

COUNCIL JUNE 25, 2001

**APPOINTMENT OF ARCHITECT –
ISLINGTON AND RUTHERFORD RESOURCE LIBRARY**

Recommendation

The Vaughan Public Library Board in consultation with the Library Steering Committee recommends:

That the firm of A.J. Diamond, Donald Schmitt and Company be appointed to provide architectural services for the development and construction of the Islington and Rutherford Resource Library, in the amount of \$334,643.00.

Purpose

To expedite the development and construction of the Islington and Rutherford Resource Library.

Background - Analysis and Options

This project is for a new resource library in the west of Vaughan, being located on the eastern portion of the Al Palladini Community Centre property. Council in the 2001 Capital Budget, in the amount of \$4,552,000.00, approved project #3808-0-01 for the development and construction of the Islington and Rutherford Resource Library and funding is available from taxation (\$455,000.00) and City Wide Development Charges, Library Buildings (\$4,097,00.00).

Nine (9) submissions were received in response to RFP01-77, a proposal for architectural services for the Islington and Rutherford Resource Library. The nine (9) submissions were evaluated by a staff committee, which consists of City of Vaughan and Vaughan Public Libraries staff. The staff committee short-listed the proponents to three. The three (3) proponents were invited to do a presentation to the Vaughan Public Library Board on June 21, 2001. The Vaughan Public Library Board selected A.J. Diamond, Donald Schmitt and Company as the most qualified to provide the services.

As the project is under a very tight schedule, it is imperative that the architects be appointed as soon as possible so that the design work can commence. It is anticipated that construction will commence in early fall, with completion towards the fall of 2002, weather permitting.

Conclusion

Staff have reviewed the submission and conducted reference checks on the recommended architect and determined that A.J. Diamond, Donald Schmitt and Company meet the requirements of the RFP.

Once Council approves the appointment, the architect is expected to start as soon as the Purchasing Department can complete the necessary contracts and documents.

Attachments

None

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