



OAKVILLE

## REPORT

### Council

Meeting Date: August 9, 2022

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**FROM:** Legal Department

**DATE:** July 26, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Region Pumping Station in Bronte Beach – August 9, 2022

**LOCATION:** 51 West River Street

**WARD:** Ward 1

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#### RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the proposed location of the Region of Halton's new West River wastewater pumping station within Bronte Beach Park be approved.
2. That staff be authorized to transfer the lands underlying the new West River wastewater pumping station to the Region at market value, if the Town acquires these lands.
3. That the Town Solicitor be authorized to execute any documentation required to give effect to these recommendations.

#### KEY FACTS:

The following are key points for consideration with respect to this report:

- The Region of Halton (the "Region") wishes to construct a new West River wastewater pumping station within Bronte Beach Park.
- The Town leases the lands proposed for the new pumping station from the Federal Government.
- Staff at the Federal Government indicated they do not have any concerns with the new pumping station location provided the Town does not object to the location.
- Parks staff believe the proposed location will have a minimal impact on the public's use of the park and amenities within the park.
- Staff are recommending approving the location of the new pumping station.

- If the Region wishes to own the lands underlying the new pumping station in the future once the Town owns the lands, staff are seeking authority to transfer the lands to the Region at that time for market value.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Region of Halton undertook a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (“MCEA”) to address capacity and operational concerns with the existing West River Wastewater Pumping Station. The MCEA recommended a new pumping station be constructed to the east of the current station as shown on Appendix “A”. The new location is within the Bronte Beach Park adjacent to the main parking area. The exiting pumping station will be decommissioned once the new pumping station is operational.

The new pumping station is proposed to be constructed on lands that are currently owned by the Federal Government and leased to the Town. The Town is currently in negotiations with the Federal Government to acquire these lands. Staff at the Federal Government indicated they do not have any concerns with the new pumping station location provided the Town does not object to the location.

**COMMENT/OPTIONS:**

Staff have reviewed the other location options identified in the MCEA and this location was the one that was preferred through the public consultation process. The proposed location of the pumping station should have a minimal impact on the public’s use of the park. The location selected by the Region does not interfere or impact any further planned development within Bronte Beach Park. Staff are supportive of this location. If Council approves the location, staff will notify the Region and the Federal Government that the Town does not object to the location.

The Region usually prefers to own the lands on which its infrastructure is constructed. This will not be possible unless/until the Town acquires the lands from the Federal Government. In the interim, the Region will need to take the risk of constructing the pumping station on lands they do not own. If the Town acquires ownership of the park lands from the Federal Government and the Region wishes to own the lands underneath the pumping station, staff are seeking authority to transfer these lands to the Region at that time for market value as determined by an appraisal.

**CONSIDERATIONS:**

**(A) PUBLIC**

Public consultation has taken place through the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment conducted by the Region.

**(B) FINANCIAL**

There are no financial costs to the Town at this stage of the process. If the Region wishes to own the lands underlying the new pumping station after the Town acquires ownership of the lands, the lands would be transferred at market value and the proceeds deposited in the Parks administrative external revenue account.

**(C) IMPACT ON OTHER DEPARTMENTS & USERS**

This report was prepared by the Legal and Parks and Open Space Departments.

**(D) CORPORATE STRATEGIC GOALS**

This report addresses the corporate strategic goal to be the most livable town in Canada.

**(E) CLIMATE CHANGE/ACTION**

N/A

**APPENDICES:**

Appendix A – Map showing the proposed location of the new pumping station

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