

COUNCIL MEETING - SEPTEMBER 22, 2003

AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED WITH A PROPOSAL CALL RETENTION OF CONSULTING SERVICES THE VAUGHAN HEALTH-CARE FACILITY PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION STUDY VAUGHAN HOSPITAL STUDY TASK FORCE

Recommendation

The City Manager recommends that:

1. The Vaughan Hospital Study Task Force be authorized to:
 - a) Finalize the Terms of Reference for "The Vaughan Health-Care Facility Planning and Implementation Study";
 - b) Issue a proposal call for consulting services to conduct the study; and
 - c) Proceed with the evaluation of the proposals and the identification of a preferred consultant.
2. The Vaughan Hospital Study Task Force report back to Council for the purposes of obtaining ratification of its recommendation on the preferred consultant and on the budget for the study.
3. The source of funding for the study be confirmed as the Vaughan Health-Care Facility Account.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to obtain Council's authorization to proceed with the process of retaining the consulting services required to conduct The Vaughan Health-Care Facility Planning and Implementation Study.

Background – Analysis and Options

The Vaughan Hospital Study Task Force was created for the purpose of examining the need for a hospital/health-care facility in the City of Vaughan with the objective of obtaining approval from the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care for such a facility. One of the responsibilities of the Task Force is the retention of a consultant to undertake the studies necessary to obtain Ministry support.

At its last meeting on June 10, 2003, the Task Force directed that terms of reference be prepared for the consulting study. In addition, it authorized the creation of a Consultant Search Sub-Committee that would develop the terms of reference, review proposals and short-list proponents, conduct any necessary interviews and make recommendations to the Task Force/Council on the preferred candidate.

The Consultant Search Sub-Committee is composed of:

- Ms. Sandy Keshen;
- Mr. Angelo Baldassarra;
- Mr. Louis Greenbaum;
- Mr. Ken Burrell;
- Mr. Joe Jonsson;
- Dr. Michael Pizzuto;
- Mr. Quinto Annibale;

- Mr. Michael DeGasperis.

The terms of reference are currently being developed. The next Vaughan Hospital Study Task Force meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 30. One of the objectives of this meeting will be to obtain the approval of the Task Force for the terms of reference and authorization to issue a proposal call. Because of the hiatus resulting from the November municipal election, it will not be possible to obtain Council's endorsement of any Task Force actions before mid-December.

Therefore, this report is seeking Council's authorization to proceed with the consultant selection process on the basis of the Task Force's authority. This would include approval of the terms of reference, direction to issue the proposal call and the selection of a recommended consultant. It is noted that the Council's ratification of the recommended consultant and the required budget will still be required.

The report also recommends that the funding for this study be sourced from the Vaughan Health-Care Facility account. The funds in this account are dedicated to the pursuit of a health-care facility for the City of Vaughan and were raised through the Mayor's Gala and the Mayor's Golf Tournament.

Conclusion

The purpose of this report is to obtain authorization to proceed with the consultant retention process for the Vaughan Health-Care Facility Planning and Implementation Study. Due to the municipal election, it will not be possible to obtain Council's endorsement of the terms of reference and authorization for the issuance of the proposal call. In order to ensure that the study will proceed in a timely manner, it is recommended that Vaughan Hospital Study Task Force initiate the hiring process and report back to Council on completion. Should Council concur then the recommendations set out above should be adopted.

Attachments

N/A

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Respectfully Submitted

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