STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED
with Confidential Attachment

Security Funding Requirements for the 2010 G8/G20 Summits

Date: February 19, 2010
To: City Council
From: City Manager
Wards: All
Reason for Confidential Information: This report contains subject matter that pertains to the security of the property of the City and its local boards.
Reference Number: 

SUMMARY

On December 7, 2009, the Prime Minister announced that Toronto will host the G20 Summit on June 26 and 27, 2010, immediately following the G8 Summit in Muskoka. On February 19, 2010, the Federal Government announced that the G20 Summit will be located in downtown Toronto, at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. The Direct Energy Centre at Exhibition Place has been chosen for the media centre.

This report seeks Council authority to commit funds for the incremental, extraordinary and justifiable policing and security related costs of the June 2010 G8 and G20 Summit meetings, which will be predominantly funded by the Government of Canada. The only significant exception to full federal reimbursement will be for the purchase of radio communication equipment or other assets which will be retained by the City, and cost-shared between the City and the Federal Government. The reimbursement of these costs by the Government of Canada is currently under negotiation.

The Toronto Police Service (TPS) forms part of the Integrated Security Unit (ISU) along with the RCMP, OPP, Canadian Forces, and the Peel Region Police. The TPS will assist in protecting the Internationally Protected Persons (IPPs) and VIPs as well as secure the outside perimeter of the G20 Security Zones for the guests of the Canadian Government and the community. Additionally, the TPS is responsible for addressing any public safety
issues including possible protests within Toronto as outlined in the security plan developed for the event.

Collaborative efforts required across law enforcement and security professionals to safely carry out these Summits will result in the largest security event in Canadian history.

The federal government through its Integrated Security Unit (ISU) has accountability for the security of the G20 and the transportation plan that will be implemented. The ISU has formed a community outreach group that will communicate with local businesses and residents that may be temporarily inconvenienced during the G20.

The G20 will bring an international focus to the City that will allow Toronto to present the very best that is has to offer in terms of its strong and friendly business climate, tourism, culture and diversity.

The G20 is also an opportunity to showcase the City as the center of Canada's stable banking system and the world-wide business connections the City maintains through a vast network of local businesses that maintain strong roots to their countries of origin. Toronto's diversity is one of the strongest foundations for the City's international business connections.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

The City Manager recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the Mayor and the City Manager to enter into any required funding agreements with the Federal or Provincial Governments to obtain reimbursement of any of the City's costs, or those of its local boards, with respect to the G20 Summit; and to enter into agreements, as required, with the Federal and Provincial Governments and other municipal jurisdictions for the provision of any assistance with respect to the Summit.

2. City Council approve adjustments to the 2010 Capital and Operating Budgets as outlined in Confidential Attachment 1 to reflect the anticipated Federal funding for the G8 and G20 Summits.

3. City Council authorize the award of contracts in accordance with information contained in Confidential Attachment 1.

4. The confidential information be released to the public no later than the earlier of City Council's consideration of the 2010 Budget or the conclusion of a final agreement with the Government of Canada for funding of the City costs in respect to the upcoming G20 Summit to be held in Toronto in late June 2010.

5. The appropriate City officials be authorized to take the necessary actions to give effect thereto.
FINANCIAL IMPACT

The relevant financial information is addressed in the confidential attachment.

COMMENTS

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Confidential Report