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**City Council****Motion without Notice**

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**Supporting the Economy and the Environment through Rooftop Solar Panels - Renewal for 2015 Provincial Feed in Tariff - by Councillor Josh Matlow, seconded by Councillor Mary-Margaret McMahon**

*\* This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

*\* This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral. This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.*

**Recommendations**

Councillor Josh Matlow, seconded by Councillor Mary-Margaret McMahon, recommends that:

1. City Council support the construction and operation of rooftop solar generation projects anywhere in the City of Toronto.
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 its adoption 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. In 2014, there were 39.7 MW of renewable energy capacity installed in Toronto, generating 23,816 MWh of electricity.

Pursuant to the rules governing the FIT Program (the "FIT Rules", Version 4.0 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.

This motion is urgent as the application window for the FIT 3.0 program is anticipated to open July 13, 2015. Applications are reviewed based on priority points and, where projects have the same number of priority points, based on submission date.

Toronto City Council passed a similar blanket support resolution at its meeting on October 8, 9, 10 and 11, 2013 which expired twelve (12) months after adoption.

**Background Information (City Council)**

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