

## **COUNCIL - NOVEMBER 22, 2004**

### **LIGHTING REQUEST FROM THE KLEINBURG BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION**

#### **Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works, in consultation with the Director of Legal Services, recommends that Council provide direction with respect to the request received from the Kleinburg BIA, to light the Christmas trees that they have placed at the base of the streetlight poles in the village core, with power supplied from the hydro outlet built into the top of the City's streetlight poles.

#### **Purpose**

To seek Council direction concerning the request from the Kleinburg BIA.

#### **Background - Analysis and Options**

On November 16, 2004, Public Works staff received a request from Ms Dawna Gigulielmi, the Co-Chair of the Kleinburg BIA, indicating that they have decorated the village core with Christmas trees that are placed at the base of the City's streetlight poles. The BIA have requested that they be permitted to power the lights on the trees from the hydro outlet that is built into the top of the streetlight poles. They have indicated that no extension cords would be used, as the lights would wind up to the top of the poles.

The BIA have indicated that their request was urgent in nature, since the trees are in place, and the annual "Christmas In Kleinburg" takes place starting the week of November 22. They also noted in their request, that years ago, decorative wreaths were attached to the streetlight poles and powered from the same hydro outlets; however, they did not want to presume that they could light the Christmas trees in the same manner, and wanted approval to do so.

Council should be aware that the hydro outlets that are at the top of these streetlight poles are not controlled by the photocell that controls the cycle times of the streetlights. As such, the lights on the Christmas trees would be "on" 24 hours a day, and may raise some enquiries regarding the lack of hydro conservation measures.

By-law 169-84 designated the Kleinburg BIA and requires insurance and indemnification of the City. The bylaw authorizes improvements and beautification of municipally owned lands, with the prior approval of the City. Staff have contacted the BIA and requested confirmation of insurance and indemnification of the municipality. The BIA has advised that they are following up to obtain insurance.

#### **Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007**

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have been allocated and approved.

#### **Conclusion**

The Kleinburg BIA has requested permission to connect Christmas trees lights to the hydro outlet mounted in the City's streetlight poles. These outlets are not controlled by the photocell, and as such, the lights would be on constantly throughout the period they were so connected. There may be enquiries concerning the lights being turned on 24 hours a day, and there may be enquiries from residents from other areas of the City regarding the placement of the trees and light.

Staff will monitor the locations to ensure the trees do not interfere with pedestrian or vehicular traffic.

This report is provided for Council information and direction.

**Attachments**

N/A

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