TORONTO Member Motion

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM26.20	ACTION			Ward:All

Supporting the Economy and the Environment Through Rooftop Solar Projects - by Councillor Josh Matlow, seconded by Councillor Peter Milczyn

**** Notice of this Motion has been given.***
**** This Motion is subject to a re-opening of Item MM25.56. A two-thirds vote is required to re-open that Item.***
**** If re-opened, the previous Council decision remains in force unless Council decides otherwise.***

Recommendations

Councillor Josh Matlow, seconded by Councillor Peter Milczyn, recommends that:

1. City Council support without reservation the construction and operation of rooftop solar generation projects anywhere in the City of Toronto under the Province of Ontario's Feed-In-Tariff Program.

2. City Council confirm that this resolution's sole purpose is to enable the participants in the Province's FIT Program 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's Feed in Tariff (FIT) Program encourages the construction and operation of rooftop solar generation projects (the "Projects"). One or more Projects may be constructed and operated in the City of Toronto.

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.

On July 11, 12 and 13, City Council adopted a recommendation to support the construction and operation of rooftop solar generation projects in the Province's FIT program, subject to review

by staff. On August 10, 2012 the final rules for the FIT 2.0 program were released which clarified the requirements for municipal support resolutions to qualify applicants for the FIT 2.0 Program priority points. However, the wording provided at the advice of staff contained in the July 11, 12, and 13th Council recommendation does not meet the new FIT 2.0 program requirements to enable applicants to qualify for priority points.

This Motion is urgent as the application window for FIT 2.0 program is anticipated to be from October 1, 2012 to November 30, 2012 and applications are reviewed based on priority points and, where projects have the same number of priority points, based on submission date.

Requires Re-opening:

Member Motion MM25.56, adopted by City Council on July 11, 12 and 13, 2012.

(Submitted to City Council on October 2 and 3, 2012 as MM26.20)

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM26.20