

City of Mississauga
Memorandum



Date: January 25, 2021

To: Chair and Members of Port Credit Heritage Conservation District Subcommittee

From: John Dunlop, Manager, Heritage Planning and Indigenous Relations

Meeting date: February 1, 2021

Subject: **Request to Construct New Hydro Poles Along Mississauga Road**

Recommendation:

That the request to construct new hydro poles along Mississauga Road, as per the memorandum from John Dunlop, Manager of Heritage Planning & Indigenous Relations, dated January 25, 2021, be approved.

Background:

The City designated the Old Port Credit Village Heritage Conservation District (HCD) under Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act in 2004. The revised 2018 HCD Plan is now in effect. Under the Plan, the installation of new luminaries and/or poles requires a heritage permit.

Comments:

This application was originally brought forward in September, 2020 to the City's Heritage Advisory Committee and was deferred to the newly formed Old Port Credit Village Heritage Conservation District Subcommittee. Through the course of an extensive consultation process, there has been no means to bring forward a design which allows for electrical power to be provided to the Old Port Credit Village Heritage Conservation District without having to replace the existing poles along the east side of Mississauga Road South, as well as carry out a tree trimming program to ensure the safe operation of the electrical line.

Options reviewed include the placement of a new pole line along the west side of Mississauga Road South, burying the line down the west side of Mississauga Road South and doing no work whatsoever. Due to the impending construction of multiple buried infrastructure and services along the west side of Mississauga Road South, there were no options which would remove any impacts to the HCD. Furthermore, any options other than the original submission would have resulted in impacts to the future west side ROW as well as the east side ROW. A pole line on the west side of Mississauga Road South would result in the loss of the proposed tree line which was previously approved under the West Port Credit Master Plan and would still require a tree trimming program on the east side, as well as the installation of new poles.

The construction of new poles along the east side of Mississauga Road South will have an impact on the HCD as the proposed poles are taller than the existing poles and fabricated of concrete. In order to mitigate the impacts related to the poles it is recommended that a condition

be placed on the heritage permit requiring the new poles be made of wood, to better match the existing poles within the HCD.

The construction of the new poles will also impact the mature tree canopy lining Mississauga Road South. In order to mitigate these impacts it is recommended that a condition be placed on the heritage permit requiring a third-party arborist be hired by the applicant team to carry out all tree trimming work. It is further recommended that this arborist be vetted and approved by the Old Port Credit Village Heritage Conservation District subcommittee prior to carrying out the work. Approval of the third-party arborist is to be completed within two weeks of submission to the subcommittee.

Conclusion:

Alectra is required to rebuild a hydro line along the east side of Mississauga Road South in order to continue to provide power to the residents of the Old Port Credit Village Heritage Conservation District. The existing line on the west side of the road is required to be moved. All alternative options have been considered by the hydro supplier and the applicant team engineers and reviewed by all relevant City departments. It has been determined that this option would result in the least impact to the HCD and so Staff recommend that it be approved.

Attachments

Appendix 1: Technical Drawings and Arborist Report

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