

Supplementary Report: Congestion Management Plan 2023-2026 - Fall Update

Date: October 8, 2024
To: City Council
From: General Manager, Transportation Services
Wards: All

SUMMARY

This report responds to a request from the Infrastructure and Environment Committee for "Decision Advice and Other Information" to report directly to the October 9, 10 and 11, 2024 City Council meeting with a report confirming that community consultations on the Road Disruption Activity Reporting System (RoDARS) fee, as noted in recommendation 3 ([IE16.4](#)), has been completed. As detailed in the Congestion Management Plan 2023-2026- Fall Update report, Transportation Services recommends amending the City of Toronto Municipal Code to establish an administration fee for temporary right-of-way applications through the new RoDARS system.

Community consultations were held on October 1, 2 and 3, 2024, with key stakeholders, during which City staff presented the new RoDARS system, the proposed new fee and addressed inquiries about fee implementation, payment options and the applicability of the new fee to emergency work.

The new RoDARS system is currently in the pilot phase and is anticipated to become permanent later this year, at which point the fee will be applicable. Since the proposed fee will not apply to emergency work, City staff will work with the Toronto Public Utility Coordinating Committee (TPUCC) to clarify criteria and notification requirements for "Emergency Utility work".

RECOMMENDATIONS

The General Manager, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council receive this report for information.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The anticipated revenues from the implementation of a new Road Disruption Activity Reporting System (RoDARS) fee for temporary street occupation permit applicants is difficult to determine at this point as the system is still being piloted, but will be considered as part of the 2025 Operating Budget submission for Transportation Services.

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

DECISION HISTORY

Infrastructure and Environment Committee, at its meeting of September 27, 2024, requested staff to report directly back to the October 9, 10 and 11, 2024 Council meeting confirming the completion of the requisite community consultation on the Road Disruption Activity Reporting System (RoDARS) fee for temporary street occupation. <https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2024/ie/bgrd/backgroundfile-248975.pdf>

COMMENTS

This report addresses the Infrastructure and Environment Committee's request for confirmation of community consultations regarding the proposed Road Disruption Activity Reporting System (RoDARS) fee.

As detailed in the Congestion Management Plan 2023-2026 - Fall Update report ([IE16.4](#)), Transportation Services recommends City Council amend City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 441, Fees and Changes , Appendix C - Schedule 2 (Transportation Services) to establish a new Road Disruption Activity Reporting System (RoDARS) fee for temporary street occupation permit applicants. This amendment would introduce a new administration fee for applicants seeking temporary right-of-way occupations through the RoDARS online booking system.

The proposed administration fee of \$76.51 per application is designed to recover the costs associated with reviewing applications, checking for potential conflicts and developing traffic/transit mitigation plans where applicable.

Community consultations were conducted on October 1, 2 and 3, 2024 with key stakeholders, including major Toronto builder associations (e.g. BILD and RESCON), Construction Hub Coordination (CHC) Industry and the Toronto Public Utility Coordinating Committee (TPUCC). During these sessions, City staff presented the new RoDARS system, emphasizing its enhanced features designed to improve functionality and coordination, along with the proposed fee.

During the consultations, participants raised several inquiries, including the timing of the fees' implementation, accepted methods of payment, and the applicability of the fee to emergency works.

In response to these inquiries, it is important to note that the RoDARS system is currently in the pilot phase and is expected to become permanent later this year, at which point the proposed fee will take effect. City staff are actively reviewing various payment methods to ensure a seamless and user-friendly experience for applications using the new online system. Importantly, the proposed fee will not apply to emergency work, recognizing the urgent nature of these situations. To further clarify the distinction of emergency work, City staff will work with the TPUCC to establish clear criteria and notification requirements for projects classified as 'Emergency Utility Work' while also considering cost recovery for associated traffic management costs that support these emergency closures.

During the consultations, it was also reiterated that the proposed Road Disruption Activity Reporting System (RoDARS) fee is strictly intended to recover the costs associated with reviewing applications, checking for potential conflicts and developing traffic/transit mitigation plans. Any other fees changes contemplated by the City may be introduced through the 2025 budget process.

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