

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE- APRIL 19, 2004

CIVIC CENTRE FUNDING

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Economic/Technology Development and Communications in consultation with the City Manager and the Senior Management Team recommends:

1. That the agreement with the Jaclon Group not be entered into and;
2. That staff be directed to pursue internally all sources of government funding for the construction of the new Civic Centre.

Purpose

Provide an update on the progress of negotiating an agreement with the Jaclon Group and seek direction from Council to have staff internally proceed with sourcing government funding opportunities.

Background - Analysis and Options

Staff has had several discussions with the Jaclon Group in an effort to establish an agreement for services rendered in obtaining funding from both the Federal and Provincial Governments to construct a new Civic Centre building. During this process, staff identified several issues of concern that have guided us in our conclusions not to proceed to engage the services of the Jaclon Group because they have not satisfied staff that their proposal did not meet the strict requirements of the Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat Contracting Policy.

While an agreement could not be reached with the Jaclon Group staff believe that the City of Vaughan should continue to pursue the opportunity of government funding that may be applicable towards the construction of the new Civic Centre.

In addition, concerted efforts towards the search and application for government funding will require the full cooperation of the Mayor and Members of Council to assist staff in the anticipation of numerous presentations and meetings with both levels of government. When staff will require external assistance in the production and distribution of promotional marketing materials and funding application completion that is technical in nature, the necessary purchasing services policy will be followed.

To date, meetings that have taken place with some Federal and Provincial politicians and officials have resulted in a positive outcome encouraging the City of Vaughan to make project application at both the Ministries of Environment and Industry Canada. The interest that Vaughan's new Civic Centre has generated as a LEEDS silver building has been well received by several government departments. To pursue government funding programs would be welcomed and seriously considered.

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

In its efforts to seek funding from other levels of government, the City of Vaughan has been vigilant in ensuring all opportunities are reviewed and given due diligence to achieve some success. Staff will use all their expertise to work with both levels of government and engage members of council to assist in presentations and meetings required to build the new civic centre.

Attachments

none

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Respectfully submitted,

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