

COUNCIL MEETING - JUNE 25, 2001

UPDATING DEVELOPMENT CHARGES BACKGROUND STUDY

Recommendation

The Director of Reserves & Investments in consultation with the Director of Purchasing Services recommends:

- 1) That the updating of the 1999 City of Vaughan Development Charges Background Study be approved; and
- 2) That Hemson Consulting Ltd. be retained at a cost not to exceed \$100,000.

Purpose

To prepare an updated development charges background study that addresses growth related capital projects that have been and/or will be identified as a result of approved anticipated growth.

Background - Analysis and Options

The 1999 City of Vaughan Development Charges Background Study was approved by Council in August 1999. Subsequent to this study, the City of Vaughan has approved growth that was not anticipated during the August 1999 Background Study, specifically OPA 528 and OPA 529. There will be significant capital cost implications to the City associated with these two OPA's.

The updating of the 1999 Development Charges Background Study will not just be limited to identifying related projects growth but will also include a review of inflation or other costs adjustment to those works included in the current Development Charges Background Study.

During the preparation of the 1999 Development Charges Study, the City engaged the services of Hemson Consulting Ltd. to assist the City. Notwithstanding the purchasing policy, it would be cost effective and timely to sole source and retain the services of Hemson Consulting to update the 1999 Development Background Study. Specific funding for the updating of the 1999 Development Charges Background Study not considered by Council during the 2001 Capital Budget deliberations. Based on the previous background study, the costs to update the background study should not exceed \$100,000.

Conclusion

There will be significant capital cost implications to the City of Vaughan if the 1999 Development Charge Background Study is not updated. Therefore, the updating of the Development Charges Background Study be added to the 2001 Capital Budget with funding from City Wide Development Charges – Management Studies and that Hemson Consulting Ltd. be retained.

Attachments

None

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Respectfully submitted,

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