

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - SEPTEMBER 8, 2009

REQUEST FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE HIATUS BY-LAW 332-98 FOR INFRASTRUCTURE STIMULUS AND RINC FUNDED TENDERS

Recommendation

The City Manager in consultation with the Commissioner of Engineering & Public Works, Commissioner of Community Services, Director of Purchasing Services and the Director of Legal Services recommends:

1. That a Bylaw be enacted to extend the Hiatus By-Law 332-98 for the award of tenders relating to Infrastructure Stimulus and RINC funded projects.

Contribution to Sustainability

The extension of the Hiatus By-law 332-98 for Infrastructure Stimulus and RINC funded tenders will ensure utilization of funds to improve the level of service by the City's Infrastructure for the health and well-being of its Citizens.

Economic Impact

There is no economic impact as a result of this report.

Communications Plan

Awarded tenders will be communicated to Council in accordance with the Hiatus By-law.

Purpose

To keep Infrastructure Stimulus and RINC funded projects moving forward in order to meet the strict, required timelines.

Background - Analysis and Options

The Purchasing Policy requires Council's approval for award of all tenders over \$100,000.00. The approval and award process involves time after tender closings in accordance with the cycle of Committee of the Whole and Council Meeting dates. Bylaw 332-98 authorizes the City Manager or his designate to award tenders and authorize execution by the Mayor and Clerk during a hiatus of Council, including summer and election hiatuses.

The Infrastructure Stimulus Funding and RINC Program Guidelines state that Federal and Provincial funding may be cancelled for any project that has not begun construction within sixty (60) days of its start date as stated in the application submitted. There are approximately seventeen tenders which will close throughout September. Award of the Tenders for Infrastructure Stimulus and RINC projects only under the extended Hiatus By-law will enable the City departments to achieve the strict target by reducing the timeframe for the contract award.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

The award of tenders through the Hiatus By-law will enable the City to complete the projects for local municipal improvement as a component of the City of Vaughan Strategic Plan and is in accordance with Vaughan Vision 2020.

Regional Implications

Not applicable

Conclusion

In order to achieve the strict, established timeline for expenditure under the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund and RINC Programs, it is recommended the Hiatus By-law be extended for only Infrastructure Stimulus and RINC funded tenders.

Attachments

None

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