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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 September 7, 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 agreement.

On June 10, 2010 an ISF project status report to Finance and Administration Committee highlighted three (3) completed projects, eleven (11) other projects under construction, and the final three (3) projects scheduled to start construction in the summer of 2010. In this June report, staff committed to provide regular status updates to Regional Council.

## **4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS**

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

Ongoing 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 efforts to ensure requirements of the contribution agreement are fulfilled.

### **Twelve (12) of the Region's seventeen (17) ISF projects will be complete by the end of 2010.**

Substantial progress has been made on all York Region's Infrastructure Stimulus Fund (ISF) projects with four (4) projects complete and three (3) more nearing completion at the time of this report. By the end of 2010 it is anticipated that twelve (12) of the Region's seventeen (17) ISF projects will be complete. Tight timelines exist for the remaining five (5) projects scheduled for completion by March 31, 2011.

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

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

| <b>ISF File Number</b> | <b>Total Eligible \$</b> | <b>ISF Project</b>                                               | <b>Project Status</b>                                                 | <b>Completion</b> |
|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 2403                   | 1,800,000                | <b>Bathurst Street Resurfacing</b><br>Steeles to Centre St.      | <b>Complete</b>                                                       | November 2009     |
| 2409                   | 1,350,000                | <b>Weston Road Resurfacing</b><br>Langstaff to Rutherford        | <b>Complete</b>                                                       | November 2009     |
| 2312                   | 1,250,000                | <b>Keele Street Resurfacing</b><br>Rutherford to Major Mac       | <b>Complete</b>                                                       | November 2009     |
| 2342                   | 1,560,000                | <b>Old Homestead Rd. Resurfacing</b><br>Warden to Station        | <b>Complete</b>                                                       | September 2010    |
| 2242                   | 2,100,000                | <b>Dufferin Street Resurfacing</b><br>Glen Shields. to Langstaff | <b>95% complete</b>                                                   | October 2010      |
| 2381                   | 1,975,000                | <b>Warden Avenue Resurfacing</b><br>Steeles to McPherson         | <b>95% Complete</b>                                                   | October 2010      |
| 2243                   | 1,350,000                | <b>Bathurst Street Microsurfacing</b><br>Major Mac to King Rd.   | <b>95% Complete</b>                                                   | October 2010      |
| 2504                   | 2,300,000                | <b>Davis Drive Resurfacing</b><br>Patterson St. to Woodbine      | 90% Complete                                                          | December 2010     |
| 2283                   | 9,100,000                | <b>Hwy 27 Resurfacing</b><br>Nashville Rd. to Hwy 9              | 60% complete                                                          | December 2010     |
| 2571                   | 3,700,000                | <b>Gamble Rd. (Bathurst to Yonge)</b><br>widening/sewer          | 40% complete                                                          | December 2010     |
| 2064                   | 2,900,000                | <b>Rehabilitation of Bus Stops</b><br>(1,000 pads)               | 60% of stops paved                                                    | November 2010     |
| 2058                   | 2,000,000                | <b>Rehabilitation of Bus Loops</b>                               | Construction start August 2010                                        | December 2010     |
| 2610                   | 1,100,000                | <b>W&amp;Ww - Instrumentation &amp; Control Replacement</b>      | Equipment fabrication underway<br>Installation start November 2010    | February 2011     |
| 2314                   | 7,200,000                | <b>Georgina Water Treatment Plant Upgrades</b>                   | 55% of construction complete                                          | March 2011        |
| 2044                   | 22,000,000               | <b>EMS Central Support Facility</b><br>Bales                     | 25% of construction complete                                          | March 2011        |
| 1447                   | 7,600,000                | <b>Garfield Wright MRF Upgrades</b>                              | Equipment fabrication underway<br>Installation start November 2010    | March 2011        |
| 2248                   | 9,750,000                | <b>Richmond Hill CEC</b>                                         | Building permits acquired July 2010<br>Construction started July 2010 | March 2011        |
|                        | 79,035,000               |                                                                  |                                                                       |                   |

**Five (5) critical ISF projects face tight timelines but remain on schedule for completion by March 31, 2011**

Tight timelines exist for five (5) ISF projects scheduled for completion in 2011. These five (5) projects combined represent \$47.65 million dollars or 60% of the Region's total \$79.035 million ISF project expenditures. Construction for all five (5) projects has started and significant progress continues to be made towards completion by the March 2011 deadline.

Highlights of these projects are as follows:

***Richmond Hill Community Environmental Centre (CEC)***

Regional Council has been kept informed of the status and challenges that exist with the Richmond Hill Community Environmental Centre (CEC) through separate, past reports to Environmental Services Committee.

Following detailed design work, necessary approvals, and upon receipt of building permits from the Town of Richmond Hill, construction of the Richmond Hill Community Environmental Centre (CEC) commenced at the end of July 2010. Tight construction timelines exist for this project that is scheduled for completion to meet the March 31, 2011 deadline.

Lease agreements between the Region and the Town of Richmond Hill will be in place prior to occupancy of the building.

***Garfield Wright Material Recovery Facility Upgrades***

In April 2010, Regional Council approved entering into an agreement with Miller Waste Systems to act as general contractor/construction manager for this project, in order to best coordinate equipment installation and operational requirements.

In July 2010, following engineering consultation and preliminary design work, a design-build contract for upgrades of the Garfield Wright Material Recovery Facility (MRF) was awarded to Machinex Industries Inc.

Equipment fabrication is currently underway with on-site equipment installation commencing by November 2010. Further equipment installations scheduled early 2011 will require short-term shutdowns of the facility. This project is scheduled for completion to meet the March 31, 2011 deadline.

***Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Central Support Facility***

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 and site preparation, a design-build contract was tendered and awarded to Belrock Design Build Inc. with construction commencing May 2010.

In July 2010, required subdivision improvements related to this project including road, watermain and sewer extensions, lighting and landscaping commenced, and is scheduled for completion by October 31, 2010.

Currently, construction is 25% complete for the new Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Central Support Facility located at Bales Drive in the Town of East Gwillimbury. This project continues to meet critical timelines set out by the Region for substantial completion by March 31, 2011.

***Georgina Water Treatment Plant Upgrades***

In March 2010, construction commenced for upgrades to the Georgina Water Treatment Plant. Construction is currently 55% complete with significant ongoing progress towards substantial completion by the March 2011 deadline.

***Water and Wastewater Control Panel Upgrades***

Design work is 100% complete for upgrades to water and wastewater control panels. Equipment fabrication is currently underway and anticipated for completion by October 2010. On-site installations of the control panels are planned to start November 2010 with substantial project completion by February 2011.

**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.

Ongoing correspondence from the Province has reiterated that no reimbursement will be given for ISF project expenditures incurred after March 31, 2011.

**6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT**

Construction activities for York Region's Infrastructure Stimulus Fund projects are located throughout the local municipalities, benefiting the needs of residents and businesses throughout the Region.

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

## **7. CONCLUSION**

Substantial progress has been made on all York Region's Infrastructure Stimulus Fund (ISF) projects with four (4) projects complete and three (3) more nearing completion at the time of this report. By the end of 2010 it is anticipated that twelve (12) of the Region's seventeen (17) ISF projects will be complete. Tight timelines exist for the remaining five (5) projects scheduled for completion by March 31, 2011.

Staff continue to proceed with construction and administration of 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 ISF 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.