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City of Toronto Stimulus Projects - Required Capital Budget Adjustments for Completion of the Rexdale Multi-Service Hub -- Supplemental Report

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SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to inform City Council of the steps taken by staff in attempting to secure a capital contribution from the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) to recover some of the costs incurred by the City in the conversion of the former Father Henry Carr School at 21 Panorama Court into the Rexdale Multi-Service Community Hub.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no immediate financial impacts related to this report.

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

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting of August 5 and 6, 2009, City Council authorized staff to enter into an agreement of purchase and sale with the Toronto Catholic District School Board for the former Father Henry Carr Catholic School site at 21 Panorama Court and to enter into leases with ten community agencies for tenancy in the community hub. The report can be found at:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2009.CC38.9>

On September 30 and October 1, 2009, City Council authorized the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the federal government for funding of the Rexdale Multi-Service Community Hub under the terms of the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund (ISF). The report can be found at: <http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2009.CC40.10>

On May 11 and 12, 2010, Council authorized the Mayor and the City Manager to enter into agreement with the federal and provincial governments for additional ISF funding for the Rexdale Multi-Service Community Hub. The report can be found at: <http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2010.EX43.1>

In adopting the report titled "City of Toronto Stimulus Projects – Required Capital Budget Adjustments for Completion of the Rexdale Multi-Service Hub" (GM1.7) at its meeting of January 31, 2011, Government Management Committee requested the Executive Director of Social Development, Finance and Administration and the Executive Director of Real Estate Services to "undertake negotiations with the Toronto Catholic District school Board to secure a capital contribution towards the recovery of costs for the completion of the Rexdale Multi-Service Hub, and report directly to City Council on February 7, 2011."

COMMENTS

On February 3, staff from Social Development, Finance and Administration, Real Estate Services and Legal Services met with capital staff of the Toronto Catholic District School Board to discuss a potential Board contribution to the costs of re-using the former Father Henry Carr School as a multi-service community hub. Options explored included the possibility of the Board's forgiving some part of the annual payment towards the purchase price as well as a possible capital contribution towards the state-of-good-repair work in the facility.

City staff are still in negotiations with the Board and with the Trillium Foundation to secure additional funding that will reduce the draw on the City's Capital Financing Reserve. The Trillium Foundation is anticipated to make a funding allocation decision of \$500,000 – \$1.0 million by the end of February. City staff have sent the TCDSB the requested state-of-good-repair costs and will have follow-up discussions to secure a reasonable resolution.

In order to maximize the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund contributions of \$5.4 million and substantially complete the project by October 31st, 2011, accepting the tender bid and approving City funding remain urgent.

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