

Durham Boundary Facilities Agreement Renewal - Kingston Road Bridge over the Rouge River

Date: March 31, 2026
To: Infrastructure and Environment Committee
From: General Manager, Transportation Services
Wards: Ward 25 - Scarborough-Rouge Park

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek City Council approval to renew an agreement between the City of Toronto and the Regional Municipality of Durham (Durham Region) for the cost-sharing and maintenance of the Kingston Road Bridge, which is shared equally by both parties. The agreement also covers winter road maintenance for the extended segment of Kingston Road to Altona Road, for which Durham Region is fully responsible for all associated costs. The previous agreement between the two jurisdictions was in effect from January 1, 2016, to December 31, 2025. The proposed renewal agreement is based largely on the same terms and conditions as the previous agreement.

The renewed agreement would have an initial term of one (1) year from the date of execution by both parties and would automatically renew annually thereafter. It may be terminated by either party with sixty (60) days written notice, or on another date mutually agreed upon. If substantive changes to the agreement's terms or responsibilities arise that could result in additional costs or risk to either party, Transportation Services would report to City Council to seek authority for any necessary amendments.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The General Manager, Transportation Services, recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the General Manager, Transportation Services, to negotiate, enter into and execute a new or amended boundary agreement with the Regional Municipality of Durham for the ongoing maintenance and construction of the Kingston Road Bridge over the Rouge River, as well as the winter maintenance of the extended segment of Kingston Road to Altona Road east of the bridge, with terms and conditions

satisfactory to the General Manager, Transportation Services, and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The annual maintenance costs for the Kingston Road Bridge will continue to be shared equally between the City of Toronto and the Regional Municipality of Durham. The total estimated annual cost for surface, structural, and winter maintenance of the bridge is \$10,000, resulting in a \$5,000 contribution from each party.

The City of Toronto will also provide winter maintenance for the segment of Kingston Road extending from the east end of the bridge to the centreline of Altona Road, on behalf of Durham Region. The annual cost of this work is estimated at \$4,600, which will be fully reimbursed by Durham Region. In total, Durham Region's annual financial obligation under the agreement will be \$9,600.

All required funding for City of Toronto's share of costs is available within the existing Operating Budget for Transportation Services.

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

DECISION HISTORY

City Council, at its meeting of July 12, 13, 14 and 15, 2016, adopted the staff report entitled, "Durham Boundary Facilities Agreement - Kingston Road Bridge Over the Rouge River" (Item PW14.9).

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2016.PW14.9>

City Council, at its meeting of September 25, 26 and 27, 2006, adopted a staff report entitled, " (Ward 44, Scarborough East)" (Works Committee Report 6, Clause 14).

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/2006/agendas/council/cc060925/wks6rpt/cl014.pdf>

COMMENTS

The Kingston Road Bridge over the Rouge River was downloaded from the Province of Ontario on November 27, 1997, to the City of Toronto and the Regional Municipality of Durham. To ensure proper maintenance and rehabilitation of the structure, and to clearly define the legal responsibilities of each party, a formal agreement was executed.

The City of Toronto and Durham Region have previously entered into agreements governing the Kingston Road bridge and the section of Kingston Road extending to Altona Road, as shown in the location map appended to this report as Attachment 1. In 2016, both parties entered into a cost-sharing agreement for the period of January 1, 2016, to December 31, 2025, addressing the ongoing maintenance and repair of the

Kingston Road Bridge over the Rouge River, which serves as a shared boundary structure. For operational efficiency during winter maintenance, the agreement also included the roadway segment from the easterly limit of the bridge to Altona Road. This allows snow plowing and salting equipment to operate in a continuous direction and turn around at Altona Road to service both sides of the median-divided roadway. The costs associated with winter maintenance of this eastern segment are fully recoverable (100%) from Durham Region.

The existing agreement expired on December 31, 2025, and the City of Toronto and Durham Region now intend to renew the agreement under mutually acceptable terms and conditions. While the majority of the operational provisions remain satisfactory to both parties, maintenance-related costs require revision to reflect inflationary increases since the previous agreement. As such, the renewed agreement will generally mirror the previous terms, with updates primarily focused on cost adjustments.

Included in the Agreement:

- The City of Toronto will carry out all inspection, maintenance and capital improvement work related to the bridge structure over the Rouge River, with all associated costs shared equally between Toronto and Durham Region on a 50/50 basis.
- Should maintenance, repairs and construction on the bridge be required and Durham Region's financial obligation exceeds \$50,000.00, the City of Toronto agrees to obtain Durham Region's consent in writing.
- The City of Toronto will be fully responsible for all roadway winter maintenance along the bridge and along Kingston Road between the easterly limit of the bridge and Altona Road. Durham region will compensate the City fully for all winter maintenance expenses on the section of road between the easterly limit of the bridge and Altona Road.
- Capital improvements will require the mutual agreement of both parties, and the cost will be shared on a 50/50 basis.
- Similar to the previous agreements between the two parties, the City of Toronto will indemnify and save harmless the Region of Durham from and against any claims arising from, or in any way related to, any alleged failure by the City of Toronto to maintain the condition of the Kingston Bridge as required by the agreement.
- Durham Region will be issued an invoice for their share of all maintenance costs, estimated to be \$9,600 annually. The City of Toronto will invoice Durham Region on November 30 in each year during the term of the agreement with costs being adjusted for inflation every three years.
- The term of the agreement would be for one (1) year from the date of its execution by both parties, with automatic yearly renewals until the agreement is cancelled in writing by either party with sixty (60) days prior notice or on another date mutually

agreed upon by both parties.

The agreement with the Regional Municipality of Durham will formalize the terms and conditions that have been the basis of co-operation between the two organizations. The agreement formalizes this arrangement and hence does not impose any additional costs to the City of Toronto.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Location Map - Kingston Road Bridge over the Rouge River and
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