

TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS CIVIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING ON NOVEMBER 21, 2017
FROM:	KELLY SCHERR, P.ENG., MBA, FEC MANAGING DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL & ENGINEERING SERVICES AND CITY ENGINEER
SUBJECT:	HYDRO ONE GRANT FOR TREE PLANTING

RECOMMENDATION

That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director of Environmental and Engineering Services and City Engineer the following **BE RECEIVED** for information.

COUNCIL'S 2015 – 19 STRATEGIC PLAN

The initiative supports Strategic Plan through the strategic focus area of *Building a Sustainable City* by managing our infrastructure.

BACKGROUND

On July 12th 2017, Council passed the following resolution:

“That the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to contact Hydro One with respect to the utilization of funds to revitalize the South East Area and report back to Civic Works Committee”

This report provides Committee and Council with an update related to this issue, Deferred Items List Item 90, Hydro One Beautification Fund.

DISCUSSION

Earlier in 2017, Hydro One undertook maintenance operations that cleared their corridor of underbrush and vegetation adjacent to Highbury Avenue. This resulted in the removal of a number of trees.

Hydro One’s corporate social responsibility includes a focus on environmental stewardship and working with communities to mitigate environmental impacts of their operations. Through discussions with Hydro One, the utility has agreed to provide funding of \$5,000 for new tree planting. The location of the project would be determined by the City with the condition that no re-planting would be allowed in the Hydro One right of way.

In consultation with Environmental and Parks Planning, it was determined that the best option is to plant new trees in Naomi Almeida Park (Figure 1). This area runs parallel to the corridor and there is room to cluster trees together, maximizing the appearance. The species selected include two types of maple and common hackberry, which do well in heavy wet soils found on this site.



Figure 1 – Replanting Location

The trees will be planted this year as part of the fall planting program and the costs will be invoiced to Hydro One.

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