

## **Amendments to the Red Light Camera Processing Centre Agreement to include the City of London**

**Date:** October 28, 2016  
**To:** Public Works and Infrastructure Committee  
**From:** Acting General Manager, Transportation Services  
**Wards:** All Wards  
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### **SUMMARY**

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This report requests authority to amend the existing Red Light Camera Processing Centre (RLCPC) agreement with various municipalities for the purpose of adding City of London as a partnering municipality.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The Acting General Manager, Transportation Services recommends that City Council:

1. Authorize the Acting General Manager, Transportation Services to negotiate, enter into and execute an amendment to the existing agreement between the City of Toronto and The Regional Municipality of Halton, City of Hamilton, The Regional Municipality of Waterloo, City of Ottawa, The Regional Municipality of York and The Regional Municipality of Peel for Red Light Camera record processing and for their cost-sharing of the expenses of the joint municipal processing centre for the purposes of adding City of London ("London") to the agreement, on terms and conditions satisfactory to the Acting General Manager, Transportation Services and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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"The City of Toronto operates the Joint Municipal Red Light Camera Processing Centre (JPC) on behalf of all Partnering Municipalities with operation costs being shared among the Partnering Municipalities.

Based on 2015 operating costs, the estimated cost of including the City of London's 10 RLC sites is \$60,000 per year plus any associated mailing costs which is to be paid to the City of Toronto.

There is no net financial impact to the Transportation Services' Operating Budget resulting from amendments to the agreement. All additional operational costs required to manage the London RLC sites through the JPC will be recovered.

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

## **DECISION HISTORY**

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At its meeting of May 23, 24 and 25, 2006, City Council adopted the recommendations within Clause 18 of Policy and Finance Committee Report No. 4 "Red-Light Camera Operations: Contract Extensions and Request for Proposal 9148-05-5048 for the Supply, Installation, Operation and Maintenance of Red-Light Camera Systems within the City of Toronto and Other Municipalities Within Ontario". This report details the functions and services provided by the City of Toronto's Joint Municipal Red Light Camera Processing Centre and the associated cost-sharing agreements with other municipalities which operate red light camera systems. The Council decision can be found at:

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/2006/agendas/council/cc060523/pof4rpt/cl018.pdf>

At its meeting of February 20 and 21, 2013, City Council adopted the recommendations of Public Works and Infrastructure Committee Report No. PW20.6 "Agreement Approvals for Red Light Camera Operations". This report discusses the addition of the Regional Municipality of York as a partnering municipality to red light camera operations. The Council decision can be found at:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2013.PW20.6>

At its meeting of September 30, October 1 and 2, 2015, City Council adopted the recommendations of Public Works and Infrastructure Committee Report No. PW7.8 "Red Light Cameras - Status Update and Phase 3 Contract Award (Request for Proposal No. 9148-15-5000 - 2017 to 2021)". This report discusses the award of the contract for the supply, installation, operation, maintenance and future removal of red light camera systems for the 5 year period from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2021. The Council decision can be found at:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2015.PW7.8>

## COMMENTS

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### **Background**

The City of Toronto is currently one of seven municipalities designated by Provincial regulation to operate red light cameras in the Province of Ontario. In addition to managing its own red light cameras, the City currently operates the JPC on the behalf of all Partnering Municipalities.

The existing RLCPC agreement between the City and the other six municipalities operating RLC sites details the services and functions undertaken by the City's JPC which includes:

- Verification of red light camera records;
- Obtaining licence plate ownership information;
- Preparation of charging documents and notices; and
- Preparation of evidence to be used in municipal prosecutions.

The existing RLPC Agreement also details the responsibilities of the other municipalities operating RLC sites, liability and indemnity provisions and the cost-sharing formula for operating costs.

### **Addition of London to RLC Operations**

In a letter to the City of Toronto dated March 27, 2014, the City of London expressed interest in initiating RLC enforcement and requested the City of Toronto to confirm its ability to expand the RLC record processing efforts to include the City of London.

In order for the City of London to initiate red light camera operations, the Ministry of Transportation Ontario (MTO) must amend the Red Light Camera System Evidence; Ontario Regulation 277/99 to include the City of London as a designated red light camera municipality. The MTO is currently in the process of making this amendment to facilitate London commencing red light camera operations in 2017.

In addition, the existing RLCPC Agreement must be amended to include London as a participating municipality on the later of the date the amendment to Ontario Regulation 277/99 including London as a designated red light camera municipality is passed and the date London wishes to be added to the RLCPC Agreement. The terms of the amended agreement will be generally remain unchanged, with the exception of the addition of London and the associated changes to the cost sharing formula.

### **JPC Operating Cost Sharing Implications**

In accordance with the RLC record processing agreement, operating costs for the JPC is shared by partnering municipalities based on a cost-sharing formula. Each partnering municipality's share of the operating costs paid to the City of Toronto is calculated by multiplying the total operating costs for the first 10 months of the previous year by the percentage share of cameras in each municipality, and then adding the respective municipality's actual mailing costs.

Based on 2015 data, the JPC manages a total of 204 RLC sites for all municipalities combined. With the additional 10 sites proposed for the City of London, this would bring the total number of sites up to 214 with City of London's percentage share being approximately 4.7% of the total operating costs, approximately \$60,000, plus any costs associated with mailing or couriating London RLC charges.

Given the nature of the current funding agreement, this also means a nominal 2% decrease in the City of Toronto's share of the operating costs.

The JPC currently has enough staff capacity to manage the additional 10 RLC sites being proposed by the City of London. However, there would be an increase in staff time required to manage the London RLC charges. The estimated amount to be recovered from City of London would be enough to cover these additional operational costs.

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