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Etobicoke York Community Council Members
City of Toronto
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Re: Agenda Item 2018EY27.50

Dear Chair and Members of the Etobicoke York Community Council

On behalf of the Emery BIA board, please accept our sincere appreciation for your unanimous decision at the September 6, 2017 Etobicoke York Community Council meeting, in support of the following motions:

1. *City Council support the direction of the Emery Village Business Improvement Area in regard to a First Nations Park, and request the General Manager, Economic Development and Culture and other relevant City staff, to investigate the feasibility of creating a museum in Emery Village dedicated to the promotion and recounting of the history after contact of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation, Nation Huronne-Wendat, and Six Nations of the Grand River, in consultation with the First Nations and the Business Improvement Area.*

2. *City Council express its support for a First Nations Park to be developed in Emery Village.*

City Council adopted the Etobicoke York Community Council recommendations at its meeting Oct 2, 3 and 4, 2017.

As a result of Council's support of the First Nations Park project, the Emery BIA met with City of Toronto Parks & Rec and Transportation staff on October 17 and again with City of Toronto staff and Hydro One and Infrastructure Ontario staff on November 23 to present the updated park design and address any potential concerns before finalizing the park plan and submitting a formal application to Hydro One. Prior to submitting a formal application to Hydro One, BIA staff will present the updated design and seek approval on the final design from all three First Nations Councils.

The BIA staff is encouraged by the support of the Parks & Recreation department and Hydro One and Infrastructure Ontario staff. The BIA acknowledges the restrictions that Hydro One has placed on the site, including the refusal of the proposed road contemplated on the site.

Furthermore, after the October 17 meeting, Transportation staff reached out to Hydro One to determine the feasibility and likelihood of approval of this road in order to flush out the issue in advance of our meeting with Hydro One and Infrastructure Ontario on November 23, 2017. On Friday December 1, 2017, BIA staff received an email from Transportation staff with the following response from the Hydro One Transmission Planning Group:

"We would not entertain the proposal for longitudinal road allowance on Finch Hydro Corridor. This particular corridor is critical electrical transmission artery for Hydro One."

The email correspondence is attached.

The TMP is an important plan that is meant to help resolve traffic congestion within the Emery BIA jurisdiction. Equally important is a decision by the City to undertake a Goods Movement Study (GMS) in partnership with Duke Heights BIA and the Emery BIA that would take a comprehensive approach to identifying and establishing traffic patterns and provide recommendations to help ease traffic congestion.

The BIA supports both the TMP and GMS however, as a result of Hydro's position regarding the road and Transportation staff's insistence on protecting the road, the BIA believes the First Nations park project will be compromised should the conflict not be resolved.

As such, we respectfully request that City transportation staff look at an alternative location for the road through the implementation of the Goods Movement Study.

Sincerely,

Sandra Farina, Executive Director
Emery Village BIA

cc: Councillor Giorgio Mammoliti, Ward 7

Attachment

Emery Village TMP road through HydroOne property - Hydro One Comments/Feedback

1 message

Edward Presta <Edward.Presta@toronto.ca> Fri, Dec 1, 2017 at 2:29 PM
To: Councillor Mammoliti <Councillor_Mammoliti@toronto.ca>, Sandra Farina <sandra@emeryvillagebia.ca>
Cc: Jeffrey Dea <Jeffrey.Dea@toronto.ca>

Hi Councillor Mammoliti and Sandra,

HydroOne responded to my inquiry regarding the TMP approved road through the HydroOne (HONI) property located east of Weston Road and south of the Medallion site through the email response below. I have asked HONI for more clarification and will be meeting with them to discuss mitigation opportunities. Since this road was identified in the TMP and the Official Plan, there are opportunities we need to explore to protect for this road.

Hi Edward,

I have received the response from HONI Transmission Planning group. We would not entertain the proposal for longitudinal road allowance on Finch Hydro Corridor. This particular corridor is critical electrical transmission artery for Hydro One.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Regards,

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