City Council

Notice of Motion

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Authority to enter into an Agreement with 1630 Queen Developments Limited and MSI Management Limited to design and construct Streetscape improvements on Queen Street East from Coxwell Avenue to Orchard Park Boulevard - by Councillor Brad Bradford, seconded by Councillor Jennifer McKelvie

* Notice of this Motion has been given.

* This Motion is subject to referral to the Toronto and East York Community Council. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.

Recommendations

Councillor Brad Bradford, seconded by Councillor Jennifer McKelvie, recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the General Manager, Transportation Services to negotiate, enter into and execute an agreement, or separate agreements, with 1630 Queen Developments Limited and MSI Management Limited and/or their design consultants and/or construction contractors as the case may be, to design and/or construct streetscape improvements on the north side of Queen Street East from Coxwell Avenue to the westerly property line of 1630 Queen Street East, and from the easterly property line of 1630 Queen Street East, eastward to just west of Orchard Park Boulevard, 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.

Summary

This Motion is to permit the City to enter into a contract with the developer of 1630 Queen Street East to coordinate construction for required upgrades to the City's right of way, as part of the sidewalk widening already required under the post-approval Site Plan conditions for the development.

Toronto Hydro is upgrading its overhead infrastructure along Queen Street East, east of Coxwell Avenue. New, taller and wider poles are being installed to rise the wires, to increase capacity and to avoid conflicts with trees and adjacent properties.

The north side sidewalks are extremely narrow and the curb lane is very wide (almost 6.0 metres in width). Transportation Services staff have identified an opportunity to widen the sidewalks to improve the future condition of the evolving main street, but could not widen the sidewalks in order to meet the timelines set by Toronto Hydro. The poles are currently protected through temporary measures.

Collaboration with the 1630 Queen Street East project would allow for sidewalk widening to take place as part of the 1630 Queen Street East streetscape project.

In order for this opportunity to be realized, City Council authority is required to enter into a two-step design and construction agreement allowing City divisions to provide additional funding to the streetscape contract. Leveraging onsite resources and coordination with the development is expected to expedite completion of the streetscape, reduce disruption, reduce costs and reduce reliance on City resources to administer this work.

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 developer has agreed to investigate opportunities to add streetscape amenities along this section subject to funding availability and constructability.

Background Information (City Council)

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