TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE  MEETING ON NOVEMBER 2, 2011
FROM:	TOM JOHNSON MANAGING DIRECTOR – CORPORATE ASSETS
SUBJECT:	EXPROPRIATION OF LANDS SOUTHDALE ROAD WEST ROAD WIDENING PROJECT WHARNCLIFFE RD SOUTH TO WONDERLAND RD SOUTH

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director – Corporate Assets, on the advice of the Manager Realty Services, approval **BE GIVEN** to the expropriation of lands as may be required for the completion of the Southdale Road West Road Widening Project between Wharncliffe Road South and Wonderland Road South, and that the following actions **BE TAKEN** in connection therewith:

- application be made by The Corporation of the City of London as Expropriating Authority to the Council of The Corporation of the City of London as approving authority for the approval to expropriate the lands required for the Southdale Road West Road Widening Project, between Wharncliffe Road South and Wonderland Road South;
- b) The Corporation of the City of London serve and publish notice of the above application in accordance with the terms of the *Expropriations Act*;
- c) The Corporation of the City of London forward to the Chief Inquiry Officer any requests for a hearing that may be received and report such to the Council of The Corporation of the City of London for its information; and
- d) a By-law be introduced at the appropriate time to authorize the foregoing and direct the Civic Administration to carry out all necessary administrative actions.

## PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER

Environment and Transportation Committee – October 19, 2009 – Southdale Road West Widening Environmental Assessment

Environment and Transportation Committee – July 19, 2010 – Southdale Road West Widening Appointment of a Consulting Engineer

## BACKGROUND

At its meeting held on October 26, 2009, Municipal Council authorized the Southdale Road West Road Widening Project. This project will widen the existing two lane road to four through lanes as recommended in the Transportation Master Plan (2004). The project will also construct continuous sidewalks, bicycle lanes, noise attenuation, and water, sewer and drainage

improvements. The approved environmental assessment design minimizes the need for additional property acquisition as much as possible. However, acquisition of thin strips of property is required to construct the proposed improvements where the existing right-of-way is narrow.

A number of properties have been amicably acquired by the City. Due to the requirements of the Planning, Environmental and Engineering Services Department to commence the utility relocations for this project by Summer 2012, it is necessary to start the appropriate expropriation procedures for the remaining seven (7) properties. Realty Services is working with the remaining property owners in an effort to amicably acquire these properties to avoid expropriation if possible.

## **Anticipated Construction Timeline**

Utilities Relocation is planned to commence in the summer of 2012 with construction followed in the spring of 2013 with the tender of the road reconstruction and widening project.

A location map is <u>attached</u> for the Council's information.

PREPARED BY:	RECOMMENDED BY:
BILL WARNER MANAGER REALTY SERVICES	TOM JOHNSON MANAGING DIRECTOR -CORPORATE ASSETS

October 13, 2011 Doc. P-2300 Attach.

cc: John Lucas, Division Manager – Transportation Engineering David G. Mounteer, Solicitor II

