May 11 and 12, 2010, City Council adopted Report No. GM30.15, authorizing staff to acquire eleven property requirements for construction of the Line and widening Sheppard Avenue East between Kennedy Road and McCowan Road.

COMMENTS

Detailed design work on the Line has identified that portions of five private properties are required, permanently or temporarily, between Don Mills Station and Consumers Road for the following purposes:

- (i) an extension to the existing Don Mills Station;
- (ii) construction of a new tunnel for the Sheppard East LRT between the Don Mills Station and Consumers Road;
- (iii) construction and traffic management areas; and
- (iv) temporary sidewalks during construction.

City Council authority is being sought to negotiate to acquire the Required Property as set out in the attached Appendix "A" and illustrated in Appendix "B", and if unsuccessful, to initiate expropriation proceedings.

The timely realization of these property requirements will ensure that construction of the line between Don Mills Station and Consumers Road could begin in the first quarter of 2012.

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SIGNATURE

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ATTACHMENTS

Appendix "A" – Private Property Requirements Appendix "B" – Sketches of Private Property Requirements Appendix "C" – Site Map – Sheppard East LRT Property Requirements and City Council Approvals