

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - SEPTEMBER 18, 2006

MUNICIPAL ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION 2007 WORKSHOP AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works recommends:

That this report be received for information purposes.

Economic Impact

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Purpose

To advise of the Municipal Engineers Workshop and Annual General Meeting planned to be held in Vaughan in November, 2007.

Background - Analysis and Options

The Municipal Engineers Association represents some 600 Professional Engineers working for approximately 110 of Ontario municipalities. Its members volunteer to represent their peers with many municipal and provincial associations and government departments to provide Public Works practitioners' impact into policy development and to coordinate the municipal engineering response to new legislation. The Association promotes the sharing of knowledge and information amongst Ontario's municipal engineers, address issues of common concern, acts as a resource in matters relating to municipal engineering and is an advocate of sound municipal engineering.

The Association holds a Workshop in November of each year coinciding with the Association's Annual General Meeting. The location of the Workshop/AGM is held in various municipalities around the province. In 2006, the workshop will be held in Brockville. Previous workshops have been held in municipalities such as Markham, Mississauga, Kingston, Windsor, North Bay and Thunder Bay to name but a few.

The Workshop consists of presentations covering a wide variety of technical topics, tours of local industry/municipal facilities and various social functions. The Workshop presents an opportunity for municipal engineers to interact with their peers from across the province and for engineering community to visit the host municipality.

The Association is planning to hold its 2007 Workshop/AGM in Vaughan for the first time. This Workshop would be organized by MEA members employed by the City of Vaughan, the Region of York and Area Municipalities. It is expected that approximately 110 hotel rooms will be required for each of the 3 nights of the workshop and attendance (daily and full registration) of approximately 150 to 175 is expected.

The Workshop is self funding through sponsorships and registration fees and will not require funding from the host municipality.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

This report is consistent with Vaughan Vision 2007, C-1 Encourage Staff Learning and Growth and C-3, Build Positive Staff Morale.

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council.

Conclusion

The planned Municipal Engineers Association Workshop and Annual General Meeting in November 2007 will attract about 175 attendees and is a great opportunity for municipal engineers from across the province to experience Vaughan and York Region and is an opportunity for local municipal engineers to conveniently attend an educational workshop.

Attachments

N/A

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Respectfully submitted,

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