

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 17, 2015

Item 5, Report No. 4, of the Finance, Administration and Audit Committee, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on February 17, 2015.

**5 HWY 27 AND MILANI BOULEVARD SOCCER FACILITY UPDATE &
HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC. POWERPLAY GRANT
WARD 2**

The Finance, Administration and Audit Committee recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Planning and the Commissioner of Finance, dated February 2, 2015:

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Planning and the Commissioner of Finance, in consultation with the Director of Parks Development, the Director of Financial Planning & Analytics and the Director of Purchasing Services, recommend:

1. That grant funding received totaling \$25,000 from Hydro One Networks Inc. PowerPlay Grant Program be utilized for the design and installation of site furnishings and signage; and
2. That for reporting purposes, a Capital Project, appended as Attachment 1, be included in the 2015 Capital Budget.

Contribution to Sustainability

Exploring alternative funding models and applying for grant funding opportunities demonstrates a responsible, sustainable approach to ensure the development and on-going operation of City park and recreational facilities for use by residents and community user groups. This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council in Green Directions Vaughan, Community Sustainability Environmental Master Plan, specifically, Goal 2, Objective 2.2:

- To develop Vaughan as a City with maximum green space and an urban form that supports our expected population growth.

Economic Impact

There are no financial impacts to the City resulting from this report as the soccer facility capital project is primarily funded through outside contributions. However, recent conditional approval discussions have resulted in adjustments to the original project and associated costs. As a result, staff are continuing to negotiate the finalization of the agreement.

Through the efforts of the Woodbridge Soccer Club, the City is in receipt of a Hydro One Networks Inc. (HONI) grant amounting to \$25,000 for this project. Leveraging these funds, the City can assume some elements of the project, which could advance the finalization of the project agreement. As a condition of the grant monies, the funds would need to be spent within a six month period.

Communications Plan

In recognition of the grant provided by HONI the City is required to:

- Provide the opportunity for a HONI representative to attend a formal public cheque presentation;

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- Provide the opportunity for a HONI representative to attend the official grand opening of the facility, if applicable;
- Work with HONI to create a media advisory;
- Provide acknowledgement on the City's website and any publications made about the facility, including any newsletters and social media; and,
- Affix permanent signage/plaque with HONI's logo, along with other community funders, at the site of the facility.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on Hwy 27 and Milani Boulevard soccer facility and advise Council on the award of grant funding from Hydro One Networks Inc. PowerPlay program.

Background - Analysis and Options

Background

In 2012 the City entered into a License agreement with the Ontario Realty Corporation for the purpose of developing and operating a soccer facility in the existing hydro corridor located at the south west corner of Hwy 27 and Milani Boulevard. Following execution of the license agreement, and based on Council direction, RFP12-190 was issued seeking proposals from interested and qualified proponents to partner with the City in the development and/or operation of a soccer facility at this location.

On June 26, 2012 Council considered the results of RFP12-190 and authorized staff to negotiate and execute a public private partnership with 611428 Ontario Ltd., Maple, Ontario, for the provision of a soccer facility at the corner of Hwy 27 and Milani Boulevard. Staff continue to be in negotiation with 611428 Ontario Ltd. regarding their proposal and an agreement is in the process of being finalized.

Analysis and Options

On April 9, 2014 Hydro One Networks Inc. provided conditional approval for the construction of the soccer facility, but required that modifications be made to the project plan as submitted by 611428 Ontario Ltd., including changes to proposed filling and grading in order to better protect Hydro One infrastructure. The required changes result in additional project costs to the proponent that were not contemplated in the original facility development proposal.

In effort to help with the project and mitigate overall project costs, the Woodbridge Soccer Club, as primary future users of the soccer facility submitted a grant funding proposal to the Hydro One PowerPlay Program. The purpose of the program is to support Hydro One's community investment goal to help build strong, healthy and safe Ontario communities, specifically by enabling healthy, active and safe lifestyles for children through funding child-focused recreational facilities and equipment in Hydro One communities. As the Woodbridge Soccer Club did not meet eligibility requirements, Hydro One redirected the grant award to the City of Vaughan. The City was notified of the grant application and award in the amount of \$25,000 for this project.

The grant funding is proposed to offset project costs by funding the design and installation of site furnishings and signage. Doing so will reduce the overall cost burden to the project and help facilitate the finalization of an agreement between the City and 611428 Ontario Ltd. It is proposed that staff will coordinate the design and installation of site furnishing and signage under separate contract(s) using the grant funding.

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For asset reporting and financial tracking purposes a capital project is required. As illustrated in Attachment 1, the capital project will reflect the total construction value fully offset by outside contributions and grant funding. This project will be included in the Draft 2015 Capital Budget.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council in the Vaughan Vision 2020 Plan and the necessary resources have been allocated and approved. Continued investment in parks development projects and pursuit of alternative funding opportunities supports the City's commitment to enhancing natural and built environments through efficient use of resources, managing corporate assets through continuous assessment of infrastructure requirements, pursues excellence in service delivery and supports the goal of enhancing community health, safety and wellness through design and program opportunities. Taking steps to achieving a soccer facility in the hydro corridor in Ward 2 demonstrates Council's commitment to providing service excellence to citizens.

Regional Implications

Not applicable.

Conclusion

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Recently the Woodbridge Soccer Association successfully applied for grant funding totaling \$25,000 towards development of a soccer facility, which was redirected to the City. The grant will assist in reducing pressures associated with Hydro One's terms of conditional approval and help facilitate the finalization of the agreement.

Attachments

1. Capital Project Summary

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(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.)