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# **GL15.13** REPORT FOR ACTION WITH CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENT

## Expropriation of Easements to Construct the Fairbank-Silverthorn Storm Trunk Sewer System -Stage 2

Date: August 28, 2020
To: General Government and Licensing Committee
From: Executive Director, Corporate Real Estate Management
Wards: Ward 5 - York South-Weston and Ward 9 - Davenport

## **REASON FOR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

This report deals with a proposed or pending acquisition of land interests by the City of Toronto (the "City").

## SUMMARY

This report seeks approval from City Council as Approving Authority under the Expropriations Act, to expropriate stratified permanent easements (the "Easements") involving portions of the properties municipally known as 441 Blackthorn Avenue, 415 Nairn Avenue, 417 Nairn Avenue, 419 Nairn Avenue, 18 Branstone Road, 20 Branstone Road, 119 Ennerdale Road, 49 Dynevor Road, 65 Dynevor Road and 2226 Dufferin street (collectively, the "Properties"). This report also seeks approval for the City, as Expropriating Authority under the Expropriations Act, to serve associated notices and make statutory Offers of Compensation in accordance with the Expropriations Act.

The Easements are required to proceed with the proposed construction of the Fairbank-Silverthorn Storm Trunk Sewer System (the "Project"). The Project is part of the City of Toronto's Basement Flooding Protection Program to help reduce the risk of future basement flooding in the Fairbank and Silverthorn communities in Toronto. Construction is anticipated to commence in 2021.

This report relates to the second stage of the expropriation process. During the first stage and in accordance with the Expropriations Act, Notices of Application for Approval to Expropriate were served on all applicable "registered owners", who had 30 days to

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request an inquiry into whether the proposed taking is fair, sound, and reasonably necessary.

The City did not receive any requests for a hearing of necessity from any of the applicable parties. City Council may now approve the expropriation by this Stage 2 report. If authorized, the Expropriation Plans will be registered and associated notices served. Statutory Offers of Compensation must be served prior to the City taking possession of the expropriated properties.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

The Executive Director, Corporate Real Estate Management, recommends that:

1. City Council, as the Approving Authority under the Expropriations Act, approve the expropriation of the Easements as set out in Appendix A and as identified on the draft Expropriation Plans displayed in Appendix B, to proceed with the proposed construction of the Fairbank-Silverthorn Storm Trunk Sewer System.

2. City Council authorize the City of Toronto, as Expropriating Authority under the Expropriations Act, to take all necessary steps to comply with the Expropriations Act, including but not limited to, the preparation and registration of Expropriation Plans and the service of Notices of Expropriation, Notices of Election and Notices of Possession.

3. City Council authorize the Executive Director, Corporate Real Estate Management, or their designate to prepare and serve offers of compensation in accordance with the requirements of the Expropriations Act.

4. City Council authorize the public release of the confidential information contained in Confidential Attachment 1 once there has been a final determination of all claims for compensation payable to the property owners to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor.

#### FINANCIAL IMPACT

Confidential Attachment 1 to this report identifies the initial estimated value of the required Easements associated with the Properties.

Funding to acquire the Easements and the disbursement of all anticipated costs associated with the proposed expropriations is available in the 2020-2029 Council Approved Capital Budget and Plan for Toronto Water under the capital project account CWW421-11.

The Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

At its meeting held on January 17, 2019, the Infrastructure and Environment Committee adopted Item IE1.2, granting authority to the Chief Engineer and Executive Director, Engineering and Construction Services to negotiate and enter into an agreement with CH2M Hill Canada Ltd., (being the highest overall scoring proponent meeting the requirements of RFP No. 9117-18-7185), to provide Professional Engineering Services for the Detailed Design, Services During Construction and Post Construction Services for the Fairbank Silverthorn Storm Trunk Sewer System, in the amount of \$30,469,539 net of Harmonized Sales Tax recoveries.

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At its meeting held on June 18, 2019, City Council adopted Item EX6.4 with amendments titled, "Federal Disaster Mitigation and Adaption Fund - Update". The report provided an update on the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund program and sought City Council approval for the Mayor to execute contribution agreements for projects that are successful in receiving funding under the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund from the Government of Canada.

