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Please be advised that at its meeting held Wednesday, February 17, 2021, the Council of the Regional Municipality of Halton adopted the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION:** 

PW-05-21 - Boundary Road Agreements between Halton Region and the Regional Municipality of Peel, the City of Hamilton, the City of Mississauga, and the Township of Guelph/Eramosa

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Included please find a copy of Report No. PW-05-21 for your information.

If you have any questions please contact me at extension 7110 or the e-mail address below.

Sincerely,

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# The Regional Municipality of Halton

Report To: Regional Chair and Members of Regional Council

From: Andrew Farr, Commissioner, Public Works

Date: February 17, 2021

Report No: PW-05-21

Re: Boundary Road Agreements between Halton Region and the

Regional Municipality of Peel, the City of Hamilton, the City of

Mississauga, and the Township of Guelph/Eramosa

# **RECOMMENDATION**

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### **REPORT**

# **Executive Summary**

- Halton Region presently has Boundary Road Agreements with the neighbouring municipalities as follows: the Regional Municipality of Peel for Winston Churchill Boulevard (Regional Road 19) within the Town of Halton Hills and the Town of Oakville, the City of Hamilton for Milburough Line (Regional Road 24) within the City of Burlington, and the City of Mississauga for Ninth Line (Regional Road 13) and Dundas Street (Regional Road 5) within the Town of Oakville. There is no Agreement with the Township of Guelph/Eramosa for Eramosa Milton Town Line (32 Sideroad).
- The Agreement with the Regional Municipality of Peel expires on December 31, 2021. The Agreement with the City of Hamilton has expired, however, the City of Hamilton and Halton Region have agreed to operationally maintain the existing Agreement until a new Agreement can be executed. Halton Region and the City of Mississauga have been operating in good faith under a draft agreement for a number of years.
- The purpose of this report is to seek Regional Council's authorization to enter into new Boundary Road Agreements with the Regional Municipality of Peel, the City of Hamilton, the City of Mississauga, and the Township of Guelph/Eramosa.
- It is recommended that the Commissioner of Public Works be delegated authority to negotiate the new agreements and any future amendments thereto with each neighbouring municipality, to the satisfaction of the Director of Legal Services.
- Typically new Boundary Road Agreements will extend for a period of ten years, however, the term for each agreement will be finalized by the Commissioner of Public Works through each negotiated Agreement.

# **Background**

Halton Region currently has a Boundary Road Agreement with Peel Region and draft Boundary Road Agreements with the City of Hamilton and the City of Mississauga for the provision of maintenance of the following roads within their respective jurisdictions per Attachment #1:

- Winston Churchill Boulevard (Regional Road 19) within the Town of Halton Hills and the Town of Oakville – (Peel Region);
- Milburough Line (Regional Road 24) within the City of Burlington (City of Hamilton); and,
- Ninth Line (Regional Road 13) and Dundas Street (Regional Road 5) within the Town of Oakville (City of Mississauga).

The Boundary Road Agreements set out specific services and cost sharing to be provided by each of the neighbouring municipalities with respect to shared road infrastructure with Halton Region and establishes the timeframes in which these activities are to be completed and how maintenance works are reported back to Halton Region or in the case of Milburough Line to the City of Hamilton. These Agreements, along with the accompanying Contractor's Maintenance Services document, ensure that best practices for road maintenance are adhered to and minimum maintenance standards are in effect.

#### Discussion

# The City of Hamilton, the City of Mississauga and the Regional Municipality of Peel's Boundary Road Agreements

The updated Boundary Road Agreements which are at varying stages with each boundary municipality are generally consistent with the current Agreements but enhancements have been made to better define roles and responsibilities. Some key revisions in the current Agreement with Peel Region, for instance, include changes in the following areas:

- Capital Projects and Municipal Environmental Assessments:
  - improved consultation;
  - o property acquisition; and,
  - o shared cost, etc.
- Permits and Development:
  - o improved consultation;
  - utility installation; and,
  - o Right-of-Way requirements.

For clarity, Peel Region will be responsible for leading the above for Winston Churchill Boulevard with the exception of the portion through Norval. As the Norval section is solely within Halton Region, Halton Region will be responsible for the above roles and responsibilities through Norval. The draft agreement is being prepared to reflect this split in responsibilities.

# Township of Guelph/Eramosa Boundary Road Agreement

On February, 1, 2007, Halton Region and the Township of Guelph/Eramosa entered into a road maintenance services agreement for a period of twenty months ending October 31, 2008, for work to rehabilitate the road base structure of a short section of Eramosa Milton Townline (Regional Road 32 - boundary road east and west of Guelph Line at the north limit of the Town of Milton). This work included all bridges, culverts, guiderails, and traffic control devices and Halton Region was responsible for 50 per cent of the costs.

Staff recommend that there be a year round Boundary Road Agreement in place with the Township of Guelph/Eramosa for this section of Eramosa Milton Townline as there is

currently no agreement. Halton Region has therefore, reached out to the Township of Guelph/Eramosa and initiated the process to begin negotiations for a Boundary Road Agreement. A sample draft Agreement has been forwarded to the Township of Guelph/Eramosa and staff are awaiting a response. Staff believe this Agreement will be similar in scope and approach to the other existing Agreements.

## Delegation of Authority for Boundary Road Agreements

It is recommended that the Commissioner of Public Works be authorized to negotiate new Boundary Road Agreements with the neighbouring Municipalities, to be executed by the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk. The new agreements will serve to:

- Define operations and maintenance standards consistent with legislative requirements and Council's approved levels of service for Regional Roads;
- Establish roles and responsibilities for operations and maintenance as well as the planning, financing and execution of capital improvements; and,
- Establish roles and responsibilities for public communication and engagement around road operations and improvement projects.

To address future agreement changes that may be required from time to time by legislation or other changes in circumstance, it is recommended that the Commissioner of Public Works, with execution by the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk, also be authorized to negotiate any future amendments, assuming they meet the following criteria:

- a) There is no impact to the departmental budget and forecast as approved by Regional Council;
- b) There is no impact on service levels experience by the public;
- c) All legislative requirements with respect to roads maintenance are achieved; and,
- d) The amendment is satisfactory to the Director of Legal Services and the Commissioner of Finance and Regional Treasurer.

Any change which does not meet the criteria above will be presented to Regional Council for endorsement.

Should Regional Council approve this report, staff anticipate the Agreements will be negotiated and finalized through 2021.

# FINANCIAL/PROGRAM IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with this report. Halton Region's share of the cost to maintain Winston Churchill Boulevard, Milburough Line, Ninth Line, and Dundas Street is included in the Roads Operating budget.

Respectfully submitted,

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Approved by

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Attachments:

Attachment #1 - Boundary Road Sections Map



