

City of Toronto Infrastructure Stimulus Projects – Additional Project

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From:	City Manager
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SUMMARY

On September 23, 2009, Council approved City infrastructure projects to be included in funding agreements under Federal and Provincial stimulus programs.

This report seeks Council approval to add a new project to be funded under the existing Canada-Toronto ISF agreement which has just recently been received by the Federal Government. The new project would be undertaken by TCHC, which has recently approved the undertaking of Tower Renewal Projects at Moss Park. There will be no net cost to the City.

The total ISF budget for the TCHC Moss Park Tower Renewal Project will be approximately \$6 million. Of this the Federal government is being asked to commit one-third or approximately \$2 million. The balance will be funded by TCHC and other third party funding arranged by TCHC. There will be no net cost to the City.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Manager recommends that:

1. Council approve for inclusion in the City of Toronto Infrastructure Stimulus Projects the TCHC Moss Park Tower Renewal Project for a total project cost of \$6 million, with \$2 million of funding from the Federal Infrastructure Stimulus fund and \$4 million of funding from TCHC with no incremental impact on the City's 2010 – 2019 Capital Budget and Plan.
2. Council authorize the appropriate City officials to take the necessary actions to give effect thereto.

Financial Impact

The City of Toronto, on behalf of Toronto Community Housing Corporation (TCHC), has received preliminary approval for an ISF contribution for the undertaking of a Tower Renewal Project at Moss Park (275, 285 and 295 Shuter Street). Funding will be received under the existing Canada-Toronto ISF agreement.

The total ISF budget for the TCHC Moss Park Tower Renewal Project will be approximately \$6 million. The Federal government is being asked to commit one-third or approximately \$2 million. The balance will be funded by TCHC and other third party funding arranged by TCHC with no net cost to the City.

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

DECISION HISTORY

At its September 30 and October 1, 2009 Meeting, Council approved City stimulus projects under the Federal Infrastructure Stimulus Fund (ISF) program, totalling \$595.292 million in eligible project costs. <http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/cc/decisions/2009-09-30-cc40-dd.htm>

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The 2009 Federal Budget established the Government of Canada's Economic Action Plan (EAP) to help address the negative impacts of a weakening global economy, both nationally and regionally. A component of the EAP is the \$4 billion Infrastructure Stimulus Fund (ISF) program which aims to support the rehabilitation or construction of provincial, municipal and community infrastructure projects that can be built during the 2009 and 2010 construction seasons. Eligible projects categories for local governments include: water and waste water, public transit; roads and bridges, solid waste management, disaster mitigation, brownfield redevelopment, ports and airports, municipal buildings and recreation and culture.

On August 26, 2010, preliminary approval for an ISF contribution of \$2 million towards the Moss Park Tower Renewal Project was received from the Federal government.

COMMENTS

TCHC has approved a Tower Renewal Project for Moss Park. The project will include significant energy retrofit including lighting, appliances, HVAC etc. as well as expansion of the Regent park district heating energy system to these buildings.

So that the project can proceed in a fulsome and timely manner, federal funding under the Canada-Toronto ISF agreement is being applied to support the project implementation. The Federal Government has undertaken a preliminary evaluation of the request and it is our understanding that

final approval will be provided very shortly. The ISF funding would be received by the City through the Tower Renewal Office and be applied to the TCHC Moss Park Project.

Given the timing of ISF approvals for City stimulus projects, City staff are closely monitoring their implementation for any potential risks associated with their delivery and ability to be substantially completed by March 31, 2011.

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