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At its meeting held on October 2, 2019, City Council adopted Item GL7.12 titled, "Expropriation of Permanent Easements for the Fairbank-Silverthorn Storm Trunk Sewer System", granting authority to the Executive Director, Corporate Real Estate Management, to continue negotiations for the acquisition of the necessary easements and initiate expropriation proceedings for the easements in connection with the Fairbank Silverthorn Storm Trunk Sewer System. City Council also directed the Executive Director, Corporate Real Estate Management, to serve and publish Notices of Application for Approval to Expropriate the Project Requirements, to forward any requests for hearing to the Chief Inquiry Officer, to attend any hearings to present the City of Toronto's position and to report the Chief Inquiry Officer's recommendation to City Council for consideration.

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## COMMENTS

The Project was recommended through the Investigation of Chronic Basement Flooding Study Area 3 Class Environmental Assessment completed in 2010. The Project involves the construction of approximately 14 kilometers of new subsurface storm sewers which will provide basement flooding protection to approximately 4,295 homes in Toronto's Fairbank and Silverthorn communities as well as reduce the combined sewer overflows. The major component of the Project is the construction of a 4.5 meter diameter (approximate) storm trunk sewer to collect, store and convey storm water from the impacted communities to the Black Creek water course.

The storm trunk sewer tunnel will be constructed using a tunnel boring machine at a depth of 13 to 40 metres below the surface of each impacted property. As a result of the

proposed method of construction, there will be no work or disturbance on the surface above the sewer tunnel.

The majority of the sewer tunnel will be constructed within the city's municipal highways. Given the turning limitations of the tunnel boring machine and the current configuration of municipal highways in the general area, portions of the sewer will need to be constructed on private properties, resulting in the need to obtain easements. The proposed path of the sewer tunnel was selected given its minimal impact on private properties. Easements will be required with only 10 impacted properties to proceed with the Project. Given the significant depths of the proposed new sewer tunnel, the required Easements will not restrict future redevelopment or improvements on the impacted Properties.

City staff initiated communication with the impacted property owners in June of 2018 to inform them of the pending Project and the need for the Easements. Communications and negotiations continued thereafter however, all required Easements have not been secured and remain outstanding at this time.

In accordance with the Expropriations Act, Notices of Application for Approval to Expropriate were served on all applicable "registered owners" in February of 2020. A Notice of Application for Approval to Expropriate Land was published in the Toronto Sun on February 14, 21, and 28, 2020. The City did not receive any requests for a hearing of necessity from any of the applicable parties.

Given the anticipated benefits of the Project, the Federal Government has allocated \$73.2 million towards its completion through the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund. Funding is contingent on the Project commencing as scheduled in early 2021.

To ensure that the Project's construction schedule is maintained, it is recommended that City Council, as Approving Authority under the Expropriations Act, approve the expropriations of the Easements and that City Council authorize the City, as the Expropriating Authority, to take all necessary steps to proceed with the expropriations.

#### CONTACT

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#### SIGNATURE

Patrick Matozzo Executive Director, Corporate Real Estate Management

#### ATTACHMENTS

Appendix A - Properties Appendix B - Draft Expropriation Plans Appendix C - Location Map Confidential Attachment 1

