
REPORT TITLE: **Proposed Reimbursement of Private Sanitary Sewer Connection and Disconnection Costs Associated with Replacement/Remediation of Sanitary Sewer at 18 Brookside Drive, City of Mississauga, Ward 11**

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RECOMMENDATION

That The Regional Municipality of Peel reimburse Peel District School Board for the costs of installing a private sanitary sewer connection and disconnection of the existing connection, in accordance with the terms set out in the report of the Interim Commissioner of Corporate Services and Interim Commissioner of Public Works, listed on the February 25, 2021 Regional Council agenda titled “Proposed Reimbursement of Private Sanitary Sewer Connection and Disconnection Costs Associated with Replacement/Remediation of Sanitary Sewer at 18 Brookside Drive, City of Mississauga, Ward 11”;

And further, that the funds be financed from Capital Project 16-2300.

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- The Regional Municipality of Peel (the “Region”) will be replacing and/or repairing sanitary sewers within the Streetsville community in the City of Mississauga (the “Works”) in order to address issues of aging infrastructure.
 - A new sanitary sewer connection was required at 18 Brookside Drive which is owned by the Peel District School Board (the “Board”) and known as Dolphin Senior Public School (“Dolphin School”). As a result of the relocation of the sanitary sewer main, it was required that the Board reconfigure their existing private side sanitary sewer system and abandon certain sections.
 - Regional staff determined that for economic and environmental reasons it was not feasible to rehabilitate the existing sanitary sewer main, and the decision was made to replace and relocate the sanitary sewer main, resulting in a new private side sanitary sewer connection for the Dolphin School, and for other parties affected by the relocation decision, at the Region’s expense.
 - The Region entered into a Sanitary Sewer Connection Agreement with the Board dated August 29, 2018 in order for the Board to investigate, cost estimate and undertake their work and the Region agreed pursuant to authority delegated to staff to reimburse the Board for the Board’s reasonable costs.
 - The Board’s reasonable costs requiring reimbursement have been documented, and at \$336,359.93 exceed the delegated authority of staff to agree to. Council’s authority is accordingly requested in this report.
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DISCUSSION

1. Background

The Regional Municipality of Peel (the “Region”) has undertaken an investigation and feasibility study for the remediation/replacement of sanitary sewers within the Streetsville community in the City of Mississauga, in order to address issues with aging infrastructure (the “Study”). The Study was initiated as part of the Region’s annual wastewater State of Good Repair Program (“SOGR”) as identified by Infrastructure Planning, more specifically under the Local Collection System Repair and Replacement project that is funded through the Region’s annual budget process. The Region’s wastewater SOGR Budget, approved annually by Regional Council, approved \$24.5 million dollars for SOGR projects per annum up to 2029. As part of the Region’s ongoing SOGR and pursuant to the Study, the Region constructed, at its sole cost and expense, a sanitary sewer within the right of way limits of Rutledge Road together with lateral piping (the “Region’s Works”) to the southern property line of 18 Brookside Drive; a school property owned by the Peel District School Board (the “Board”), known as Dolphin Senior Public School (“Dolphin School”), as shown on the attached Appendix I.

The Region’s Works provided a new sanitary sewer connection to the southern property line of Dolphin School within the right of way of Rutledge Road and this required the Board to reconfigure its existing private side sanitary sewer system and abandon certain sections (the “Private Side Works”).

The Study identified a number of issues with the current connection configuration, requiring the private side sewer relocation to Rutledge Road:

- a. lack of a registered easement for Regional access;
- b. environmental conditions would not warrant Regional public works completing repairs; and
- c. it was more economical to replace sewers than rehabilitating the existing sewer main as the overall cost of a relocated sewer and new service connections provided to property owners were less costly to the Region and allows the abandonment of the old sewer main.

As a result of the sewer relocation to Rutledge Road, the service connection from Dolphin School required a realignment from the side of the lot (the western portion of the school building) to the rear of the lot (the southern portion of the school building).

The existing private sanitary sewer system of Dolphin School connected to the Region’s existing 375mm sanitary trunk sewer, located to the west of Dolphin School, is planned to be abandoned in the near future as part of the Study.

The Board entered into a Sanitary Sewer Connection Agreement dated August 29, 2018 (the “Agreement”) with the Region, pursuant to the Designated Signing Authority authorized upon the Director of Wastewater under Document Execution By-law Number 32-2017, in effect at that time, to document that the Board would be responsible for investigating, designing and ultimately completing the Private Side Works and to formalize the Region’s commitment to review the reasonableness of the cost estimates of the Private Side Works and reimburse the Board for their costs associated with the Private Side Works. This is in

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line with the Region providing private side service connections for other property owners on Rutledge Road. In the absence of the Agreement between the Board and the Region, the Board could not undertake the investigation, designing and completing the Private Side Works and could not ascertain the full financial obligations to the Board and the physical impacts of the reconfiguration and relocation of the private side service connection to Dolphin School.

Due to the relocation of the sewer the Region was responsible for the relocation of the service connection and agreed to reimburse the Board for all reasonable costs associated with completing the Private Side Works after construction was completed, once the City of Mississauga inspected and passed the Private Side Works and upon the receipt of an itemized statement of account from the Board. The Private Side Works have been completed and have passed inspection by the City of Mississauga and Region staff have reviewed the itemized statement of the account, as presented. Due to the complexities of the new private side service connection and state of the existing sewer connection of Dolphin School, the final costs of \$336,359.93 (inclusive of HST), as presented by the Board, surpassed the Designated Signing Authority limit of the Director of Wastewater in the amount of \$250,000.00.

2. Proposed Direction

In order for the Region to honour the intent of the Agreement, the Region is seeking Regional Council approval to reimburse payment in the amount of \$336,359.93 (inclusive of HST) to the Board for the completion of the Private Side Works as a result of the Study.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are sufficient funds available in the existing approved capital budget to carry out the report's recommended direction.

APPENDICES

Appendix I – Property Sketch

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