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To: MC

Cc: ExLT; LT; Lisa Ku; Austine Fischer; Nancy Salichuk; Matt Sharpe; Maurizio Artale

**Subject:** Bill 93, the Getting Ontario Connected Act, 2022.

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## Madam Mayor and Members of Council:

The Ontario government is tabling new legislation through the Minister of Infrastructure to amend the <u>Building Broadband Faster Act, 2021</u> and the <u>Ontario Underground Infrastructure Notification System Act, 2012</u>. This new legislation is <u>Bill 93 – Getting Ontario Connected Act, 2022</u>. The Bill passed the second reading by the Legislative Assembly of Ontario on March 23, 2022, and was sent for consideration by the Standing Committee on General Government on March 30, 2022.

## **Current Situation**

Upon reviewing the Bill, Staff observed that the amended *Act* would impact various business units within the City. The affected business units would include Technical Services, Traffic Signals and Systems, Street Lighting, IT, Transportation Infrastructure Management, Forestry, MiWay, HuLRT, Capital Works, Realty and Legal Services.

The extent of these impacts is currently unknown due to the limited information provided by the Ministry of Infrastructure. The main concern is adequate time to prepare for the requirements and their impact on the various City business units once the *Act* is in force.

## **Next Steps**

- The Ministry of Government and Consumer Services called for feedback on the Bill, and Staff will submit written input to the Ministry on the Act's impact on the service levels of the affected City business units on Thursday, April 07, 2022.
- Staff will prepare a Corporate Report and present it to the General Committee on April 27, 2022, for Council to endorse the letter to the Ministry of Infrastructure.
- Staff will present another Corporate Report to General Committee at the first available opportunity with more information on the *Act's* real impact on the City once the Ministry responds to the letter.

In the meantime, should you require additional information, please get in touch with me directly.

Thank you,



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