## **Appendix A - Properties**

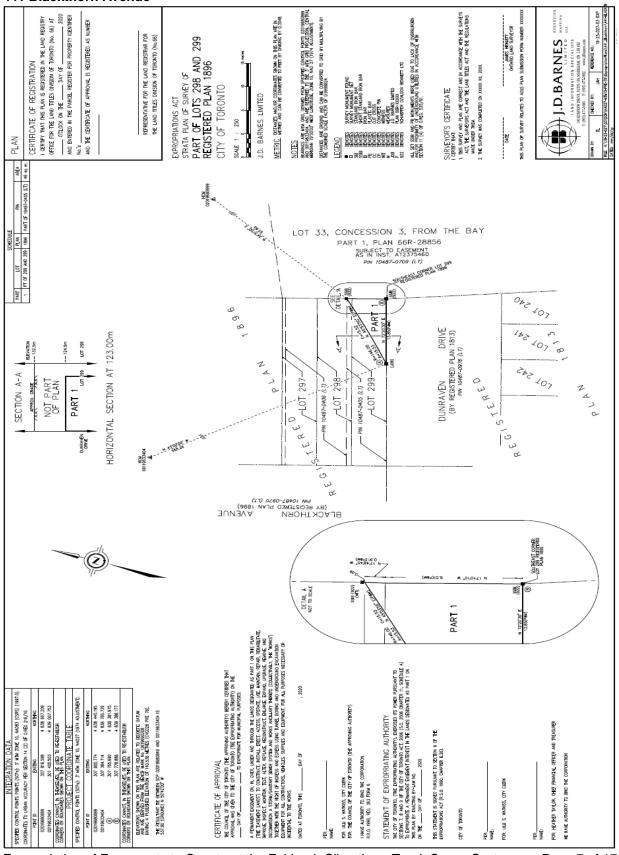
Municipal Address	Property Interest	Approximate Area
441 Blackthorn Avenue	Permanent stratified easement in the land labelled as Part 1 in the draft Plan for 441 Blackthorn Avenue in Appendix B	46 square meters
415 Nairn Avenue	Permanent stratified easement in the land labelled as Part 1 and Part 2 in the draft Plan for 415 Nairn Avenue in Appendix B	135.6 square meters
417 Nairn Avenue	Permanent stratified easement in the land labelled as Part 1 in the draft Plan for 417 Nairn Avenue in Appendix B	190.7 square meters
419 Nairn Avenue	Permanent stratified easement in the land labelled as Part 1 in the draft Plan for 419 Nairn Avenue in Appendix B	72.6 square meters
18 Branstone Road	Permanent stratified easement in the land labelled as Part 1 and Part 2 in the draft Plan for 18 Branstone Road in Appendix B	24.7 square meters
20 Branstone Road	Permanent stratified easement in the land labelled as Part 1 in the draft Plan for 20 Branstone Road in Appendix B	374 square meters
119 Ennerdale Road	Permanent stratified easement in the land labelled as Part 1 in the draft Plan for 119 Ennerdale Road in Appendix B	42 square meters
49 Dynevor Road	Permanent stratified easement in the land labelled as Part 1 in the draft Plan for 49 Dynevor Road in Appendix B	34.5 square meters
65 Dynevor Road	Permanent stratified easement in the land labelled as Part 1 and Part 2 in the draft Plan for 65 Dynevor Road in Appendix B	382.8 square meters
2226 Dufferin Street	Permanent stratified easement in the land labelled as Part 1 in the draft Plan for 2226 Dufferin Street in Appendix B	86.7 square meters

