

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - JUNE 2, 2009**

### **ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN OF FIRE STATION 7-10 – WARD 1**

#### **Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Community Services, in consultation with the Fire Chief, the City Manager, the Director of Building and Facilities, the Director of Purchasing Services, and the Director of Reserves & investments, recommends:

1. That the firm of Francesco Alaimo Architect Inc. at 7872 Kipling Ave., Woodbridge, Ontario be retained to design the new Fire Station 7-10; and,
2. That Purchasing Services staff finalize the terms and conditions and prepare the contract documents; and,
3. That a bylaw be enacted authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk to sign the necessary documents.

#### **Contribution to Sustainability**

It is the goal of the VFRS Master Fire Plan Implementation Strategy to design the new fire station 7-10 according to the LEED Silver standard (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design).

#### **Economic Impact**

The design cost, estimated to be about \$145,000 was presented in Item 2, Report No. 5, of the Committee of the Whole (Working Session) dated February 24, 2009, report titled, Master Fire Plan Implementation Strategy; The Need for Fire Services in the North East including Land Acquisition and Construction of a North East Fire Station 7-10 which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan.

#### **Communications Plan**

Not applicable

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to obtain Council approval to sole source the design of fire station 7-10 and retain the architectural service of Francesco Alaimo Inc.

#### **Background - Analysis and Options**

The firm of Francesco Alaimo Architect Inc. has previously designed fire stations 7-9, 7-8, 7-7 and 7-5 respectively. Fire station 7-9 is a LEED GOLD Building. (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design). It is the goal of the VFRS Master Fire Plan Implementation Strategy to design the new fire station 7-10 according to the LEED standards.

As verbally reported by the Fire Chief on February 24, 2009 at the Committee of the Whole (Working Session), its imperative to retain an architect immediately to meet Council direction regarding the provision of emergency service to the north east quadrant of the City. In that regard, the Chief indicated that Francesco Alaimo Architect Inc. is familiar with the requirements, concepts and expectations of VFRS and the City of Vaughan. It was also explained that it is more economically prudent to engage this architectural firm to design the new fire station 7-10 for the reasons noted above. In order to meet Council direction and to provide the provision of emergency services in this area it is necessary to retain an architect immediately.

The Purchasing Authorization Bid Limit Policy allows for sole sourcing of goods and services greater than \$100,000 without requiring public advertisement and subject to award by Council.

### **Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan**

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have been allocated and approved.

The design project is consistent with Vaughan Vision 2020 in the areas of:

- Enhance and Ensure Community Safety, health & Wellness
- Pursue Excellence in Service Delivery
- Lead & Promote Environmental Sustainability
- Enhance Productivity, Cost Effectiveness & Innovation

### **Regional Implications**

The Region of York has been advised of the location and potential time table for the design and construction of the proposed fire station 7-10.

### **Conclusion**

The design New Fire Station 7-10; (Capital project FRS – 3533 – 09) has been approved to proceed ASAP. Given the previous satisfactory service provided by this architectural firm, it is anticipated that design work for the proposed station can be expedited in anticipation of construction in 2010. In addition, there is also a financial savings that will realized if we utilized the same architectural firm.

With the approval of Council, Vaughan Fire & Rescue Service in co-operation with Building and Facilities is prepared to initiate the project immediately to meet the Council's direction.

### **Attachments**

No attachments

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Respectfully submitted,

Marlon Kallideen  
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