

Toronto Hydro-Electric Systems Limited Easement

Date:	September 6, 2013
То:	Executive Committee
From:	Dianne Young, Chief Executive Officer, Exhibition Place
Wards:	Not Applicable
Reference Number:	

SUMMARY

Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited (Toronto Hydro) required the installation of underground high voltage distribution routing from the Toronto Hydro Strachan Station to the property line of Exhibition Place and then north to Liberty Village. This new service is required for the rerouting of the existing high voltage lines which must be relocated to facilitate the new GO Transit rail lines at Strachan Avenue/Liberty roadway for the Airport GO service.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that City Council:

- 1) Approve that the Board of Governors of Exhibition Place enter into an tri-partite Easement Agreement with Toronto Hydro and the City of Toronto with respect to the lands described on Appendix "A" of this report; and
- 2) Direct that the consideration paid by Toronto Hydro to the City for the easement on the Exhibition Place lands be transferred directly to Exhibition Place.

Financial Impact

The consideration paid by Toronto Hydro for the easement is \$99,000 that relates to the easement over the Exhibition Place lands. There is no financial impact from the approval of this report; funds received will be used to offset Exhibition Place costs associated with the easement.

DECISION HISTORY

Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 63 Exhibition Place, Governance requires that any agreements which have a term exceeding four years be approved by City Council.

At its meeting of September 6, 2013, the Board considered subject report, and unanimously recommend it for approval by City Council.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Toronto Hydro requires an easement over the Exhibition Place lands related to installation of high voltage lines required to serve the new GO Transit bridge/underpass at Strachan and Liberty.

COMMENTS

In 2011 Exhibition Place received from Toronto Hydro a proposal for the construction on Exhibition Place of new cable chambers and conduits in order to re-route existing feeders to the new GO Transit bridge on Strachan Avenue as part of the airport link which project is a priority for the 2015 PanAm Games. This infrastructure begins at Strachan Station on the Exhibition Place grounds, runs west under Manitoba Drive to the west side, and then veers north through Parking Lot "P", and then continues north by tunneling under the CPR and TTC tracks.

In order to meet the Toronto Hydro timelines and to prevent any negative effects on Exhibition Place events, the window of opportunity for Toronto Hydro was to start construction on July 17, 2013. While Exhibition Place had a very old agreement with Toronto Hydro for the installation of high voltage lines, this 1935 agreement only allowed for the placement of services actually serving Exhibition Place and not for the installation of lines to take power sites outside the Exhibition Place grounds. In order not to delay the required work, City of Toronto Real Estate Division proceeded to grant the easement to Toronto Hydro on terms which permit Exhibition Place to be added as a party to the easement agreement at a future date once approval of the Board and City Council was obtained.

Exhibition Place will be added as a party to the easement agreement in relation of the high voltage lines located within Exhibition Place boundaries and will receive the funds from the transaction that relate to these lands. In consultation with City Finance and City Real Estate, Exhibition Place staff have proposed that any funds be directed to Exhibition Place. The funds will be included in Exhibition Place revenue and be used to offset costs related to the easement such as engineering drawings, electrical plans and disruptions, road closures, new work plan, etc. Remaining funds will be reported as year-end surplus and will therefore be transferred to the City as is consistent with prior year's surplus disposition and deposited within the Exhibition Place Conference Centre Reserve Fund.

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Appendix "A"





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