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CONSULTANT SELECTION DURHAM/YORK RESIDUAL WASTE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

The Solid Waste Management Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendation contained in the following report, November 1, 2005, from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works:

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

1. Regional Council endorse Durham Region's retaining MacViro Consultants Inc. for the completion of the Durham/York Residual Waste Management Environmental Assessment Study pursuant to the terms of the Residual Waste Management EA Study Agreement between York and Durham Regions.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to endorse the retention of MacViro by Durham Region for the Durham/York Residual Waste EA.

3. BACKGROUND

On May 19, 2005 Council adopted Clause 1 of Report No. 1 of the Solid Waste Management Committee to retain MacViro Consultants Inc. and Jacques Whitford Limited to prepare the Terms of Reference for the residual waste EA.

On June 23, 2005 Council adopted Clause 1 of Report No. 4 of the Regional Commissioner of Transportation and Works to enter into an agreement with the Regional Municipality of Durham to partner to complete a residual waste management individual environmental assessment (EA).

York and Durham have now combined their individual efforts in a partnership to find a long-term solution for the management of residual waste. The partnership is managed through a Joint Waste Management Group with representation from each Region. The individual Environmental Assessment process requires preparation of a "Terms of Reference" which must be submitted to the Provincial Ministry of the Environment for approval prior to initiating the Environmental Assessment.

The Terms of Reference (TOR) for the study are presented to the Solid Waste Management Committee in a separate report on the December 7, 2005 agenda. Both

Regions retained MacViro Consultants Inc. (MacViro) and Jacques Whitford Limited (Jacques) separately for the TOR.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

On September 27, 2005 the Joint Waste Management Group for the EA Study supported retention of MacViro to complete the Study. Durham Council adopted a similar resolution on November 30, 2005 to enter into an agreement with MacViro to complete the study. The rationale is fully explained on pages 3 and 4 of the Durham Region report. (*see attachment 1*). Under the terms of the agreement between York and Durham, York would pay 50% of the costs of this consulting agreement.

Staff are satisfied with the expertise of MacViro as well as the quality of the work performed on the TOR. It is recommended that the Region support Durham's retention of MacViro for the project.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The workplan and costs for the completion of MacViro's work on the EA are in Table 1. As Durham is entering into the agreement with MacViro, Durham would invoice York Region on a monthly basis for its share of the costs incurred by MacViro. Sufficient funds have been included in York's draft 2006, 2007 and 2008 Solid Waste Management Capital Budgets.

Table 1
Solid Waste Management Operating Budget

	Total Cost	York Share (split 50% with Durham)
2006	1,350,000	675,000
2007	2,300,000	1,150,000
2008	<u>1,400,000</u>	<u>700,000</u>
Total	5,050,000	2,525,000

6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

The local municipalities are critical partners in finding a long-term waste management solution in York Region. Comments from the municipalities were requested in the development of the TOR. Further discussion and involvement will be required as the EA study continues over the next three years.

7. CONCLUSION

The Regional Municipality of Durham has retained MacViro to complete the Durham/York Residual Waste Environmental Assessment. It is proposed that York support this as per the terms of our agreement with Durham.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.

(The attachment referred to in this clause is included with this report.)