



Council Report

Report Number:	RS2024-029
Meeting Date:	July 23, 2024
Title:	Request for Easement over a Portion of the Victoria Rail Trail – Hydro One Networks Inc.
Description:	Request for an Easement to Relocate an Existing Hydro Pole to Facilitate Development of Fernbrook Phase 2
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Recommendations:

That Report RS2024-029, **Request for Easement over a Portion of the Victoria Rail Trail – Hydro One Networks Inc.**, be received;

That a Grant of Easement in favour of Hydro One Networks Inc. over a portion of the City-owned property legally described as Part Lot 25, 24 Concession 5 Ops as in R269336 Lying North of the Limit Between the North 1/2 & South 1/2 of Lot 24 Concession 5, Description May Not Be Acceptable In Future as in R269336; Kawartha Lakes (PIN: 63205-0476 (LT)) be supported, in principle;

That a by-law (with any amendments deemed necessary) to authorize the Grant of Easement shall be passed, if appropriate; and

That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign all documents required to facilitate registration of the Grant of Easement.

Department Head: _____

Financial/Legal/HR/Other: _____

Chief Administrative Officer: _____

Background:

The Realty Services division received a request from Hydro One Networks Inc. to relocate an existing hydro pole from its current location on private property to the edge of the Victoria Rail Trail, specifically over a portion of the City-owned property legally described as Part Lot 25, 24 Concession 5 Ops as in R269336 Lying North of the Limit Between the North 1/2 & South 1/2 of Lot 24 Concession 5, Description May Not Be Acceptable In Future as in R269336; Kawartha Lakes (PIN: 63205-0476 (LT)).

The request was reviewed by the Director of Engineering and Corporate Assets and the Director of Community Services and they had no objections to the request.

An aerial map of the subject portion of trail and the location of the proposed pole is attached as Appendix A. Hydro One Network's Inc.'s sketch of the proposed pole relocation is attached as Appendix B. A copy of the Site Plan for Fernbrook Phase 2 is attached as Appendix C.

The purpose of this report is to advise Council that Realty Services recommends that approval be given, in principle, for a Grant of Easement in favour of Hydro One Networks Inc. over a portion of the City-owned property legally described as Part Lot 25, 24 Concession 5 Ops as in R269336 Lying North of the Limit Between the North 1/2 & South 1/2 of Lot 24 Concession 5, Description May Not Be Acceptable In Future as in R269336; Kawartha Lakes (PIN: 63205-0476 (LT)).

Rationale:

The proposed pole relocation will support development of a City-approved Site Plan (Fernbrook Phase 2).

The relocated pole will be on the Victoria Rail Trail, approximately 3.3 metres off the existing travelled portion of the trail. This section of the Victoria Rail Trail will form part of the Alcorn Road extension in the future (ultimately becoming part of the road allowance), and the relocated pole will be located approximately 7 metres off the future travelled road.

Other Alternatives Considered:

Council could decide not to authorize the Grant of Easement and require Hydro One Networks Inc. to relocate the pole onto private property or through an existing road allowance. This is not recommended as it would delay development of a Site Plan, which has already been approved by the City.

Alignment to Strategic Priorities:

The recommendations set out in this Report align with the following strategic priority:

- Good Government
 - Ensure municipal assets are well maintained and well managed
- A Vibrant and Growing Economy
 - Provide and advocate for enhancement and expansion of critical support infrastructure to serve current and future residents

Financial/Operation Impacts:

None. All costs related to this transaction will be the sole responsibility of Hydro One Networks Inc.

Consultations:

City Solicitor
Director of Engineering and Corporate Assets
Director of Community Services

Attachments:

Appendix A – Aerial Map (Proposed Hydro Pole Relocation)



Appendix A - Aerial
Map (Proposed Hydro

Appendix B – Hydro One Sketch (Proposed Hydro Pole Relocation)



Appendix B - Hydro
One Sketch (Proposec

Appendix C – Site Plan (Fernbrook Phase 2)



Appendix C - Site
Plan (Fernbrook Phase

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