

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 19, 2016

Item 9, Report No. 2, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on January 19, 2016.

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INDEPENDENT ELECTRICITY SYSTEM OPERATOR MUNICIPAL COUNCIL BLANKET SUPPORT RESOLUTION NOTICE TO PROCEED UNDER FEED IN TARIFF (FIT 3.1) PROGRAM

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Deputy City Manager of Planning and Growth Management and the Director of Policy Planning and Environmental Sustainability, dated January 12, 2016:

Recommendation

The Deputy City Manager of Planning and Growth Management and the Director of Policy Planning and Environmental Sustainability recommend:

1. THAT Council endorse the attached revised FIT Version 3.1 resolution;
2. THAT the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the revised Blanket Support resolution; and
3. THAT the Mayor and City Clerk, on the advice of the Deputy City Manager, Planning and Growth Management, be authorized to sign additional Municipal Council Blanket Support Resolutions for rooftop solar generation installations as may be required by the Independent Electricity System Operator under future FIT application processes.

Contribution to Sustainability

This report recommending endorsement of the FIT program which promotes local small scale energy production through rooftop solar installations is consistent with the priorities previously set out by Council in *Green Directions Vaughan* the City's Community Sustainability and Environmental Plan:

- Goal 1, Action 1.2.1: Demonstrate support for renewable energy use and generation by businesses and citizens by minimizing, where appropriate, obstacles to the development of alternative energy sources

Economic Impact

There is no direct economic impact to the Municipality resulting from the recommendations of this report.

Communications Plan

A communication plan is not required as the FIT program is administered by the Independent Electricity System Operator ("IESO"). Information about renewable energy generators in the City of Vaughan will be posted on the Environmental Sustainability area of the City website.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is twofold: First, to request that Council provide staff with authorization to administer Council's Resolution related to the FIT Version 3.1 "Notice to Proceed" form; and second, that the City Clerk be provided authority to administer FIT program forms and procedures related to solar rooftop generation installations.

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Background - Analysis and Options

Council previously endorsed FIT 3.0 and FIT 4.0 Municipal Council Blanket Support Resolutions for all rooftop solar generation installations within the City. The first Municipal Council Blanket Support Resolution for FIT 3.0 was passed on October 29, 2013 and expired one year thereafter while FIT 4.0 was endorsed on June 23, 2015 and expires after one year.

Applicants who have been approved under IESO's FIT 3.1 program are requested by IESO to seek Council resolutions to confirm that the municipality continues to support rooftop solar generation installations. IESO is not accepting Municipal Council Blanket Support Resolutions under FIT 4.0 for FIT 3.1 approvals. Further, the City's Municipal Council Blanket Support Resolutions under FIT 3.0 has expired. The Municipal Council Blanket Support Resolution under FIT 3.1 must be provided to the IESO for the purposes of achieving Notice to Proceed ("NTP") under Section 2.4(d)(vii) of the FIT Contract, Version 3.1.

Staff continue to recommend that all other system types such as wind generation or ground mount solar installations be reviewed on a site by site basis requiring individual site specific Municipal Council Support Resolutions approved by Council.

In order to process requests for Council's support resolutions, Staff will continue to require the following information:

- 1) Project Owner/Applicant name, contact email and phone number
- 2) Project Location
- 3) Building Type and Project Size

Relationship to Term of Council Service Excellence Strategy Map (2014-2018)

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have been allocated and approved.

Regional Implications

Not applicable.

Conclusion

Staff is recommending that Council endorse the attached FIT Version 3.1 Municipal Council Blanket Support Resolution – Notice to Proceed for rooftop solar generation installations within the City. Staff also recommend that the Mayor and City Clerk, on the advice of the Deputy City Manager, Planning and Growth Management, be authorized to endorse Municipal Council Blanket Support Resolutions on behalf of Council as may be required by the Independent Electricity System Operator under future FIT application windows.

Staff continue to recommend that all other system types such as wind generation or ground mount solar installations be reviewed on a site by site basis requiring individual Municipal Council Support Resolutions approved by Council.

The applicants should be aware that the Council resolution does not in itself provide for these installations and that where applicable building permits must be processed through the City of Vaughan Building Standards Department prior to commencement of any works.

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Attachments

1. Municipal Council Blanket Support Resolution — Prescribed Form — FIT Version 3.1

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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.)