

Status Update - Unfinished Utility Work in the Richview Neighbourhood

Date: June 24, 2020
To: Etobicoke York Community Council
From: Director, Permits and Enforcement,
Transportation Services
Wards: Ward 2 – Etobicoke–Centre

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to respond to Etobicoke York Community Council's direction to provide a status update on the request to address unfinished utility work within the Richview neighbourhood, due to the prolonged delay of the construction work.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Permits and Enforcement, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. Etobicoke York Community Council receives this report for information.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The information in this report will have no financial impact.

DECISION HISTORY

On June 17, 2020, Etobicoke York Community Council adopted Item EY15.17 entitled, "Request to Address Unfinished Utility Work" which requested staff to report back on the status and schedule of the utility project within the Richview neighbourhood, options to cancel the permit and perform restoration, as well as explore opportunities to recover the restoration costs from the utility company.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2020.EY15.17>

COMMENTS

In response to Item EY15.17, staff have investigated the approved utility work on the right of way within the Richview neighbourhood. Field conditions were assessed, and options for a resolution were reviewed. These site visits were conducted on June 18 and June 22, 2020. Additional virtual meetings were conducted on June 19 and June 22, 2020 with City staff, the utility company and their contractor.

According to the information obtained from these meetings, the ongoing utility work and construction activities pertaining to this work were delayed due to unforeseen staffing circumstances relating to the current Covid-19 situation. The utility company was able to provide commitment to complete this work as well as a revised work schedule.

According to this new schedule, the construction work was set to resume on June 23, 2020 and will continue through to July 24, 2020. An onsite inspection that took place confirmed that work commenced on June 23rd as planned. The restoration of the area, including backfilling of excavated pits and site cleanup will be completed by July 31, 2020. The utility company also committed to conducting increased site inspections to mitigate any issues during this construction period. Engineering & Construction Services' Engineering Support Services Inspection staff will also conduct continuous inspections of the area during the entire work period until the work has been completed.

Recent site inspections by City of Toronto Inspection staff confirmed that all urgent safety issues have been addressed and rectified by the utility company.

Given that the site conditions have been improved, and that a schedule and commitment were provided by the utility company, staff is recommending to allow the contractor to complete their work according to the agreed-upon schedule.

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