



Report to: General Committee

Date Report: March 1, 2016

SUBJECT: Highway 7 Agreement with Rogers Communications Inc.
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RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) THAT the staff report entitled, Highway 7 Agreement with Rogers Communications Inc. be received.
- 2) AND THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute an agreement with Rogers Communications Inc. ("Rogers") to transfer ownership of the abandoned 300mm watermain located on Highway 7 (from Warden to the CN Tracks), in a form satisfactory to the Chief Administrative Officer and the City Solicitor;
- 3) AND THAT staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to recommend to Council that the City enter into an agreement with Rogers to transfer ownership of the abandoned watermain located on Highway 7 (from Warden to the CN tracks).

BACKGROUND

As part of the on-going improvements of Highway 7, the Environmental Services Department requested that the existing 300mm watermain ("existing watermain"), from Warden Avenue to the CN tracks, be replaced as it is nearing its end of life cycle. The work includes upsizing the watermain to a 400mm dia. to accommodate future developments in Markham Centre. Construction of the new watermain commenced in July 2015. As per the Region's contract with its contractor, once the new 400mm watermain is put in service, the existing watermain will be abandoned by filling it with mortar, capped at both ends and filling all valve chambers along the pipeline with unshrinkable materials. The City would be responsible for the costs (\$125,243.40) of decommissioning the existing watermain.

In September 2015, the City received a request from Rogers to acquire ownership of the existing watermain for their conduit cabling.

Staff are finalizing the agreement with Rogers for the City to transfer ownership of the existing watermain to Rogers for their use. Once the agreement is signed, the existing watermain will be owned by Rogers and the City will have no further obligations with respect to it. The final agreement is contingent upon approval of this report.

The Region's contractor has advised in writing that the City would be eligible for \$125,243.40 cost savings by not having to decommission the existing watermain.

OPTIONS/ DISCUSSION:

Staff recommend that the City enter into an agreement with Rogers to transfer ownership of the existing watermain to Rogers. The existing watermain is no longer required for municipal purposes. The Waterworks Department will realize a cost savings of \$125,243.40 for not decommissioning the existing watermain and conveying ownership of it to Rogers. The total P.O. the City will issue to the Region for the construction of the new watermain will be reduced by the amount of total savings.

In addition staff will discuss with Rogers, compensation for the transfer of the abandoned watermain either financial or provision to the City of broadband capacity or other considerations to the satisfaction of the CAO and City Solicitor.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS AND TEMPLATE: (external link)

See above section "Options/Discussion".

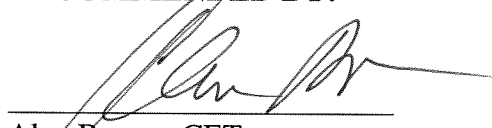
ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Not Applicable.

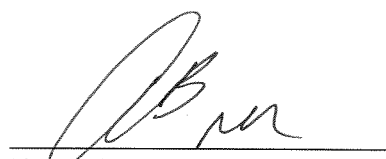
BUSINESS UNITS CONSULTED AND AFFECTED:

Environmental Services and Legal have reviewed this report and their comments have been incorporated.

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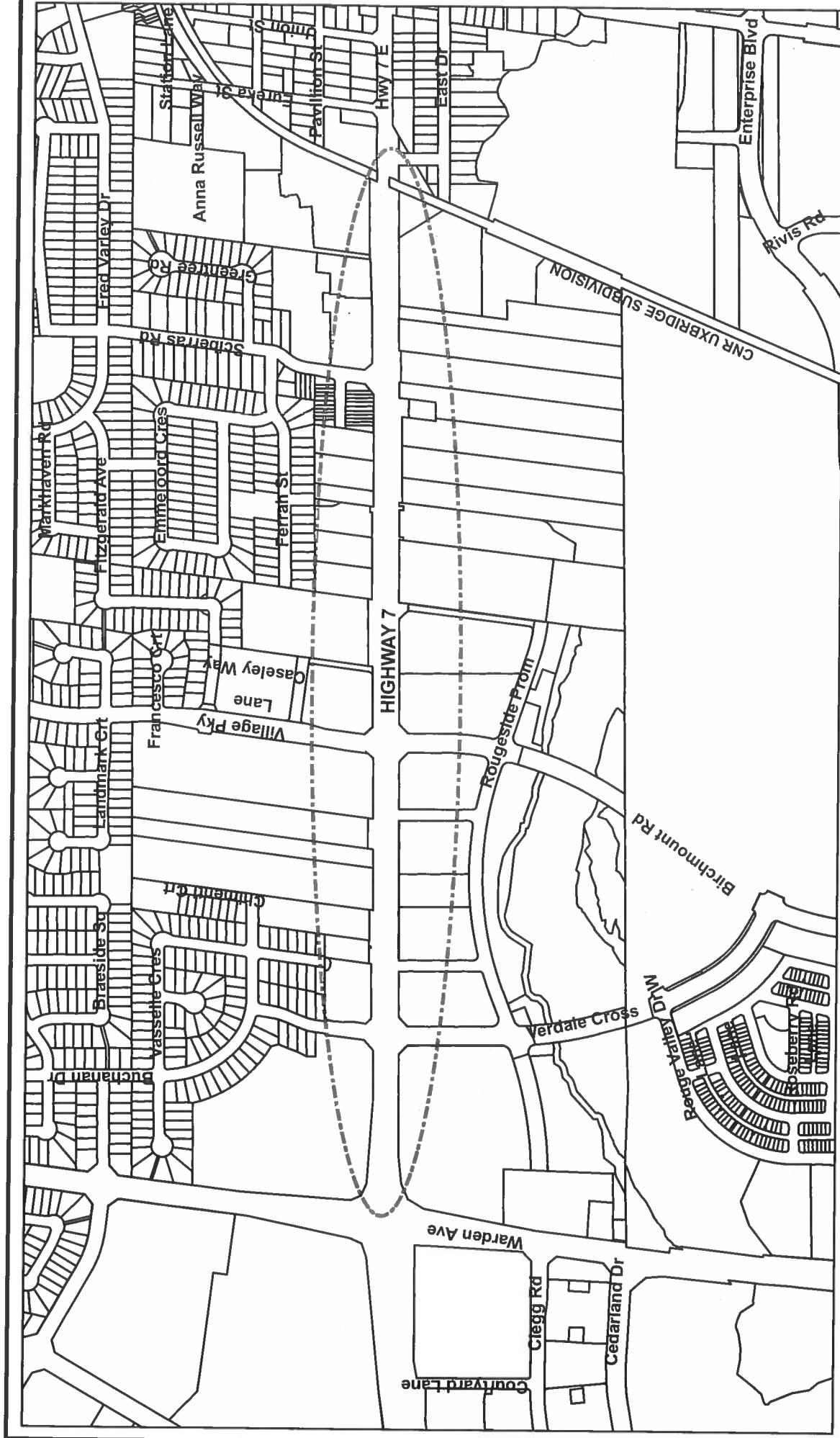


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Attachment 'A' Location Plan



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ATTACHMENT 'A' LOCATION PLAN

APPLICANT: CITY OF MARKHAM

WATERMAIN CONSTRUCTION