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TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS CIVIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING ON JUNE 2, 2015
FROM:	JOHN BRAAM, P.ENG. MANAGING DIRECTOR, ENVIRONMENTAL & ENGINEERING SERVICES AND CITY ENGINEER
SUBJECT:	APPOINTMENT OF CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR DUNDAS PLACE – TS1135

RECOMMENDATION

That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Environmental & Engineering Services & City Engineer, the following actions **BE TAKEN** with respect to the appointment of a consultant for the Dundas Place Class Environmental Assessment:

- a) Dillon Consulting Limited, **BE APPOINTED** Consulting Engineers to complete the Environmental Assessment of the said project, in the amount of \$503,586 (excluding HST), in accordance with Section 15.2 (e) of the Procurement of Goods and Services Policy;
- b) the financing for this project **BE APPROVED** as set out in the Sources of Financing Report attached hereto as Appendix 'A';
- c) the Civic Administration **BE AUTHORIZED** to undertake all the administrative acts that are necessary in connection with this project;
- d) the approvals given herein **BE CONDITIONAL** upon the Corporation entering into a formal contract with the consultant for the work; and,
- e) the Mayor and City Clerk **BE AUTHORIZED** to execute any contract or other documents, if required, to give effect to these recommendations.

PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER
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- Civic Works Committee – May 14, 2012 – Dundas Street Improvements, Formulating an Implementation Plan
- Civic Works Committee – August 25, 2014 – Dundas Flexible Street Scoping Study, Consulting Engineer Assignment Increase
- Planning and Environment Committee – February 2, 2015 - Our Move Forward: London's Downtown Plan
- Civic Works Committee – February 3, 2015 – Dundas Flexible Street Scoping Study Approval

BACKGROUND

Purpose

This report seeks the approval of the Council to retain an engineering consultant to undertake the Dundas Place Class Environmental Assessment (EA). The Dundas Place project is a key component of the overall transportation infrastructure program and a key objective in London's Downtown Plan. It supports the objectives identified in the

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Strategic Plan under Building a Sustainable City – Robust Infrastructure, Convenient and Connected Mobility Choices as well as Beautiful Places and Spaces.

Context

This EA is required to proceed with the implementation strategy for Dundas Place and the associated downtown traffic/transit impacts. The study will identify; streetscape options, City and private infrastructure alignments, downtown traffic scenarios, construction project phasing, and future programming recommendations.

The purpose of this EA is to satisfy the requirements of the Environmental Assessment Act by providing a comprehensive, environmentally sound planning process with public participation. The study will also facilitate extensive public engagement and dialogue between the various stakeholders.

DISCUSSION

Project Description

The goal of this EA is to identify the streetscape options, City and private infrastructure alignments, construction project phasing, and future programming recommendations as detailed in the Dundas Place – Scoping Study. The subsequent construction phase is intended to transform the blocks of Dundas Street between Wellington Street and the Forks of the Thames from a conventional downtown public right-of-way into a flexible street that allows vehicles and people to effectively share the same space.

The project aims to create a focal point and destination place within the downtown that will be accessible to all and serve as a stage for programmed activities such as special functions, festivals and events, as well as day-to-day activities. The project will encourage business and development opportunities and will forge a connection between the Forks of the Thames River and the life of the City.

This project will involve extensive consultation with downtown stakeholders as well as potential future users of this important destination. The project will consider both the functional design of the street from an infrastructure perspective, as well as the urban design qualities of the street that are intended to satisfy the goals of London’s Downtown Plan.

This assignment also includes a traffic/transit study that will assess the impacts of the proposed changes to Dundas Place and review the overall functionality of the downtown streets. The assessment will compare options and integrate the preliminary findings of the Shift Rapid Transit initiative.

Consultant Selection

The consultant procurement process used a two-stage process beginning with an open advertised request for qualifications. A shortlist of three consulting firms was created based on the received submissions and the firms were invited to submit proposals for the project. The shortlisted firms responded with written proposals including a summary of the project tasks, schedule, and costs.

An evaluation committee with representation from all key project areas including Transportation, Wastewater and Drainage, Planning, Water Engineering, Purchasing, and Construction Administration reviewed the consultant submissions for the project.

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Based on the evaluation criteria and selection process identified in the Request for Proposals, the evaluation committee concluded that the proposal from Dillon Consulting Limited provides the best value to the City. Dillon has an experienced project team that exhibited a clear understanding of the project scope and requirements. Their past proven experience on similar projects of this nature combined with a project proposal that demonstrated a thorough understanding of the goals and objectives demonstrated their suitability for the undertaking. The consultant project team is familiar with unique challenges presented in this project having been involved in several past and present projects in the area.

In accordance with Section 15.2 (e) of the Procurement of Goods and Services Policy, Civic Administration is recommending Dillon Consulting Limited be appointed as the consulting engineer for the Environmental Assessment. The submission from Dillon Consulting includes a fee submission that indicates that the EA study can be completed within the funds available in the approved capital project for Dundas Place. Dillon will be considered for future design and construction phases if project performance is positive.

CONCLUSIONS

The need for this environmental assessment has been identified as a required next step in the planning and design of Dundas Place.

The study recommendations will set the needs and balance the requirements of the full range of potential users within a community including people of all ages and abilities to walk, cycle, ride transit and drive cars. The study will be coordinated with the Shift Rapid Transit initiative and will be developed to achieve the vision of London’s Downtown Plan.

Based on the thorough consultant procurement process, it is recommended Dillon Consulting Limited be awarded the consulting assignment for the Dundas Place Environmental Assessment study at an upset amount of \$503,586 (excluding HST).

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