



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: General Purposes Committee
From: Robert Gonzalez, P.Eng. Director, Engineering
Re: Remediation Access Agreements

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Staff Recommendation

That authority be given to the General Manager, Engineering & Public Works to sign Remediation Access Agreements.

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Law... Y [checked] N []
Land Management... Y [checked] N []
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Staff Report

Origin

The City has received two Remediation Access Agreement applications from Petro-Canada for 9900 No. 3 Road and Chevron Canada Limited for 7891 Grauer Road, to carry out excavation works in the City owned road Rights-of-Way adjacent to their properties, for the purpose of remediating contaminants which have migrated from their private lands.

The purpose of this report is to make the review and approval process more efficient by granting authority to the General Manager, Engineering & Public Works to sign Remediation Access Agreements.

Analysis

The City generally receives several Remediation Access Agreement applications annually. The Remediation Access Agreements will contain terms and conditions, acceptable to the General Manager, Engineering and Public Works and the City Solicitor, intended to protect the City's interests and provide for the removal of contamination from City owned road Rights-of-Way, at the risk and cost of the private land owner.

The remediation work is required to be conducted by the applicants under the independent remediation provisions of the Provincial *Environmental Management Act*. The remediation will be conducted in accordance with remediation plans prepared by environmental consultants retained by the applicants. The general terms of the Remediation Access Agreements will include the removal and disposal of the contaminants, responsibility for the cleanup costs as well as City related restoration costs, access to City owned road Rights-of-Way for the purposes of the cleanup and the indemnification and release of the City, by the applicant, for liabilities related to the remediation work.

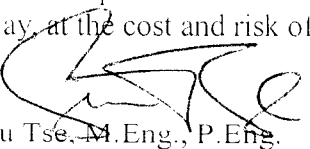
Authorizing the General Manager, Engineering & Public Works to sign Remediation Access Agreements on the City's behalf, rather than bringing each agreement before Council for approval, will reduce the overall time required to execute the agreement.

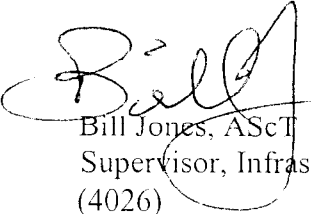
Financial Impact

There is no financial impact to the City.

Conclusion

Staff recommend authority be granted to the General Manager, Engineering & Public Works to sign Remediation Access Agreements on behalf of the City of Richmond. These agreements provide for the cleanup of contaminants that have migrated from private lands to City owned road Rights-of-Way, at the cost and risk of the private land owner.


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