



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Application for Approval to Expropriate – Easements at 23 Leslie Street

Date:	October 21, 2012
To:	Government Management Committee
From:	Chief Corporate Officer
Wards:	Ward 32 – Beaches-East York
Reference Number:	P:\2012\Internal Services\Re\Gm12035re (AFS -16581)

SUMMARY

This report seeks authority to expropriate several property requirements as identified in Appendix "A" and illustrated on Appendix "C" for the Leslie Street connection track to the new Ashbridges Bay light rail vehicle maintenance and storage facility. Temporary and permanent easements are required for the installation and maintenance of overhead contact system support poles and for a construction compound to relocate a sanitary sewer located beneath Leslie Street.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Chief Corporate Officer recommends that:

1. City Council grant authority to the Director of Real Estate Services to initiate expropriation proceedings, if necessary, where negotiations are unsuccessful, for the property requirements set out in the attached Appendix "A" (the "Required Interests") for the Leslie Street connection track to the Ashbridges Bay Maintenance and Storage Facility.
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 Interests set out in the attached Appendix "A", to forward to the Chief Inquiry Officer any requests for hearing that are received, to attend the hearings 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 Properties is available in the Council Approved 2012 Capital Budget and 2013-2021 Capital Plan within the Toronto Transit Commission, Capital Project No. CTT145.

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

DECISION HISTORY

City Council, at its meeting on June 8 and 9, 2010, adopted, as amended, the recommendations contained in Public Works and Infrastructure Committee Report PW33.9, thereby authorizing, among other matters, the use of a part of the Ashbridges Bay Sewer Treatment Plant property as TTC's light rail vehicle and maintenance and storage facility ("MSF").

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2010.PW33.9>

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The TTC has ordered new light rail vehicles ("LRVs") to replace the existing downtown streetcar fleet. A new facility to store a portion of the new vehicles and to provide maintenance of the new fleet will be built adjacent to the Ashbridges Sewer Treatment Plant site. A connection track along Leslie Street is required to move the LRVs from this new facility to the existing streetcar network.

COMMENTS

Overhead contact system support ("OCS") poles are required to be installed within the Leslie Street right-of-way to provide electrical power to the LRVs. The pole bases will extend into private property at 23 Leslie Street. Therefore, permanent and temporary easements, as identified in Appendix "A", are required for the installation and maintenance of the poles.

Temporary easements are also required for the removal of an existing curb to allow for continued movement of delivery trucks to 23 Leslie Street during installation of the Leslie Street connection track and for a construction compound to relocate a sanitary sewer across the existing storm sewers under Leslie Street.

Real Estate Services staff is negotiating with the owner to acquire the easements on mutually acceptable terms. City Council authority is being sought to initiate expropriation proceedings concurrently in order to protect the construction schedule.

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SIGNATURE

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ATTACHMENTS

- Appendix “A” - Required Property Interests
- Appendix “B” - Site Map
- Appendix “C” - Drawing SK-002-1