

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MARCH 4, 2002

RFP1-222

PINE VALLEY DRIVE LINK CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT CONSULTING TEAM SELECTION

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Development Services and Public Works in consultation with the Director of Purchasing recommends:

That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign an Engineering Agreement with Cansult Limited to carry out the Class Environmental Assessment for the Pine Valley Drive Link, and that the cost of the project of \$454,366.00 including G.S.T. be charged to the Year 2002 Capital Budget.

Purpose

To recommend a consulting team to conduct a Class Environmental Assessment for the Pine Valley Drive link between Rutherford Road and Clubhouse Road.

Background - Analysis and Options

The section of Pine Valley Drive between Rutherford Road and Clubhouse Road is shown as a "new link" in the City's Official Plan Amendment (OPA) 600. Its location is shown on Attachment No. 1. The transportation importance of the link was most recently outlined in the "The Implications of Not Completing the Pine Valley Drive Link Transportation Study" by Dillon Consulting Limited. The environmental significance of the adjacent lands was detailed in a "Preliminary Environmental Review" by AGRA Earth & Environmental and Giffels Associates Limited. Both studies concluded that an environmental assessment would be necessary to fully address the transportation and environmental impacts of completing or not completing the Pine Valley Drive link.

At its meeting of February 26, 2001, Council directed that staff prepare a Terms of Reference for a Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project. Council approved the Expressions of Interest Terms of Reference at its meeting of June 25, 2001, and directed that staff issue a request for Expressions of Interest so that a qualified consulting team could be recommended to conduct the Class EA, and approved a budget of \$400,000 for the project to be funded from development charges and funds set aside in the 2002 Capital Budget. The draft 2002 Capital Budget has \$500,000 included for this project.

The request for Expressions of Interest was advertised in *The Toronto Star* on July 21, 2001. Expressions of Interest were received from twelve consulting teams, and were evaluated by staff in September 2001. Based on the evaluation four consulting teams were asked to prepare more detailed Proposals. These four teams were led by Cansult Limited, Marshall Macklin Monaghan, McCormick Rankin Corporation, and R.J. Burnside & Associates Limited.

Staff evaluated the technical aspects of the four Proposals in December 2001, and conducted interviews with representatives of the consulting teams on January 8 and 9, 2002. The teams were evaluated based on their understanding of the project, qualifications and experience, project organization, schedule and cost, performance in the interviews, and prior experience with other projects in the City of Vaughan. Based on these considerations it is recommended that the consulting team led by Cansult Limited be retained to conduct the Class EA. The project schedule anticipates a completion date in the first quarter of 2004.

Conclusion

It is recommended that the Proposal from the consulting team led by Cansult Limited be accepted, and that an Engineering Agreement be executed so that they may conduct a Class Environmental Assessment for the Pine Valley Drive link.

Attachments

1. Location Map

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ATTACHMENT No. 1

