



**CITY OF VAUGHAN
SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES (1)
NOVEMBER 5, 2007**

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2007

MINUTES

±1:00 P.M.

Council convened in the Municipal Council Chambers in Vaughan, Ontario, at 1:08 p.m.

The following members were present:

Mayor Linda D. Jackson, Chair
Regional Councillor Joyce Frustaglio
Regional Councillor Mario F. Ferri
Councillor Tony Carella
Councillor Peter Meffe
Councillor Alan Shefman

222. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

MOVED by Councillor Meffe
seconded by Councillor Carella

THAT the agenda be confirmed.

CARRIED

223. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

There was no disclosure of interest by any member.

**224. RFP07-183
NEW VAUGHAN OFFICIAL PLAN
APPROVAL OF CONTRACT - CORE CONSULTING TEAM SELECTION
FILE NO: 25.1.**

MOVED by Regional Councillor Frustaglio
seconded by Regional Councillor Ferri

That the recommendation contained in the following report of the Official Plan Review Committee, dated November 5, 2007, be approved:

CARRIED

Recommendation

The Official Plan Review Committee recommends:

1. That a Contract be approved to retain the consulting team led by Urban Strategies Inc. as the Official Plan Core Consulting Team to undertake the new Vaughan Official Plan Project to an upset limit of \$580,000 including GST, for the first year of the contract, with the remaining project costs subject to separate budget approvals in subsequent years; and

2. That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the necessary documents.

Economic Impact

See Council Extract (Attachment 1).

Communications Plan

See Council Extract (Attachment 1).

Purpose

To seek authorization to award a contract to undertake the new Vaughan Official Plan Project.

Background - Analysis and Options

On May 7, 2007, Council approved the Terms of Reference for a City-wide Official Plan, directed staff to initiate the process to retain consulting services, and include \$750,000 in the 2007 Capital Budget to fund the OP-related work for 2007.

The resolution also dealt with several other matters (four area studies, alignment of the Highway 427 extension, Yonge Street study, widening of Major Mackenzie Drive) including establishment of a Council Committee to review reports and provide guidance to staff and consultants during the Official Plan process.

On October 15, 2007, the Commissioner of Planning submitted a report to Committee of the Whole addressing the consultant selection process, and recommending a consulting team led by Urban Strategies Inc. be retained to undertake the Core Team consulting contract. Committee of the Whole adopted a resolution referring the matter to the Official Plan Review Committee of Council. The extract from the Council meeting minutes of October 22, 2007, Item 14, Report No. 47, of the Committee of the Whole, (Attachment 1) was adopted without amendment.

On October 18, 2007 the Commissioner of Planning met with the Official Plan Review Committee. The Committee agreed with recommendations of the Commissioner of Planning in his October 15, 2007 report to Committee of the Whole. The OP Review Committee requested that further information highlighting the reasons for undertaking preparation of a new Official Plan, be provided as per discussion of issues that were identified at the meeting with the Commissioner.

Attached to this report is a point form list of relevant reasons for undertaking preparation of a new Official Plan (Attachment 2).

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

The proposed new Official Plan is consistent with the Vaughan Vision Statement, and in particular to Section 4 of the Vision, 'Planning and Managing Growth'.

Regional Implications

The new Vaughan Official Plan will conform with Regional and Provincial policy requirements, and establish the ground rules for the City's future development and redevelopment. The Plan will accommodate the Region's forecast growth estimates for Vaughan, and will have implications for Regional servicing, transportation and community services infrastructure.

Conclusion

The team led by Urban Strategies Inc. should be retained by the City to fulfill the requirements of the first year of the contract to an upset limit of \$580,000. The remaining project costs will be subject to separate Capital Budget approvals in subsequent years. Urban Strategies Inc. is well qualified to

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undertake and complete the required work to the City's specifications. Should Council concur, staff will proceed to finalize the contract and workplan with the consulting team.

Attachments

1. Extract From Council Meeting Minutes of October 22, 2007
2. Points on Why Vaughan Needs a New Official Plan

(A copy of the attachments referred to in the foregoing have been forwarded to each Member of Council and a copy thereof is also on file in the office of the City Clerk.)

225. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

MOVED by Councillor Meffe
seconded by Councillor Carella

THAT By-law Number 311-2007, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting on November 5, 2007, be read a First, Second and Third time and enacted.

CARRIED

226. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Regional Councillor Ferri
seconded by Regional Councillor Frustaglio

THAT the meeting adjourn at 1:11 p.m.

CARRIED

Linda D. Jackson, Mayor

J. D. Leach, City Clerk