

## DRAFT RESOLUTION RE EXCESS SOIL MANAGEMENT

### WHEREAS

A. In the absence of clear, applicable regulations regarding excess clean soil handling in Ontario there is a local requirement for an effective and transparent planning process to safely and responsibly manage soil movements (non-brownfield);

B. 'Dig and dump' soil management practices are economically inefficient and are inconsistent with the principles of sustainable environmental stewardship;

C. In January, 2014, the Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (the "Ministry") issued a publication entitled *Management of Excess Soils—A Guide to Best Management Practices* as a way to encourage the beneficial reuse of excess construction soils.

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved that:

1. Council supports the intent to move to a risk-based approach to manage excess clean construction soils so as to minimize “dig and dump” practices and incorporate methods that are consistent with beneficial reuse of excess construction soils;
2. Council will support Ministry and recognized industry best management practices to be incorporated into local soil handling by-laws and permitting approval requirements;
3. Council directs staff to prepare an over-arching plan to meet local soil handling requirements including the establishment of soil handling depots and/or temporary soil banks which will facilitate the beneficial reuse of excess construction soils;
4. Council directs staff to bring forward to Council for its consideration a draft by-law which would require that: (1) property developers for private sector projects such as new residential or commercial projects, and (2) contractors who could be engaged by the municipality on local projects, be consistent with Ministry and industry best management practices for the management of excess soils for these private and public sector projects;
5. In complying with paragraphs 3 and 4, staff will consult with appropriate representatives of the local construction industry and allied professions, particularly with a view towards encouraging beneficial soil reuse;
6. Council directs staff that all requests for tender, requests for proposal and other procurement documents issued by the City in relation to construction shall include as a mandatory requirement that the successful bidder or proponent document and adhere to the letter and spirit of *Management of Excess Soils—A Guide to Best Management Practices*; and

7. Council directs the chief administrative officer to report back to Council within 45 days regarding the feasibility of implementing a plan to meet local soil handling requirements including the establishment of soil handling depots and/or temporary soil banks similar to that already existing in Peel Region and in certain European jurisdictions.

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