#### Easement Rights to be Expropriated

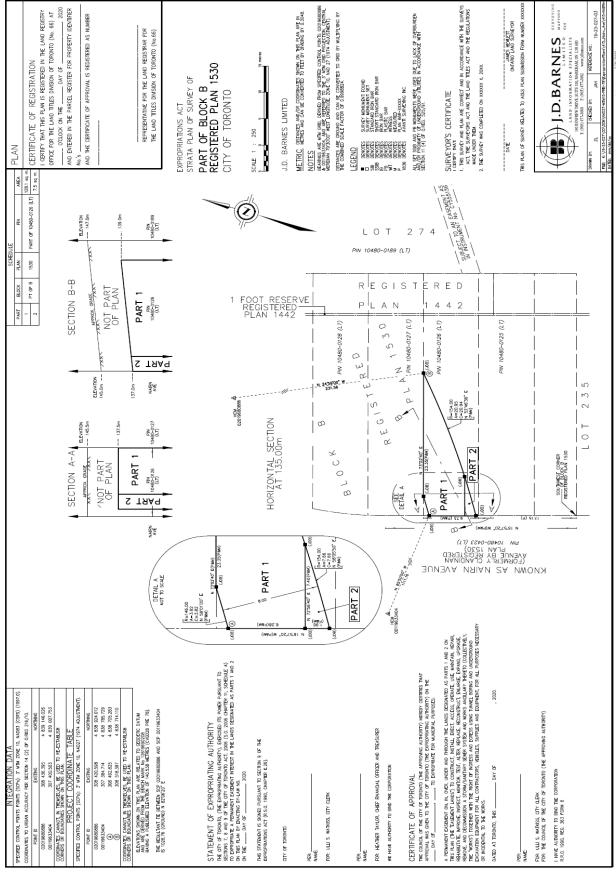
A permanent underground easement, to construct, install, erect, access, operate, use, maintain, repair, rehabilitate, improve, inspect, monitor, test, alter, replace, reconstruct, enlarge, expand, upgrade, remove, and decommission a storm/sanitary sewer system and works ancillary thereto (collectively, the "Works") together with the right of ingress and egress using tunnel boring and underground excavation equipment for contractors, vehicles, supplies and equipment, for all purposes necessary or incidental to the Works Expropriation of Easements to Construct the Fairbank-Silverthorn Trunk Sewer System Page 6 of 17

#### **Appendix B - Draft Expropriation Plans**

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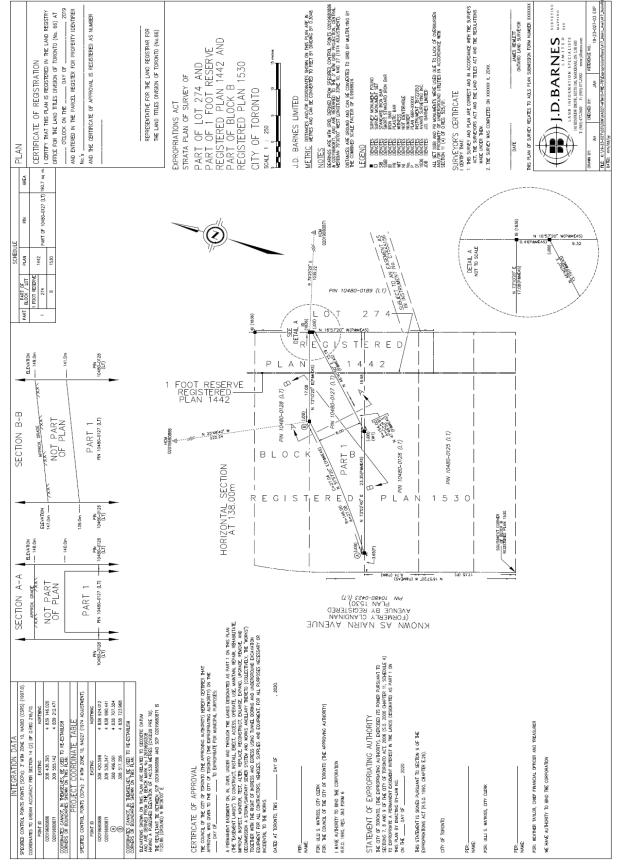


