

City Council**Motion without Notice**

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Authority to enter into an Agreement with University Equities Inc. and/or Triogreen East GP Inc to design and construct Streetscape improvements on University Avenue south of Wellington Street West - by Councillor Joe Cressy, seconded by Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam

** This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

** This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral. This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.*

Recommendations

Councillor Joe Cressy, seconded by Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the General Manager, Transportation Services, to negotiate, enter into and execute an agreement, or separate agreements, with either, each or all of University Equities Inc. and/or Triogreen East GP Inc. and/or their design consultants and/or construction contractors as the case may be, to design and/or construct streetscape improvements on University Avenue from Wellington Street West to about 60 metres south, on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager, Transportation Services, and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, including the following:
 - a. in designing the streetscape improvements any party identified by the General Manager, Transportation Services to be consulted shall be consulted;
 - b. the improvements shall be constructed in accordance with the City's construction standards and with detailed plans approved by the General Manager, Transportation Services;
 - c. all relevant City policies as applicable, including the City's Fair Wage Policy, the Labour Trades Construction Obligations in the Construction Industry Policy, and the Declaration of Compliance with Anti-Harassment/Discrimination Legislation Policy, if applicable, shall be complied with in the design and construction of the streetscape improvements; and
 - d. the negotiated fees and costs for all Agreements to design and construct the streetscape improvements shall be fair and reasonable in the opinion of the General Manager, Transportation Services, based on the work involved to implement the improvements and costs for similar work completed in the past. The total cost to design, construct and project

manage the proposed streetscape improvements shall be agreed upon, but shall not exceed \$150,000.00 inclusive of HST.

Summary

University Equities Inc. and Triogreen East GP Inc. the owners of 40 University Avenue, located on the southwest corner of University Avenue and Wellington Street West, are renovating the ground floor to improve the relationship to the street. One of the proposed improvements is the construction of an accessibility ramp between the sidewalk and the building. The proposed ramp will occupy some of the private open space in front of the building.

On this section of University Avenue the lane widths for vehicles travelling southbound south of Wellington Avenue are wider than the matching lanes to the north of Wellington Avenue and considerably wider than the City's current lane width guidelines. As a result the sidewalk in this area is narrow and the private open space required for the accessibility ramp now serves as part of the pedestrian walkway.

Transportation Services Division staff, working with the property owner and Planning staff, have identified an opportunity to accommodate the accessibility ramp, improve road safety and widen the pedestrian clearway by relocating the west curblin and reducing the turning radius at the intersection of University Avenue and Wellington Street. The number of lanes for vehicle traffic will remain the same.

The boulevard adjacent 40 University Avenue would be widened by ~1.15 metres (almost 4 feet) to provide sufficient space for the accessibility ramp and new street trees paid for by the property owner. When renovated the building will also have revitalized street facades on University Avenue and Wellington Street West. The City safety improvements include a wide accessible sidewalk, right sized lanes for vehicles and shorter crossing distances for pedestrians.

Leveraging building renovations with the opportunity to improve public infrastructure would accelerate the implementation of road safety improvements and allow for the proposed works to be completed in a cost efficient and effective manner. The alternative approach, which would require City staff to prepare and issue separate tender documents for the design and construction of the streetscape improvements, would increase costs to the City for administration, incur additional mobilization costs for a new contractor, delay implementation of the proposed improvements for several years leaving a narrow pedestrian clearway on University Avenue.

All agreements will be subject to establishing a fair and reasonable price based on estimated quantities and unit prices for similar work and compliance with City standards and policies, including but not limited to the Fair Wage Policy. The estimated cost to design and construct the proposed improvements is estimated to be \$150,000. These improvements can be funded through 2018 Transportation Services Division Capital Budget.

This motion is urgent in order to continue with the design work in 2018.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM44.101

