

Agreement to Collaborate with Hydro One Network Inc. for Construction on the Etobicoke Greenway Trail Project

Date: December 18, 2025

To: Etobicoke York Community Council

From: General Manager, Parks and Recreation

Wards: 2 – Etobicoke Centre, 3 – Etobicoke-Lakeshore

SUMMARY

This report seeks authority for the City of Toronto to enter into an agreement with Hydro One Network Inc. ("HONI") to secure the City's commitment to maintain a four-kilometre multi-use trail to be constructed by HONI at its sole expense within the Hydro One corridor. HONI will be responsible for the design and construction of the Etobicoke Greenway Trail, with completion anticipated by late 2027. Upon completion, the City of Toronto will be responsible for the maintenance of this trail starting on approximately December 1, 2027. Hydro One will contribute funds towards the maintenance costs for four-years, until approximately December 31, 2031.

To commence the design of this trail in a timely manner, an agreement is required to articulate the roles and responsibilities of HONI and the City of Toronto, along with the commitment and transfer of funding for and following the project. An amendment to the Master Licence of Land for Public Recreational Purposes with the City dated October 26, 2010 (the "HONI Master Licence Agreement") to add this trail to the list of HONI-owned properties which the City is responsible for maintaining under the Agreement, will subsequently be executed through Corporate Real Estate Management division.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The General Manager, Parks and Recreation recommend that:

1. City Council authorize the General Manager, Parks and Recreation to execute an agreement with Hydro One Networks Inc. to outline the roles and responsibilities of the parties relating to the construction and maintenance of the Etobicoke Greenway Trail located within the Hydro One Corridor, on terms and conditions acceptable to the General Manager and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

2. City Council authorize the General Manager, Parks and Recreation, to accept a one-time contribution of approximately \$1.5 million from Hydro One Networks Inc. for maintenance costs required for the constructed Etobicoke Greenway Trail from the time of completion of the trail to approximately December 31, 2031.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

HONI will be funding and completing the full design and construction of the trail as well as providing a one-time payment of up to \$1.5 million to the City to assist with maintenance costs. The actual costs to support the City's maintenance efforts and equipment needs for four-years are estimated at \$1.3 million from approximately December 1, 2027, until December 31, 2031. After this period, the City of Toronto will be responsible for ongoing maintenance costs, estimated to be \$0.2 million annually. Funding to support maintenance activities will be requested through future budget submissions for consideration.

Below is a table which reflects current estimated cost of \$1.3 million.

Period	Annual Maintenance	One-Time Equipment Cost	Estimated One-Time Contribution
December 1, 2027 to December 31, 2027	\$ 14,000	\$ 600,000	\$ 614,000
January 1, 2028 to December 31, 2028	\$ 171,000		\$ 171,000
January 1, 2029 to December 31, 2029	\$ 178,000		\$ 178,000
January 1, 2030 to December 31, 2030	\$ 185,000		\$ 185,000
January 1, 2031 to December 31, 2031	\$ 193,000		\$ 193,000
Total	\$ 741,000	\$ 600,000	\$ 1,341,000

The Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer has reviewed this report and agrees with the information as presented in the Financial Impact Section.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting on November 26, 2025, Etobicoke York Community Council adopted [2025.EY27.16](#) "Etobicoke Greenway Trail Project" directing the General Manager of Parks and Recreation to report back with proposed next steps, required authorities, costs, and long-term financial impacts to advance the Hydro One–City partnership to design and construct the Etobicoke Greenway Trail.

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2025.EY27.16>

COMMENTS

Background

The Etobicoke Greenway Project originated with Hydro One as part of its long-term corridor planning and infrastructure renewal work to support growing electricity demand in west Toronto. As part of this work, Hydro One identified an opportunity to formalize an informal, well-used path within the corridor as a safe, accessible multi-use trail that would also deliver a public recreational and active-transportation benefit.

Hydro One initiated discussions with the City of Toronto to explore this opportunity. City staff worked with Hydro One to assess feasibility, public benefit, alignment with City policies, and long-term operational implications. A key condition identified by the City was that Hydro One would be fully responsible for the design and construction of the trail, with no capital cost to the City.

Hydro One has also clearly indicated that it will not proceed with construction unless the City provides a formal commitment to assume maintenance responsibility following completion of the trail. This commitment is required before Hydro One advances into detailed design and construction and is proposed to be formalized through an agreement.

Project Outline

This paved multi-use trail supports recreational use and active transportation in Etobicoke, while facilitating infrastructure upgrades to meet increasing electricity demand. This project considers community needs and HONI's technical safety requirements. The proposed trail is three metres wide and will span approximately four kilometres, encompassing key segments of the Hydro corridor including:

- Bloor Street to Burnhamthorpe Road
- Rivercove Drive to Martin Grove, just south of Winterton Drive
- Southwest corner of Willowridge and Richgrove Drive northeast to Longbourne Drive

While the current scope focuses on the trail construction and does not include amenities such as benches, lighting, signage, waste bins, gates, splash pads, dog parks, pollinator gardens, or similar elements, the City may explore such additions in the future through the Provincial Secondary Land Use Program. Any proposed enhancements will be subject to the City's permitting and approval processes, and HONI's technical review.

Trail design parameters will include minimum setbacks of three metres from Toronto Hydro infrastructure, five metres from residential property lines, and one metre from schools and other public lands.

Next Steps

Authority for Parks and Recreation to enter into the agreement now will allow HONI to begin the trail design process so construction can start as soon as possible.

Following the completion of the trail, estimated to be in December 2027, the City will be responsible for maintenance activities such as grass cutting, snow removal, and surface sweeping. An amendment to the HONI Master Licence Agreement will be required to add the Etobicoke Greenway Trail to the list of HONI-owned properties which the City is responsible for maintaining under the Agreement.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Etobicoke Greenway Trail Maps