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Date: August 5, 2020

Moved by: Dipika Damerla

Seconded by: Carolyn Parrish

1. That Council objects to the location and above ground valve compound under construction by Trans Northern Pipeline (TNPI) on Premium Way.
2. That the City of Mississauga is willing to sell additional land to TNPI to facilitate the burying and relocation of the valve outlet.
3. That staff commence discussions and negotiations related to the sale of lands to facilitate the relocation or burying of the valve outlet with MTO & TPI.

Recorded Vote	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Mayor B. Crombie			✓	
Councillor S. Dasko	✓			
Councillor K. Ras	✓			
Councillor C. Fonseca	✓			
Councillor J. Kovac	✓			
Councillor C. Parrish	✓			
Councillor R. Starr	✓			
Councillor D. Damerla	✓			
Councillor M. Mahoney	✓			
Councillor P. Saito	✓			
Councillor S. McFadden	✓			
Councillor G. Carlson	✓			

ACTING

Carried
_____ Mayor



November 30, 2020

Mayor Bonnie Crombie and Members of Council

Dear Council:

Re: **Above Ground Valve Compound "AGVC" at Dickson Road and Premium Way**

Thank you for the recognition of a mistake and your support on August 5th including the passing of the Resolution to either bury or move the AGVC – resolution is attached.

Since that time we have continued to work diligently with all parties involved to attempt to find a satisfactory solution to this monstrosity however we continue to come up empty despite the political will of all elected politicians in our area. On October 16th, Mayor Crombie convened a Webex meeting of all parties to this mess, and the results of that conference call were somewhat encouraging. Some of the key comments from that meeting are as follows:

Mayor Crombie:

- we have a big issue here that is really important to the community and I am happy we have the right people in this meeting today
- obviously this AGVC is an eyesore and a safety concern for the residents

Local MP Sven Spengemann:

- Under Federal Regulations, this can be either above or below ground.
- Premium Way now looks like the entrance to Fort McMurray !!
- These are Indigenous lands and from the Federal Government's perspective the project of Reconciliation includes stewardship of the land – very easy and obvious answer is to say if we put an access valve above ground on the banks of the Credit River that does not need to be there, that is not stewardship of the land from an Indigenous perspective.
- The location is not ideal and we need to be respectful, especially in a city that bears the name of a First Nation, in terms of how we take care of the land. So all other options should be pursued !

Local MPP Rudy Cuzzetto:

- very concerned that this is located at the very corner of a busy intersection
- a speeder could lose control of a car and hit the valve similar to what happened on Lakeshore Road and Stavebank where a car going 150 kph goes airborne and destroys the concrete barrier
- we should consider moving the street (Dickson Road) for the safety of the residents

Gail Sharko of TNPI:

- concrete balusters will protect it



Sven Spengemann:

- for the current site to be safe, there will be need for concrete ram barriers to be constructed that will amplify the AGVC even more.
- from a safety and visual perspective, this location is not ideal

Gail Sharko of TNPI

- we will move the AGVC if we are ordered to do so by MTO

Mayor Crombie:

- we need to get this buried or moved because it is unacceptable to the residents and the City absolutely
- so I don't even care what the costs are at this point !!

The complete conference call minutes can be viewed at the Gordon Woods Homeowners' Association website located at www.gordonwoods.ca under the Tab AGVC at the October 16 meeting date. These are lengthy but complete and pertinent extracts from those minutes which are referred to above.

At least in the interim period of time since this dialogue commenced, we have further information which is helpful – we now know that there were seven basic locations considered ranging all the way from the west bank of the Credit River to Lynchmere Road. We have this from MTO and it includes detailed notes of meetings and different considerations for each site. The notes on Site 3B, the chosen location clearly indicated that it would create a blind turn however since it is a 3 way stop, it seems this consideration was overlooked.

What is interesting is that in the overall consideration of sites, a distance of 500 meters was considered from the centre of the QEW, so in the Dickson Park area, they only looked at the homes up to Dickson Park Crescent, seemingly totally missing the factor that these 77 holes in Dickson Park have only one point of access and exit !! It seems the engineers may have totally missed the fact that there were no other access or exits points in the area – they may have assumed that Dickson Road had a northerly exit and termination point at the Queensway !!

On October 30, our Group held a telephone discussion with Mayor Crombie to discuss where we go from here. We had made the suggestion on the Oct. 16th call that we really need an independent knowledgeable third party engineering company to assess the valve compound location and to perform a peer review of the site selection process given the complexities of this area east of the Credit along Premium Way. We have identified WSP Inc www.wsp.com one of Canada's largest engineering companies as having the expertise needed to independently assess the AGVC location to see if other sites might be more safe, appropriate and more acceptable to the Dickson Park residents and to the City. We have ascertained that the cost of this expertise would be in the range of \$20m-25m and Mayor Crombie approved this selection during our call. She instructed us to deal with Ms. Noehammer to get the job done.



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Ms Noehammer was slow to move on this assignment and ultimately stated that she had to refer it to her Commissioner for assistance. Ultimately I was contacted two weeks ago Wednesday (November 19th) to take a call from City Manager Mitcham, Commissioner Wright, Director Noehammer and Director Trewertha. On that call, the Manager indicated that the City would not be moving forth with this initiative and that it should be done by MTO !!! We reminded the Manager that Mayor Crombie had approved this consulting however the Manager indicated that he does not work for Mayor Crombie but that he acts for City Council and so that is why I am here before you today. This initiative while approved politically has been revoked by City staff !

I ask that the City move ahead with this initiative. WSP has a Master Contract with the City for a variety of engineering services. WSP is awaiting contact from the City to commence this peer review for the satisfaction of both the residents and the City as to the selection of this particular location for this valve compound.

Having this site revisited is critical for the safety of all residents of Mississauga who will traverse along Premium Way without hazard for generations to come. This QEW Credit River Bridge project is a 100 year asset and having this AGVC at its current location will be an embarrassment to the City of Mississauga for all time !!

Respectively Submitted,

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Per: Donald Stewart, President