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#### 415 Nairn Avenue



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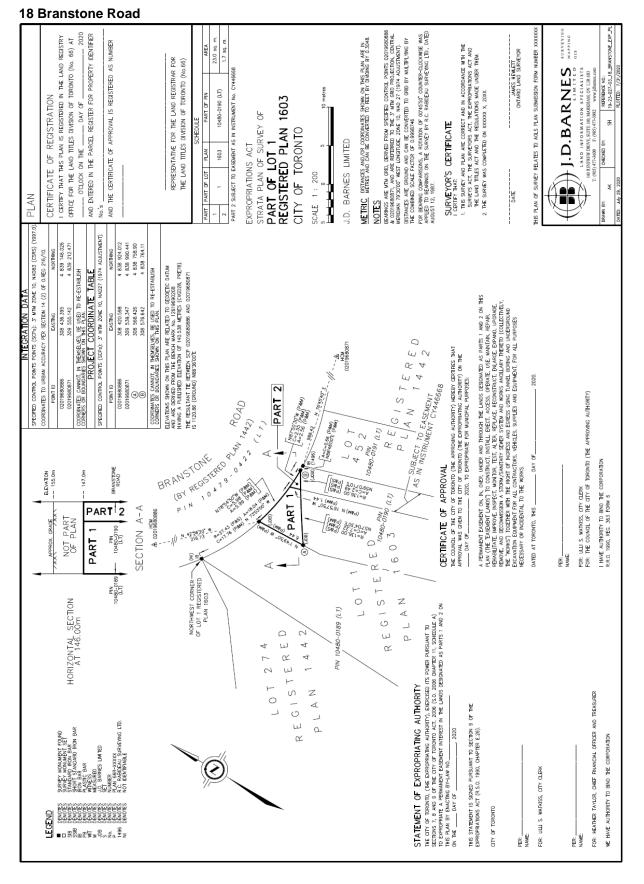
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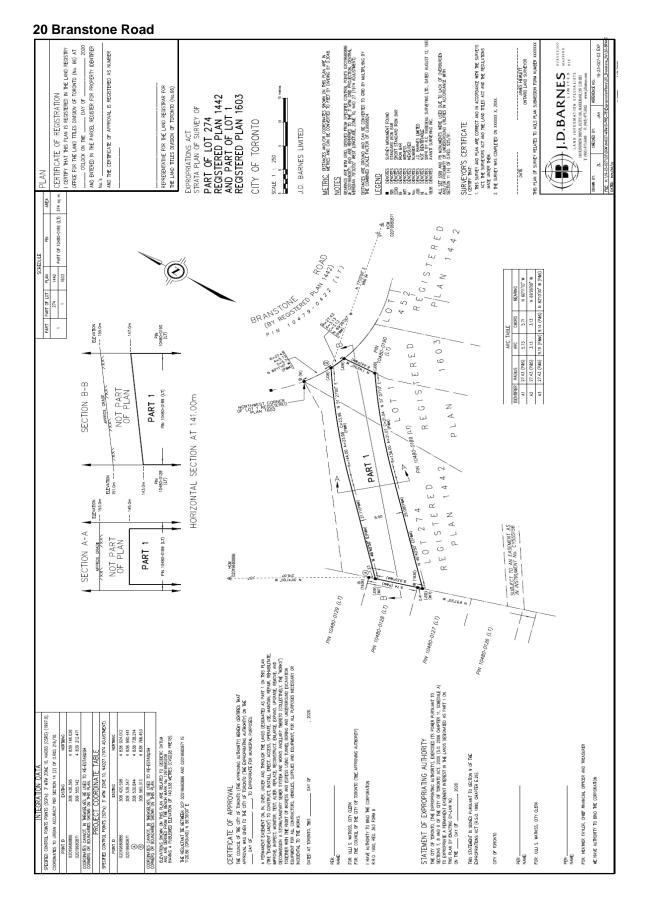
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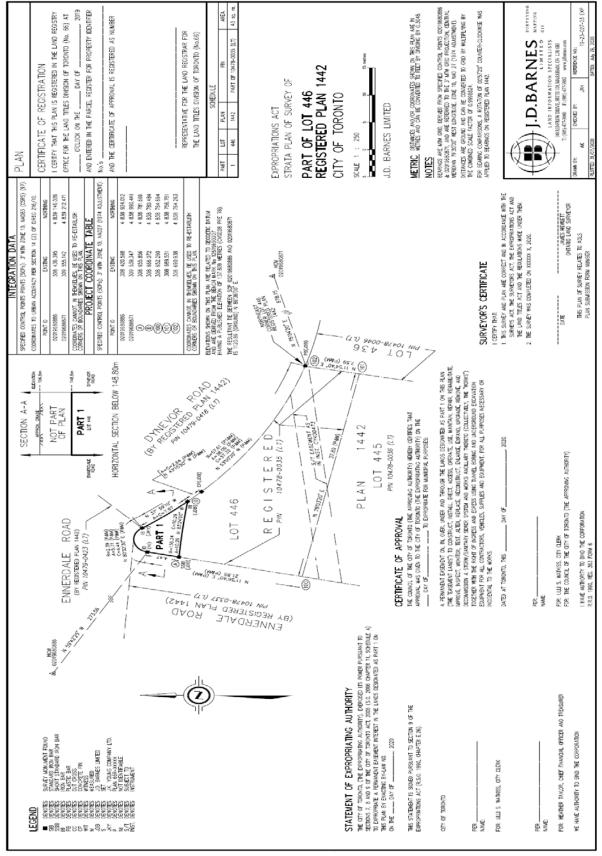


