

New and Emerging Technologies, Policies and Practices  
Environmental Assessment (“EA”) Timeframe and Workplan

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City Council has asked the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services to report on three items on September 4 at the Works Committee meeting:

1. A report on the outcome of the Request for Expressions of Interest (“REOI”) for new and emerging technologies;
2. A report on the proposed content and requirements for a Request for Qualifications (“RFQL”) for potential vendors – to be issued in 2003; and
3. A report on the workplan and timeframe for an EA process.

Staff are addressing these requests through two reports:

- A. A report on the outcome of the REOI (Nadine);
- B. A report on the RFQL and EA.

Report “B” content:

- Recommends proceeding with a RFQL for one or more demonstration projects – under the provisions of the EA Act – to undertake feasibility studies and conduct research.
- The development of the RFQL will be undertaken with input from the Advisory Group and the Ministry of the Environment (the “MOE”).
- Will provide opportunity for proponents marketing technologies in the biological, chemical, physical and thermal technology classes.
- Potential for GTA collaboration (third staff report will address potential GTA partnerships).
- Staff report recommends City of Toronto undertake an individual EA as setout under the requirements of the EA Act for the management of Toronto’s residual solid waste. Will address “need”, choice of policies, practices and technologies, and siting of facilities.
- Also recommends hiring an EA consultant to assist staff.

