

Clause No. 10 in Report No. 2 of the Committee of the Whole was adopted, without amendment, by the Council of The Regional Municipality of York at its meeting on January 23, 2014.

APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO EXPROPRIATE WIDENING AND RECONSTRUCTION OF HIGHWAY 7 PROJECT 98180, CITY OF MARKHAM

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendations contained in the report dated December 18, 2013 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services:

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. Council authorize an application for approval to expropriate the following lands within the City of Markham:

No.	Owner	Municipal Address	Legal Description	Interest Required
1	2073236 Ontario Inc.	3882 Highway 7	Parts 1 and 3, draft plan L12-011628	Fee Simple
			Parts 2 and 4, draft plan L12-011628	Temporary Easement
2	Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation	3898 Highway 7	Part 1, draft plan L12-011621	Fee Simple
			Part 2, draft plan L12-011621	Temporary Easement
3	Hildebrand, Jack	3912 Highway 7	Part 1, draft plan L12-011622	Fee Simple
			Part 2, draft plan L12-011622	Temporary Easement
4	Hotson, Bonnie Lynne Hildebrand, Robert Ross Hildebrand, Douglas Harold Hildebrand, John Charles Roy	3928 Highway 7	Part 1, draft plan L12-011623	Temporary Easement

No.	Owner	Municipal Address	Legal Description	Interest Required
5	2124123 Ontario Limited	3940 Highway 7	Part 1, draft plan L12-011629	Temporary Easement
6	Unionville Development	3972 Highway 7	Part 1, draft plan L12-011625	Temporary Easement
7	1820266 Ontario Inc.	4002 Highway 7	Part 1, draft plan L12-011626 Part 2, draft plan L12-011626	Temporary Easement
8	Scardred 7 Company Limited	4038 Highway 7	Part 1, draft plan L12-011627	Temporary Easement
9	1421121 Ontario Limited	4080 Highway 7	Part 1, draft plan L12-011604 Part 2, draft plan L12-011604 Part 3, draft plan L12-011604	Temporary Easement
10	Boutakis, Basil	4128 Highway 7	Parts 1 & 3, draft plan L12-011605 Parts 2 & 4, draft plan L12-011605	Temporary Easement Fee Simple
11	Apcom Enterprises Inc.	4142 Highway 7	Part 1, draft plan L12-011606 Part 2, draft plan L12-011606	Temporary Easement Fee Simple
12	Sham, Wing Leung Lee, Serfina Kam Ling	93 Lichfield Road	Part 1, draft plan L12-011607	Temporary Easement
13	Gillespie, Joanne Elizabeth	91 Lichfield Road	Part 1, draft plan L12-011608	Temporary Easement
14	Ador-Dionisio Saturnino III Luk May	89 Lichfield Road	Part 1, draft plan L12-011609	Temporary Easement
15	Shim, Hing Min	87 Lichfield Road	Part 1, draft plan L12-011610	Temporary Easement
16	Mitchell, Donald Thomas Sun, Anna	85 Lichfield Road	Part 1, draft plan L12-011611	Temporary Easement
17	Fung, Mee Hung, Yan, Daniel Pui Chak	83 Lichfield Road	Part 1, draft plan L12-011612	Temporary Easement
18	Tsang, Jack K.Y. Lee, Avis K.S.	81 Lichfield Road	Part 1, draft plan L12-011613	Temporary Easement

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19	Sheikh, Ali Ijaz Rafi, Binish	79 Lichfield Road	Part 1, draft plan L12-011616	Temporary Easement	
20	Baum, Salomon Baum, Ilde Mar Moncada de	77 Lichfield Road	Part 1, draft plan L12-011617	Temporary Easement	
21	Yu, Suk-Yin	75 Lichfield Road	Part 1, draft plan L12-011618	Temporary Easement	
22	YRC No. 535	16 Ashglen Way	Part 1, draft plan L12-011614	Temporary Easement	
23	YRC No. 539	2 Ashglen Way 1	Part 1, draft plan L12-011615	Temporary Easement	
24	1771107 Ontario Inc.	Not Assigned 02988-0714	Part 1, draft plan L12-011619	Temporary Easement	
25	1826985 Ontario Inc.	Not Assigned 02988-0680	Part 1, draft plan L12-011620	Temporary Easement	
26	1826997 Ontario Inc.	Not Assigned 02988-0681	Part 1, draft plan L12-011624	Temporary Easement	
27	1826997 Ontario Inc.	Not Assigned 02988-0682	Part 2, draft plan L12-011624	Temporary Easement	
28	Sheridan Nurseries Limited	4101 Highway 7	Parts 1, 3, 5 & 6, draft plan L12- 011630	Temporary Easement	
			Parts 2 & 4, draft plan L12-011630	Fee Simple	
29	Wedekind, Maria Wedekind, Susan	4121 Highway 7	Part 1, draft plan L12-011631	Fee Simple	
30	Young, Paul William	4137 Highway 7	Part 1, draft plan L12-011632	Fee Simple	
31	Antonel, Elio Antonel, Rosalina	4151 Highway 7	Part 1, draft plan L12-011633	Fee Simple	
32	1246896 Ontario Inc. 1246897 Ontario Inc.	4171 Highway 7	Part 1 on draft plan L12-011634	Temporary Easement	
33	Kealson Limited	4189 Highway 7	Part 1, draft plan L12-011636	Fee Simple	
33			Part 2, draft plan L12-011636	Temporary Easement	
	The temporary easements will commence on June 1, 2015 and expire on May 31, 2020 and are required for the purpose of entering on lands with all vehicle, machinery, workmen and other materials to provide for hard and soft landscaping, grading and reshaping of the lands to the limit of the reconstruction of Highway 7 and works ancillary thereto.				