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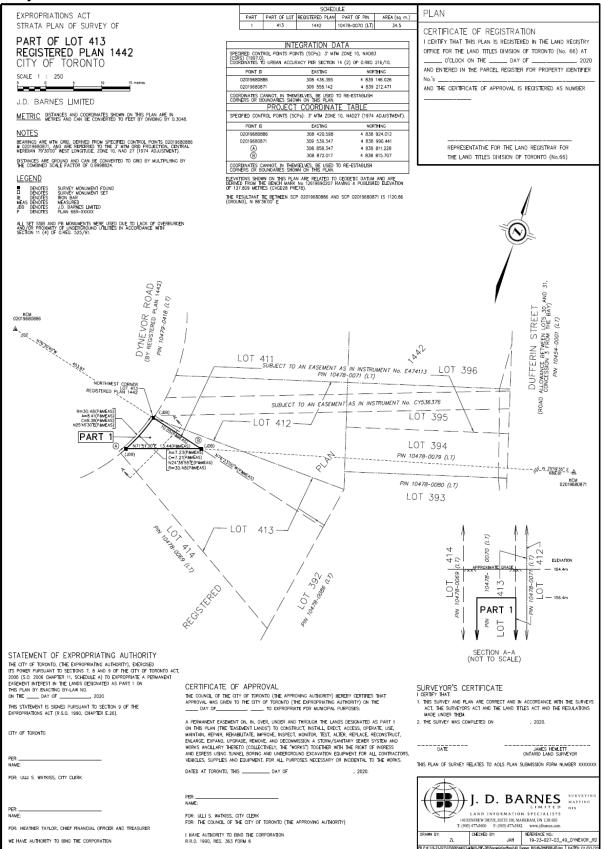
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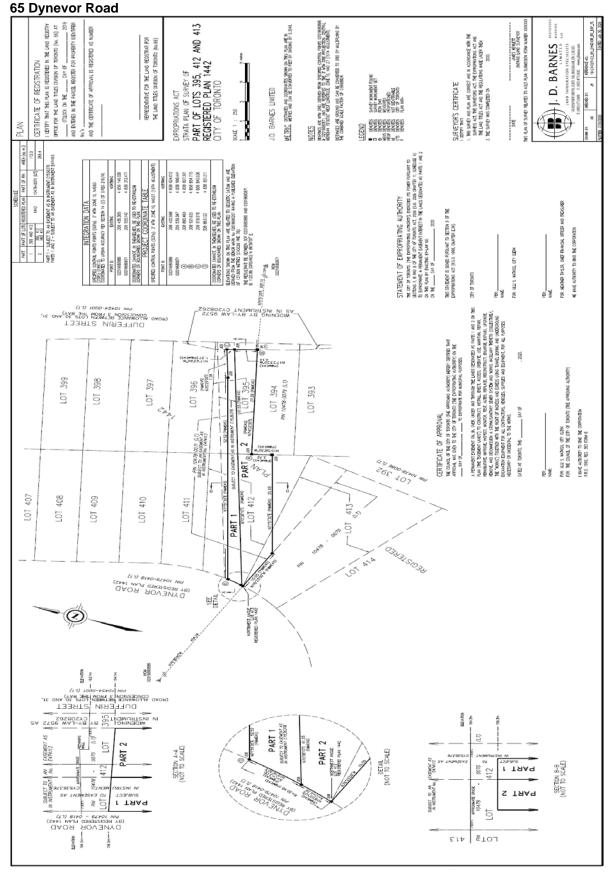
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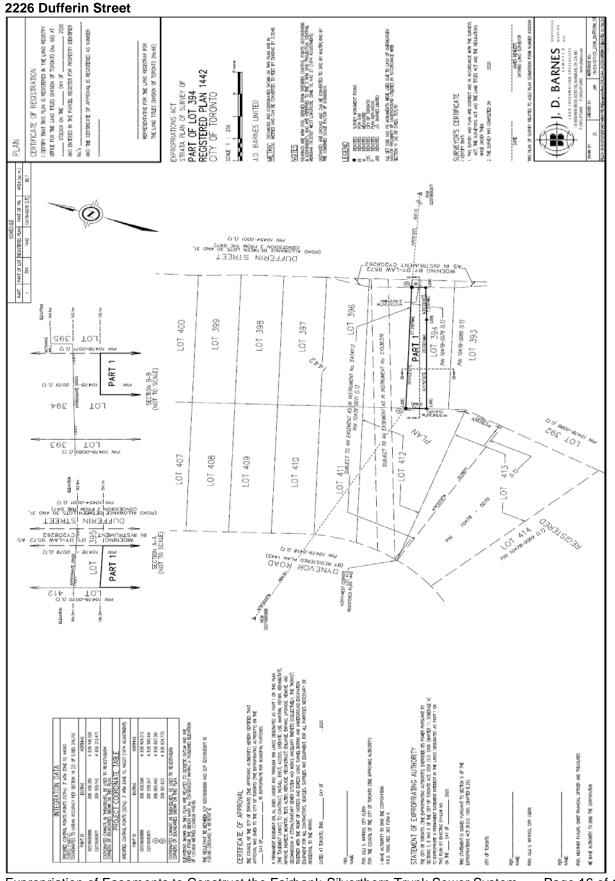
