



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR BOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 18, 2018

COMMITTEE ON REAL ESTATE

Mr. David St. Pierre, Executive Director

Authority to issue a 3-day permit to Morton Grove Niles Water Commission to conduct soil borings on North Shore Channel Parcels 3.04 and 3.05 in Evanston and Skokie, Illinois. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00

Dear Sir:

The Morton Grove Niles Water Commission ("MGNWC") has requested a 3-day permit to conduct soil borings on North Shore Channel Parcels 3.04 and 3.05 in Evanston and Skokie, Illinois, for the purpose of testing the soil in relation to its plan to construct a 30-inch subterranean water main and a related pumping station. On January 9-11, 2018, MGNWC conducted prior borings within the bed of the North Shore Channel in relation to its plan to construct the water main beneath North Shore Channel Parcels 3.03 and 3.05, and beneath the channel bed itself, with the related pump station being constructed on private property at Wade Street in Evanston. This new request to conduct additional borings would allow MGNWC to test the soil on Parcels 3.04 and 3.05 only, and would not include testing the channel bed. They are necessary to allow MGNWC to evaluate the feasibility of an alternate plan that would involve constructing the pump station on Parcel 3.04, with the connected water main running beneath the channel and Parcels 3.04 and 3.05. The project would provide potable water from the City of Evanston, which MGNWC would sell to its residents.

Parcel 3.04 is currently vacant, but is to be leased to the City of Evanston ("Evanston") under a 50-year public recreational lease that is in the process of being signed by Evanston. The lease was authorized by the Board of Commissioners on January 4, 2018. Parcel 3.05 is leased to the Village of Skokie ("Skokie") under a public recreational lease that commenced in 1994 and expires in 2032. The permit will therefore require the respective written consents of both Evanston and Skokie.

The technical departments have reviewed this request and have no objections to MGNWC's request for a 3-day permit. A nominal fee of \$10.00 is recommended.

It is requested that the Executive Director recommend to the Board of Commissioners that it authorize and approve the issuance of a 3-day permit to Morton Grove Niles Water Commission to conduct soil borings on North Shore Channel Parcels 3.04 and 3.05 in Evanston and Skokie, Illinois. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00.

It is further requested that the Executive Director recommend to the Board of Commissioners that the Chairman of the Committee on Finance and the Clerk be authorized and directed to execute said permit after it is approved by the General Counsel as to form and legality.

Requested, Susan T. Morakalis, General Counsel, STM:CMM:vp

Recommended, David St. Pierre, Executive Director

Respectfully Submitted, David J. Walsh, Chairman Committee on Real Estate Development

Disposition of this agenda item will be documented in the official Regular Board Meeting Minutes of the Board of Commissioners for January 18, 2018

Attachment