

City Council

Motion Without Notice

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| MM45.18 | ACTION | | | Ward:All |
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Pipeline Safety and Emergency Reponse Capabilities - by Councillor David Shiner, seconded by Councillor John Parker

- * Notice of this Motion has not been given. A two-thirds vote is required to waive notice.*
- * This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*
- * This Motion has been deemed urgent.*

Recommendations

Councillor David Shiner, seconded by Councillor John Parker, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the City Manager to request Enbridge to confirm to the City Manager that it will be providing an emergency response team in 2014 in the Toronto area capable of responding to an emergency situation similar to the one that occurred on an Enbridge pipeline in Michigan at the Kalamazoo River in 2010.
2. If Enbridge does not confirm that emergency response resources will be in place in 2014, City Council direct the City Manager to request funding from Enbridge sufficient for the City of Toronto to contract for those resources.
3. City Council request the City Manager to report back to Executive Committee on this matter in the first quarter of 2014.
4. City Council request the City Solicitor to report to City Council once the National Energy Board decision regarding Enbridge Pipelines Inc.'s Line 9B proposal has been released, in the second quarter of 2014 or earlier if the decision is available, in regards to Enbridge's emergency response capacity.
5. City Council request the Office of Emergency Management to also report to City Council at the same meeting in the second quart of 2014 or earlier, on the status of the City's emergency response capabilities in relation to the National Energy Board's ruling.

Summary

The City participated in the National Energy Board's Toronto hearing regarding Enbridge Pipeline Inc.'s Line 9B proposal with intervener status. On October 16, 2013, the City's Solicitor presented the City's final argument at the hearing. In the City's submission, two of the primary concerns identified were emergency preparedness and emergency response capabilities. The City's first responders are not equipped for or meant to contain a serious pipeline related emergency such as the one that took place in Michigan's Kalamazoo River.

During the National Energy Board hearing, Enbridge provided an example of how it is aiming to improve its emergency response capabilities and reduce its spill response times. The company is proposing to establish a pipeline maintenance work crew in Mississauga beginning in the third quarter of 2014. This crew would provide emergency response to any pipeline incident in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA).

There are no guarantees or conditions currently requiring Enbridge to construct this facility or to include within the emergency response capability. At present, there is no adequate response team in place within the GTA to respond to a major emergency with a current or future pipeline.

Recently, Toronto residents discovered that Enbridge's Line 9 runs within one metre of the entrance to the TTC Finch Subway Station, next to homes of thousands of Toronto residents, in our major ravines and under the Don and Humber Rivers.

(Submitted to City Council on December 16 and 17, 2013 as MM45.18)

Background Information (City Council)

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<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2013/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-64956.pdf>