

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE- MAY 2, 2005

CONTRACT POSITION VACANCY: ECONOMIC DEVELOPER- ENVIRONMENTAL SECTOR

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Economic/Technology Development and Communications, in consultation with the City Manager, Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works and Senior Manager of Business Development, recommends:

That the contract position of Economic Developer-Environmental Sector, formerly named "Environmental Coordinator", be posted and filled as soon as possible.

Economic Impact

There is no additional economic impact of this position as it is within the approved complement and budget for the Economic & Technology Development Department.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to receive Council's approval to proceed with filling a vacant contract position within the Economic & Technology Development Department.

Background - Analysis and Options

In 2004, Council tasked the Economic & Technology Development Department with supporting the City's Environmental Task Force by providing an appropriate resource with the required expertise and knowledge that would allow the City to advance to a higher level of activity and commitment to the environmental sector.

The core responsibilities of the Environmental Coordinator, as the position was then called, were to coordinate the marketing and communication of the City's existing environmental initiatives and best practices, to liaise with external agencies and bodies for the purpose of raising the City's profile in environmental responsiveness with the broader community and to interact with Vaughan's business community to support green practices, to attract green industries and, generally, to promote an awareness of the benefits to all stakeholders of a greater commitment to green technologies and practices. Lastly, this person would liaise with other internal departments for the purpose of securing external sources of funding in support of the realization of our new Civic Centre.

The core responsibilities remain unchanged. However the position title has been changed to better attract individuals with an economic development and marketing focus.

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

The City of Vaughan has a number of significant environmental initiatives planned for 2005. This report requests permission to replace an existing resource in order that we may continue to support the Environmental Task Force in its objectives as well as continue our work in support of Vaughan's business community.

Attachments

None

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Respectfully submitted,

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