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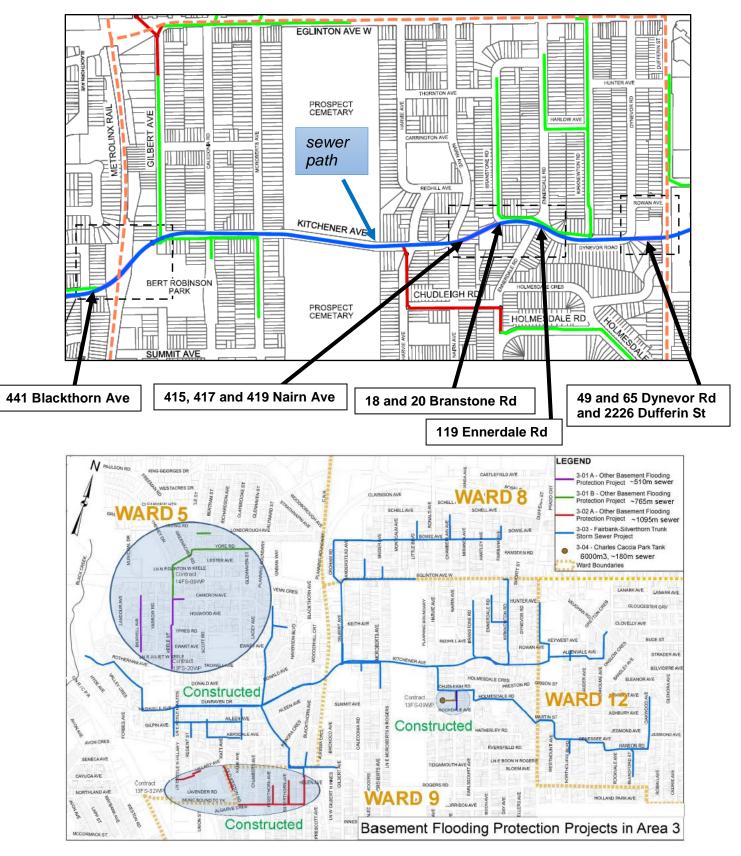


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## Appendix C - Location Map



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