Assumption of Services, Don Mount Court Subdivision - Registered Plan 66M-2441

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To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Director, Public Realm Section, Transportation Services
Wards: Ward 30 - Toronto-Danforth

SUMMARY

Since Don Mount Court was redeveloped into Rivertowne, local residents have been working with their Councillor as well as staff in Transportation Services, City Planning, Toronto Community Housing Corporation (TCHC), Ralph Thornton Centre and Toronto Police Service officers to address traffic safety and infiltration issues. This report responds to the requirement for a report on Traffic Planning in Rivertowne from the General Manager, Transportation Services, prior to consideration of the assumption of services, Don Mount Court Subdivision - Registered Plan 66M-2441.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Public Realm Section, Transportation Services, recommends that:

1. City Council assume the services installed within the Don Mount Court Subdivision and that the City formally assume the roads within the Registered Plan of Subdivision 66M-2441;

2. City Council authorize the Director, Engineering Review to release the performance guarantee held with respect to the municipal services in accordance with the Subdivision Agreement;

3. City Council direct that an assumption By-law be prepared to assume the public highways and municipal services within the Registered Subdivision Plan 66M-2441;

4. City Council authorize and direct the City Solicitor to register the assumption By-law in the Land Registry Office, at the expense of the Owner;

5. City Council authorize and direct the appropriate City Officials to transfer ownership of the street lighting system constructed within the Plan of Subdivision 66M-2441 to Toronto Hydro; and

6. City Council authorize the appropriate City Officials to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.
FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial impacts resulting from the adoption of this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting of June 14, 2016, Toronto and East York Community Council deferred consideration of Item TE17.66, Assumption of Services Don Mount Court Subdivision - Registered Plan 66M-2441 until such time as the General Manager, Transportation Services reports back to the Toronto and East York Community Council with a report on Traffic Planning in Rivertowne.


At its meeting on January 19, 2016, Toronto and East York Community Council deferred consideration of the report (December 16, 2015) from the Director, Public Realm Section, Transportation Services Division, respecting Traffic Planning in Rivertowne, until its meeting to be held on April 5, 2016, to allow for a larger community consultation of the plan identified in the report and that prior to the community consultation, requested:

a. Transportation Services to identify improvements in the report that are less than $100,000 and potential funding sources; and

b. the Deputy City Manager, Cluster B, to convene appropriate officials, including Toronto Community Housing Corporation and Toronto Hydro, to review the larger improvements identified in the report, and potential funding sources.


At its meeting on June 16, 2015, Toronto and East York Community Council requested that the Chief Planner, City Planning and the General Manager, Transportation Services consult with the community and report to Toronto and East York Community Council in 2015 on the recommendations developed by the Community Traffic Working Group concerning public realm improvements and traffic mitigation in the Rivertowne neighbourhood.


COMMENTS

The redevelopment of Don Mount Court was the first of several revitalization plans for TCHC-owned social housing communities in Toronto. Since that time, City divisions have had considerable experience in comprehensive planning for the revitalization of neighbourhoods and developed improved approaches for designing and implementing these projects, in part by applying lessons learned in the planning for Rivertowne (Don
Mount Court). Subsequent plans, including those for Regent Park and Alexandra Park neighbourhoods in Toronto and East York District, as well as others in North York District, have integrated public realm improvements into comprehensive revitalization plans.

In May 2013, following completion of the redevelopment project, the Rivertowne Community Traffic Working Group submitted a number of proposals to improve traffic safety and reduce infiltration through the area. City staff have been working with the Working Group, TCHC staff and the Councillor's office to review these proposals and prepare a list of recommended measures to address community concerns. The review of community proposals and recommended actions are largely set out in the report entitled "Traffic Planning in Rivertowne" (TE13.73) and have been supplemented by additional recommendations. This series of proposals is pending consultation with the original Traffic Working Group and the local community, prior to establishing a final list of improvements and a schedule for their implementation.

City staff have consulted with TCHC, which by letter of August 30, 2016, indicated that it was prepared to offer $149,000 toward proposed safety improvements including speed humps, bump-outs, sidewalk widenings and speed bumps.

The complete list of improvements, funding sources and timing for implementation will be provided to TEYCC in a subsequent report. Given the commitment of staff to the implementation, funding commitment by TCHC, and agreement of the local councillor, staff are recommending that authority be provided to adopt the report from the Director, Engineering Review dated January 9, 2015, which requests Council's authority for the City to assume the municipal roads and services within the Don Mount Court Subdivision, in accordance with the terms of the Subdivision Agreement for Plan 66M-2441 July 5, 2007 between the Toronto Community Housing Corporation and the City of Toronto (TE17.66).

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