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STATUS OF INFRASTRUCTURE STIMULUS FUND PROJECTS

The Finance and Administration Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendation contained in the following report dated May 21, 2010, from the Chief Administrative Officer.

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended this report be received for information.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide Regional Council with a status update of York Region's seventeen (17) infrastructure projects approved through the Government of Canada's Infrastructure Stimulus Fund (ISF) program.

3. BACKGROUND

Infrastructure Canada announces details of Infrastructure Stimulus Fund as part of its *Economic Action Plan*

To help stimulate the economy and create jobs across Canada, The Government of Canada's *Economic Action Plan* has provided approximately \$16 billion over two years to modernize a broad range of infrastructure including roads, bridges, public transit, parks and water treatment facilities. A component of Canada's *Economic Action Plan* included the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund program to further stimulate investment in municipal infrastructure.

Through this Infrastructure Stimulus Fund, the Government of Canada made \$4 billion available across Canada for new community infrastructure projects that are construction-ready and would not have otherwise been built in the next two years without funding assistance from the federal government. These funds are focused for projects to rehabilitate existing assets, as well as new construction projects that can be fully complete by March 31, 2011. Working closely with the Government of Canada, the Government of Ontario has matched federal funding for their respective municipalities.

Infrastructure Canada approves funding for 17 York Region projects

On June 12, 2009, Infrastructure Canada announced approval to partially fund seventeen (17) separate York Region infrastructure projects. The total costs of these projects are

estimated at \$79.035 million of which the Region will receive \$26.345 million or one-third funding from each of the federal and provincial governments. The Region will be responsible to fund the remaining \$26.345 million or one-third of total project costs.

Region executes contribution agreement with the federal and provincial governments

A June 25, 2009 report to Regional Council authorized the Regional Chair and Clerk to enter into a contribution agreement with federal and provincial governments as required under the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund program.

In September 2009, York Region executed the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund Contribution Agreement with the Federal Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure, and the Provincial Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA). This agreement, administered by OMAFRA, outlines reporting requirements to the Province, details eligible and ineligible costs, and outlines requirements necessary for York Region to remain eligible to receive approved funding.

An October 8, 2009 report to Finance and Administration Committee outlined the key highlights of the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund Contribution Agreement.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

Timelines tight for project completion and final reports due to the Province

Recent correspondence from the Province has reiterated that:

- all projects must be substantially complete by March 31, 2011;
- no reimbursement will be given for expenditures incurred after March 31, 2011; and
- municipalities must submit all expense reimbursement claims and final reports within 90 days of project's substantial completion, but not later than April 15, 2011.

Staff continue to work to ensure that all requirements of contribution agreement will be fulfilled.

Substantial progress has been made on all seventeen (17) of York Region's Infrastructure Stimulus Fund (ISF) projects

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Table 1 below summarizes the status of York Region's Infrastructure Stimulus Fund (ISF) projects.

Table 1
Status of York Region's Infrastructure Stimulus Fund (ISF) Projects

Total Eligible \$	ISF Project	Project Status	Completion
1,800,000	Bathurst Street Resurfacing - Steeles to Centre St.	Complete	November 2009
1,350,000	Weston Road Resurfacing - Langstaff to Rutherford	Complete	November 2009
1,250,000	Keele Street Resurfacing - Rutherford to Major Mac	Complete	November 2009
2,100,000	Dufferin Street Resurfacing - Glen Shields. to Langstaff	95% complete	July 2010
1,975,000	Warden Avenue Resurfacing Steeles to McPherson	95% complete	July 2010
1,350,000	Bathurst Street Microsurfacing Major Mac to King Rd.	95% complete	July 2010
7,200,000	Georgina Water Treatment Plant Upgrades	45% of Construction complete	March 2011
1,560,000	Old Homestead Rd. Resurfacing Warden to Station	30% complete	December 2010
2,900,000	Rehabilitation of Bus Stops (1000 pads)	15% of stops paved	November 2010
2,300,000	Davis Drive Resurfacing Patterson St. to Woodbine	Construction start May 2010	December 2010
9,100,000	Hwy 27 Resurfacing Nashville Rd. to Hwy 9	Construction start May 2010	December 2010
2,000,000	Rehabilitation of Bus Loops	Construction start June 2010	December 2010
3,700,000	Gamble Rd. (Bathurst to Yonge) widening/sewer	Construction start June 2010	December 2010
22,000,000	EMS Central Support Facility Bales	Site preparation complete Construction start May 2010	March 2011
1,100,000	W&W - Instrumentation & Control Replacement	Installation January 2011	March 2011

Total Eligible \$	ISF Project	Project Status	Completion
7,600,000	Garfield Wright MRF Upgrades	Design/Build award July 2010 Construction start August 2010	March 2011
9,750,000	Richmond Hill CEC	Acquiring building permits Construction start July 2010	March 2011
79,035,000			

Challenges exist with the Richmond Hill Community Environmental Centre project

Richmond Hill Community Environmental Centre (CEC) construction status is pending finalization of a lease agreement with the Town of Richmond Hill and will be the subject of a separate report to Environmental Services Committee. The separate report will identify potential risks of non-completion by March 31, 2011, as well as outline the lease negotiations and recommendations to proceed.

Other critical ISF projects remain on schedule for completion

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Central Support Facility

Site preparation is complete and construction under way for the new Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Central Support Facility located at Bales Drive. To meet the March 31, 2011 deadline, a critical path timeline was established early in the planning of this large and complex project with many activities being done in parallel.

After extensive preliminary design work, a design-build contract was tendered and awarded in April 2010 to Belrock Design Build Inc. The Town of East Gwillimbury has facilitated our meeting of this critical timeline by executing a conditional building permit agreement, with a final building permit to be issued in June. The Town has also completed reviews for the road extension of Bales Drive East including road design, watermain extension, storm sewer extension, lighting and landscaping.

This project is currently meeting the critical timeline set out by the Region for substantial completion by March 31, 2011.

Garfield Wright Material Recovery Facility Upgrades

Garfield Wright Material Recovery Facility (MRF) upgrades are scheduled to commence construction in July 2010. In April 2010, Regional Council endorsed a recommendation to have Miller Waste Systems act as general contractor/construction manager for this

project in order to best coordinate construction and operational requirements to meet the tight March 31, 2011 deadline.

Construction has commenced and significant progress made on all other Infrastructure Stimulus Fund projects not specifically detailed above. These projects are on schedule as per the Region's construction completion commitments.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This report has no additional financial implications.

The total amount approved in the amended 2009 Capital Budget for all seventeen (17) Infrastructure Stimulus Fund projects is \$79.035 million with Provincial and Federal funding reducing the overall Regional funding commitment for these projects by two-thirds, or an estimated \$52.7 million. The Region's remaining one-third funding portion, or \$26.345 million, was approved as part of an amendment to the 2009 Capital Budget in a June 25, 2009 report to Regional Council.

6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

Construction activities for York Region's Infrastructure Stimulus Fund projects can be found throughout the local municipalities, benefiting the needs of all residents throughout the Region.

An estimated 720 equivalent jobs will be created in the York Region economy through these Infrastructure Stimulus projects.

7. CONCLUSION

Staff continue to proceed with construction and administration of the seventeen (17) Infrastructure Stimulus Fund projects in a manner that will continue to meet requirements outlined in the contribution agreement. Staff will continue to provide regular updates to Regional Council outlining the status of these projects.

For more information on this report, please contact Glenn Lang, Manager Corporate Continuous Improvement (Office of the Chief Administrative Officer) at Ext. 1222

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.