

ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENTS BYLAW AMENDMENTS DEFERRAL REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Through the Environmental Agreements Bylaw (11M2010), The City provides leadership by facilitating third party investigation and remediation on City lands and other environmental stewardship actions, which promotes environmental protection. The Environmental Agreements Bylaw (the Bylaw) delegates certain powers to Administration to execute agreements that are related to environmental enhancement and/or protection and creates efficiencies by providing applicants with a single point of contact for these types of agreements, streamlining the transaction time and reducing effort for both applicants and The City.

After the Bylaw had been in effect for five years in 2015, Council directed Administration to review the Bylaw and return with any recommended amendments.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the SPC on Utilities and Corporate Services recommend that Council defer Administration's response to Council's direction to recommend amendments to the Environmental Agreements Bylaw (11M2010) until no later than 2016 June.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE SPC ON UTILITIES AND CORPORATE SERVICES, DATED 2016 FEBRUARY 24:

That the Administration Recommendation contained in Report UCS2016-0135 be approved.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION / POLICY

Bylaw 11M2010, The Environmental Agreements Bylaw, Section 4(2), Reporting states ESM shall provide an annual report to City Council itemizing the Agreements authorized.

UCS2015-0090, 2014 Environmental Agreements Annual Report, Council directed Administration to review the Environmental Agreements Bylaw and report back to the SPC on Utilities and Corporate Services no later than Q1 2016 with recommended amendments including simplified reporting requirements.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of the Bylaw is to delegate certain powers, duties and functions to Administration, specifically ESM, relating to the authorization and execution of agreements for the purpose of environmental enhancement, conservation and protection.

INVESTIGATION: ALTERNATIVES AND ANALYSIS

N/A

Stakeholder Engagement, Research and Communication

N/A

Strategic Alignment

N/A

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Social, Environmental, Economic (External)

N/A

Financial Capacity

Current and Future Operating Budget:

N/A

Current and Future Capital Budget:

N/A

Risk Assessment

N/A

REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION(S):

Administration will review the alignment of the Environmental Agreements Bylaw (11M2010) with the Municipal Government Act and bring recommended amendments in Q2 2016.

ATTACHMENT(S)

N/A