

City Council

Motion without Notice

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Entering into Encroachment Agreements with the University of Toronto to Accelerate the Implementation of District Energy Systems - by Councillor Mike Layton, seconded by Councillor Joe Cressy

** 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 Mike Layton, seconded by Councillor Joe Cressy, recommends that:

1. City Council provide its support for an underground street crossing encroachment agreement with the University of Toronto
2. City Council request the Executive Director, Energy and Environment, the Toronto Transit Commission Board, the General Manager, Transportation Services and the Executive Director, Engineering and Construction Services to accelerate the approval of the encroachment agreement so that the necessary renewable district energy piping construction can be completed prior to planned 2022 Toronto Transit Commission track replacement on College Street.
3. City Council delegate authority to the City Manager to enter into any agreements necessary to advance this project.

Summary

The University of Toronto St. George Campus Climate Positive Plan hinges on decarbonizing their district energy system and connecting additional existing and new buildings, which will entail 12 underground road crossings for thermal energy distribution piping that need to be permitted by the City.

Currently the City's road crossings permitting process for non-utilities (such as the University of Toronto) can be onerous and have an uncertain time line which deters decarbonisation projects planning and execution. Moreover, a codified, simplified, and predictable process is needed for road crossings that align with TransformTO objectives.

This Motion seeks to expedite the approvals process and advance this project without delay.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM42.35