

Planning and Growth Management Committee

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Amendment to the Green Roof Bylaw for Public and Separate School Board Buildings

City Council Decision

City Council on May 8 and 9, 2012, referred Item PG13.2 back to the Planning and Growth Management Committee for consideration at its May 17, 2012 meeting.

Committee Recommendations

The Planning and Growth Management Committee submits this matter to City Council without recommendation, as the motion to adopt the item lost on a tie.

Committee Decision Advice and Other Information

The Planning and Growth Management Committee requested the Acting Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, to report to the Planning and Growth Management Committee on May 17, 2012, on a by-law amendment to only allow an exemption to the current provisions of the Green Roof By-law for new buildings or additions where the area of the soft landscaping on a school site will be equal to or exceed the required areas of green roof.

Origin

(February 23, 2012) Report from the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning

Summary

This report recommends an amendment to the Toronto Green Roof Bylaw to permit new public and separate school buildings and building additions to provide an alternative roof surface that achieves a similar performance level to a green roof. An alternative option is proposed that would require new public and separate school buildings and building additions to install cool roofing material for 100 percent of the available roof space and adhere to a storm water management performance target. This alternative option is the same as the alternative option approved for industrial buildings in November 2011.

For school applications where an exemption or variance under the Bylaw has been approved and cash-in-lieu of a green roof has been paid, this report recommends that a refund be granted

if the roof complies with the new alternative approach requirements.

The report also provides a status update on the revisions to the Toronto Green Roof Construction Standard and responds to Council's request for information on mechanisms to fund rooftop planting beds.

The Chief Building Official, Executive Director, Toronto Building and the Director, Toronto Environment Office were consulted in the preparation of this report.

Background Information (Committee)

(February 23, 2012) Report from the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning on the Amendment to the Green Roof Bylaw for Public and Separate School Board Buildings (<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2012/pg/bgrd/backgroundfile-46300.pdf>)

Communications (Committee)

(March 22, 2012) E-mail from Scott Torrance, Scott Torrance Landscape Architect Inc. (PG.Main.PG13.2.1)

(April 19, 2012) Letter from Steven W. Peck, Founder and President, Green Roofs for Healthy Cities (Attachment to the letter is on file in the Office of the City Clerk) (PG.New.PG13.2.2)

(April 19, 2012) Letter from Virginia Barton, Senior Coordinator of Capital Development for the Toronto Catholic District School Board (PG.New.PG13.2.3)

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