

DATE: July 6, 2011

REPORT TITLE: **CONSENT TO THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA TO PURSUE A HERITAGE DESIGNATION FOR AN INDOOR FIRING RANGE LOCATED AT THE GE BOOTH WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AT 1300 LAKESHORE ROAD, CITY OF MISSISSAUGA - WARD 1**

FROM: R. Kent Gillespie, Commissioner of Employee and Business Services
 Dan Labrecque, Commissioner of Public Works

RECOMMENDATION

That the Commissioner of Employee and Business Services execute all necessary consents, agreements and documents to allow the City of Mississauga, Community Services, to pursue a designation of the indoor firing range located on the GE Booth Wastewater Treatment Plant at 1300 Lakeshore Road East, Mississauga, as a Heritage Resource under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- The Region owns a 42.90 hectare (106 acre) property at 1300 Lakeshore Road in Mississauga, known as the GE Booth Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- An indoor firing range, currently leased to The South Peel Rod and Gun Club Inc., is located within the property limits.
- The City of Mississauga has requested the consent of the Region to pursue a designation of the firing range as a heritage resource under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.
- The Wastewater Division has no present or future interest in the firing range building.
- Regional Council consent is required to allow the City to pursue the designation.

DISCUSSION

1. Background

The Region obtained ownership of the lands comprising the GE Booth Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) in 1998 when they were transferred from the Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) by the Ministry of the Environment. The property is located in south Mississauga at the shore of Lake Ontario, and encompasses approximately 42.90 hectares (106 acres). The WWTP is comprised of several buildings that have been constructed since 1961. Also located within the Region's property limits is a building of approximately 287.5 square metres (3,094 square feet), which was constructed circa 1940, for use during World War II as an indoor firearms training facility ("the bunker building").

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The bunker building is leased to The South Peel Rod and Gun Club Inc., for a ten year term, subject to renewal at the end of 2013. The facility is utilized by the tenant as an indoor firing range.

The bunker building was listed on the City of Mississauga's Municipal Heritage Register in 2001 for its historical significance as a training facility during World War II. The City is now interested in pursuing a designation for the bunker building as a Heritage Resource in accordance with Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, and has requested the consent of the Region, as owner of the property, to proceed with obtaining the designation.

Under the Act, it is not necessary for the owner of a property to be contacted when a municipality is having a property designated as a heritage resource. A building can be designated without the owner's knowledge until the City Clerk's Office provides an Intention to Designate letter, where the property owner then has 30 days to appeal. However, the City of Mississauga has indicated that its preference is to communicate with property owners proactively, and obtain consents where possible, prior to pursuing the designation.

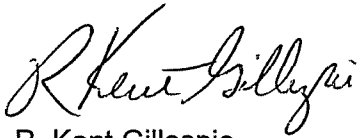
Designation of the indoor firing range as a Heritage Resource under the Act will affect the bunker building in terms of any future renovations or additions that may be proposed. Through the usual building permit application process, the City's Heritage Planner would need to be satisfied that proposed alterations to the bunker building do not affect its heritage value. This applies only to the exterior of the bunker building. The interior of the bunker building, and surrounding improvements, such as the parking area, are not affected by the designation.

Upon obtaining consent from the Region to include the bunker building in a recommendation to obtain the heritage designation under the Act, the City will bring a Corporate Report to its Heritage Advisory Committee, recommending the designation. Subsequently, the report will be presented to City Council, with the recommendation that it pass a resolution to register a by-law against the title to the Region's wastewater treatment plant designating only the bunker building as a heritage resource.

The registration of the by-law will have no impact on the current or future uses of the Region's wastewater treatment facility. The Wastewater division has been consulted and has no objections to the facility being designated as a Heritage Resource.

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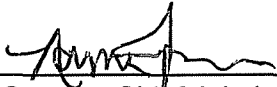


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APPENDIX I

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