- 2. The Commissioner of Corporate Services be authorized to execute the Application for Approval to Expropriate Land and the Notice of Application for Approval to Expropriate Land (the "Notice") and to serve and publish the Notice, as required under the *Expropriations Act* (the "*Act*").
- 3. The Commissioner of Corporate Services be authorized to forward to the Chief Inquiry Officer any requests for an inquiry that are received and to represent the Region, as necessary, at an inquiry held under the *Act*.
- 4. Council authorize the introduction of the necessary bylaws to give effect to these recommendations.

2. PURPOSE

This report seeks Council's approval for an application to expropriate property interests required for the widening and reconstruction of Highway 7, from Verclaire Gate to Sciberras Road, in the City of Markham (*Attachment 1*).

Under the *Act*, Council, as approving authority, must approve an application prior to the initiation of any proceedings.

3. BACKGROUND

An Individual Environmental Assessment has been approved for the widening and reconstruction of Highway 7, from Verclaire Gate to Sciberras Road, in Markham

An Individual Environmental Assessment (IEA) Report was approved in November 2006, for the York Region Rapid Transit Plan on Highway 7. This report is related to the Region's Transportation Master Plan and is not part of the VIVA route.

An integral component of the IEA Report (Chapter 13) recommended a six-lane widening of Highway 7, from Town Centre Boulevard to Sciberras Road, to provide sufficient traffic capacity for current and expected traffic demands.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

Negotiations are proceeding to acquire the necessary properties with a view to construction commencing in April 2015

The project will require the acquisition of 13 fee simple and 38 temporary easement properties, principally for road widening purposes. Certain temporary easements are also required to accommodate the January 2015 tender date. Construction is scheduled to commence April 2015.

Staff is continuing to negotiate agreements of purchase and sale for the required interests.

Initiating expropriation proceedings will ensure the construction schedule will not be compromised if negotiations for land acquisitions are delayed

It is anticipated that negotiations will be successfully concluded on many outstanding properties. These agreements will be presented to Council for approval in due course. In order to ensure timely acquisition of the lands, it is recommended the expropriation process proceed in tandem.

The first step in the process requires Council, as approving authority, to authorize an application for approval to expropriate. Subsequently, notices may be served on owners of the subject lands. Receipt of this notice will trigger an owner's right to request a Hearing of Necessity. There is also a statutory obligation to publish the notice.

Link to key Council-approved plans

From Vision to Results: 2011 to 2015 Strategic Plan

Priority Area – Continue to Deliver and Sustain Critical Infrastructure Improve mobility for users on Regional transportation corridors The acquisition of these lands will assist the Region in meeting its key strategic transportation needs.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The funds required to complete the property acquisitions are included in the 2014 Transportation and Community Planning - Roads Capital Budget. The project is funded 90 per cent from Development Charges and 10 per cent from tax levy.

6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

Reconstruction of Highway 7 includes several features that will benefit the local community including bicycle lanes, continuous sidewalks, illumination, and median/boulevard streetscaping.

7. CONCLUSION

This report seeks Council's approval to expropriate 33 properties from owners along Highway 7, from Verclaire Gate to Sciberras Road, in order to implement road and intersection improvements. To ensure the project is not delayed, it is necessary to initiate the expropriation process. Staff will continue negotiating for the acquisition of the required properties and expropriation will be abandoned in cases where negotiations are successful.

For more information on this report, please contact René Masad, Director, Property Services Branch at Ext.1684.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.

Attachment (1)

