Member Motion

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM26.10	ACTION			Ward:42

Supporting Biogas Operations at the Toronto Zoo - by Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker, seconded by Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam

**** Notice of this Motion has been given.***
**** This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two thirds vote is required to waive referral.***

Recommendations

Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker, seconded by Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, recommends that:

1. City Council support the construction and operation of a 500kW biogas digester by Zooshare Biogas Co-operative Inc on the land at the Toronto Zoo as Part of P.I.N. No. 06054-0872 (LT), being Part of Lot 4, Concession 3 as Part 1 on Plan 66R-26013 in the City of Toronto as outlined in the Ground Lease agreement between the Board of Management of Toronto Zoo and Zooshare Biogas Co-operative Inc. signed September 11, 2012.

2. City Council confirm that this resolution's sole purpose is to enable the Zooshare Biogas Co-operative Inc. to receive priority points under the FIT Program and may not be used for the purpose of any other form of municipal approval in relation to the Application or Projects or any other purpose.

3. City Council confirm that this support shall expire twelve (12) months after adoption of this Motion by City Council.

Summary

The Province of Ontario's FIT Program encourages the construction and operation of biogas projects. One or more such projects may be constructed and operated in the City of Toronto.

The Board of Management of the Toronto Zoo has been in negotiations with Zooshare Biogas Co-operative regarding the construction and operation of a biogas digester on land at the Toronto Zoo as Part of P.I.N. No. 06054-0872 (LT), being Part of Lot 4, Concession 3 as Part 1 on Plan 66R-26013. A Ground Lease and Operating Agreement were signed between the Toronto Zoo and Zooshare Biogas Co-operative on September 11, 2012 to confirm this relationship. This project has also received approvals from the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.

Pursuant to the rules governing the FIT Program (the “FIT Rules”), Applications whose projects receive the formal support of Municipalities will be awarded Priority Points, which may result in these Applicants being offered a FIT Contract prior to other persons applying for FIT Contracts.

(Submitted to City Council on October 2 and 3, 2012, as MM26.10)

Background Information (City Council)

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