

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.

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Attachments

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Report prepared by:

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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.)

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MUNICIPAL COUNCIL BLANKET SUPPORT RESOLUTION
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Respectfully submitted,

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INSTRUCTIONS: TEMPLATE: MUNICIPAL COUNCIL SUPPORT RESOLUTION (BLANKET) - NOTICE TO PROCEED
(Sections 2.4(d)(vii) of the FIT Contract, Version 3.1)

Capitalized terms not defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the FIT Contract.

INSTRUCTIONS SPECIFIC TO THE TEMPLATE: MUNICIPAL COUNCIL SUPPORT RESOLUTION (BLANKET) - NOTICE TO PROCEED
(THE "TEMPLATE")

1. Where a Prior Resolution (as defined in the Template) was passed in respect of a Project and a Municipal Council Support Resolution is required as per the FIT Contract Cover Page, a New Resolution 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.
2. Local municipal councils have the option of drafting the New Resolution (as defined in the Template) on the council or equivalent governing body letterhead or submitting a completed Template.
3. Words in between square brackets (i.e. "[" and "]") are immaterial to the intent of the Template and may be modified to follow standard procedure of the issuing body. Wording not contained within square brackets must not be changed in order for the New Resolution to be acceptable for the purposes of achieving NTP. No additional wording (aside from completing the blanks) may be added.
4. All information provided in the New Resolution must be consistent with the information contained in the Prior Resolution. The Local Municipality named in the New Resolution must be the Local Municipality in which the Project is located. The Renewable Fuel type named in the New Resolution must be the same as that contained on the Supplier's FIT Contract Cover Page.
5. No Prior Resolution related to the Project will be accepted for the purposes of achieving NTP.
6. The entirety of the Template (all blanks) must be completed and it must be signed by authorized individual(s). There should be no delegation of authority contained in the New Resolution.
7. This instruction page is not required to be submitted to the IESO.

TEMPLATE: MUNICIPAL COUNCIL SUPPORT RESOLUTION (BLANKET) - NOTICE TO PROCEED
(Section 2.4(d)(vii) of the FIT Contract, Version 3.1)

Resolution NO: _____

Date: _____

[WHEREAS] capitalized terms not defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the FIT Contract, Version 3.1;

[AND WHEREAS] the Province's FIT Program encourages the construction and operation of
_____ Rooftop Solar _____ generation projects (the "Projects");

[AND WHEREAS] one or more Projects may be subject to FIT Contracts and may be constructed and operated in
_____ City of Vaughan _____ ("Local Municipality");

[AND WHEREAS] in accordance with the FIT Rules, Version 3.0, the Council of the Local Municipality ("Council") had previously indicated, by a resolution, its support for Projects in the Local Municipality (the "Prior Resolution");

[AND WHEREAS] Council now indicates, by a resolution dated no earlier than June 10, 2015, Council's continued support for the construction and operation of the Projects anywhere in the Local Municipality (the "New Resolution");

[AND WHEREAS], pursuant to the FIT Contract, where a New Resolution is received in respect of the Projects in the Local Municipality, Suppliers will be recognized as fulfilling the requirements under Section 2.4(d)(vii) of the FIT Contract, which may result in Suppliers being offered Notice to Proceed in accordance with the terms of their respective FIT Contract(s);

[NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT]:

Council of the _____ City of Vaughan _____ supports the construction and operation of the Projects
anywhere in the _____ City of Vaughan _____.

This resolution's sole purpose is to enable Suppliers to achieve Notice to Proceed under their FIT Contracts and may not be used for the purpose of any other form of municipal approval in relation to a FIT Contract or Project or for any other purpose.

This resolution shall expire twelve (12) months after its adoption by Council.

Title:

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(signature lines for elected representatives.)

FIT Contract ID #: