

Item No. 14

ACTION REQUIRED

April 7, 2015

To: The Board of Governors of Exhibition Place

From: Dianne Young

Chief Executive Officer

Subject: <u>Toronto Hydro-Electric Systems Limited Easement</u>

Summary:

Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited (Toronto Hydro) required the installation of underground high voltage distribution routing from the Toronto Hydro Strachan Station to the property line of Exhibition Place and then north to Liberty Village. This new service is required for the rerouting of the existing high voltage lines which must be relocated to facilitate the new GO Transit rail lines at Strachan Avenue/Liberty roadway for the Airport GO service.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board:

- Subject to approval of City Council, enter into an tri-partite Easement Agreement with Toronto Hydro and the City of Toronto (or an amendment of the existing tripartite Agreement) with respect to the lands described on Appendix "A" of this report; and
- Request that Council direct that the consideration to be paid by Toronto Hydro for the easement on the Exhibition Place lands be transferred directly to Exhibition Place.

Financial Impact:

The consideration paid by Toronto Hydro for the easement is \$9,000 that relates to the easement over the Exhibition Place lands. There is no financial impact from the approval of this report; funds received will be used to offset Exhibition Place costs associated with the easement.

Decision History:

Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 63 Exhibition Place, Governance requires that any agreements which have a term exceeding four years be approved by City Council.

At its meeting of September 6, 2013, the Board approved of a tri-partite easement agreement between Toronto Hydro, the City and the Board with respect to adjacent lands to the lands that are the subject matter of this report.

Issue Background:

Toronto Hydro requires an additional easement over the Exhibition Place lands adjacent to the lands that are the subject matter of the existing 2013 Easement and also related to the

installation of high voltage lines required to serve the new GO Transit bridge/underpass at Strachan and Liberty.

Comments:

In 2011 Exhibition Place received from Toronto Hydro a proposal for the construction on Exhibition Place of new cable chambers and conduits in order to re-route existing feeders to the new GO Transit bridge on Strachan Avenue as part of the airport link which project is a priority for the 2015 Pan-Am Games. This infrastructure begins at Strachan Station on the Exhibition Place grounds, runs west under Manitoba Drive to the west side and then veers north through Parking Lot "P" and then continues north by tunneling under the CPR and TTC tracks.

In 2013, an easement was granted to Toronto Hydro through a tripartite agreement with the City, Board and Toronto Hydro. However, it has come to the attention of the parties that the easement needs to be extended to address some adjacent lands not previously designated but part of the same project. Exhibition Place is working with City of Toronto Real Estate Division to follow all City administrative processes to allow the approval of this easement and this report is recommending the Board be party to the tri-partite easement agreement with the City or an amendment of the existing tri-partite easement agreement. The funds (\$9,000) to be paid by Toronto Hydro will, as before, be included in Exhibition Place revenue and be used to offset costs related to the easement such as engineering drawings, electrical plans and disruptions, road closures, new work plan, etc. Remaining funds will be reported as year-end surplus and will therefore be transferred to the City as is consistent with prior year's surplus disposition and deposited within the Exhibition Place Conference Centre Reserve Fund.

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Appendix "A"

