

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2015

Item 24, Report No. 31, of the Committee of the Whole which was adopted, as amended, by the Council of the City of Vaughan on September 16, 2015, as follows:

By approving the following in accordance with Communication C9 from the Commissioner of Public Works and Commissioner of Planning, dated September 11, 2015:

- 1. That Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the attached IESO Prescribed Form: Land Use Exemption Resolution;***
- 2. That Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the attached IESO Prescribed Form: Municipal Council Support Resolution;***
- 3. That Council authorize the City Clerk to execute the attached IESO Prescribed Form: Municipal Council Resolution Confirmation;***
- 4. That staff continue to work with PowerStream, and the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change and other stakeholders to develop the proposed project on the closed Vaughan Landfill; and***
- 5. That this report and attachments be forwarded to PowerStream and York Region.***

**24 POWERSTREAM REQUEST FOR FEED IN TARIFF (FIT 4.0) SUPPORT:
GROUND MOUNT SOLAR PROJECT AT VAUGHAN LANDFILL SITE
WARD 4**

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Public Works and the Commissioner of Planning, dated September 9, 2015:

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Public Works and the Commissioner of Planning recommend:

- 1. THAT Council directs staff to bring a report outlining the City's response to Powerstream's request to September 16 Council meeting**

Contribution to Sustainability

Powerstream has requested City of Vaughan support for a solar ground mounted renewable energy project proposed to be located on the old, closed Vaughan Landfill site. This project is consistent with the priorities previously set out by Council in Green Directions Vaughan regarding the 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 financial impact to the City resulting from support of Powerstream's request.

Communications Plan

Further information will be provided in the upcoming report to Council.

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Purpose

The purpose of this report is to respond to the initial request from Powerstream staff in support of Powerstream's planned application to the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) for a groundmounted solar energy project at the closed Vaughan Landfill Site- Lot 26, Concession 3.

Background - Analysis and Options

At a meeting held on September 3rd, Powerstream representatives requested City of Vaughan staff assistance in applying to the IESO FIT (Feed in Tariff) 4 program to install a groundmount solar generation project at the closed Vaughan Landfill Site- Lot 26, Concession 3. City of Vaughan staff met to discuss the project and issues related to the lease agreement, zoning of the site and classification of the lands were raised. The provincial program guidelines require confirmation of municipal support as part of any application to the FIT program. Powerstream is working on an accelerated schedule in order to meet the IESO program filing date of the September 30th, 2015.

City staff are now analyzing municipal issues in the hopes of reporting staff recommendations to Council on September 16th, 2015.

Staff recommends that Council direct staff to report on Powerstream's Application to IESO FIT 4 Ground Mount Solar Project at Closed Vaughan Landfill Site at the September 16, 2015 meeting of Council.

Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

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 directs staff to bring a report outlining the City's response to Powerstream request to September 16 Council meeting

Attachments

N/A

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