



**LEGAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT  
MEMORANDUM**

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**TO: MAYOR J. LEHMAN AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

**FROM: I. PETERS, DIRECTOR OF LEGAL SERVICES**

**NOTED: M. PROWSE, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

**RE: ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTIGATIONS OF 65 VESPRE STREET AND 70 AND 72 VICTORIA STREET (WARD 2)**

**DATE: MAY 25, 2020**

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The purpose of this Memorandum is to provide members of Council with a status update concerning motion 19-G-115 regarding the Surplussing of City Owned Properties for the Creation of Affordable Housing - 65 Vespra Street and 70 and 72 Victoria Street which provided the following direction:

1. That the properties legally described and shown in Appendix "A" to Staff Report LGL003-19 (the "Subject Properties") be declared surplus to the needs of The Corporation of the City of Barrie (the "City").
2. That the environmental studies and related work necessary to determine the development potential of the Subject Properties be undertaken at an estimated cost not to exceed \$100,000.00 and be funded from the Council Strategic Priorities Account.
3. That staff be directed to develop terms for a public tender process subsequent to the completion of the environmental studies seeking bid submissions from social or non-profit housing providers and obtain approval from Council prior to undertaking such process.

A Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment ("ESA") was completed by the environmental consulting firm Golder Associates Ltd and submitted to the City on January 8, 2020. The Phase 1 ESA recommended that a Phase 2 ESA be completed. Staff have procured and retained WSP Canada Inc. to complete the Phase 2 ESA and expect to receive their final report next month.

It is anticipated that a staff report will be presented to Council next month to both provide the results of the environmental investigations and proposed terms for a public tender process seeking bid submissions from social or non-profit housing providers.