

City Council

Motion without Notice

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Toronto Council Support for the Toronto Zoo Biogas Plant FIT Contract - by Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker, seconded by Councillor Josh Matlow

** 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 Glenn De Baeremaeker, seconded by Councillor Josh Matlow, recommends that:

1. City Council reconfirm its support for the construction and operation of the Biogas Facility project on the Toronto Zoo Lands.
2. City Council approve the template Municipal Council Support Resolution (Project Specific) for FIT 3.1 (Notice to Proceed) as attached.
3. City Council authorize the Speaker of Council to sign the template Municipal Council Support Resolution (Project Specific) for FIT 3.1 (Notice to Proceed) attached.
4. 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.
5. City Council confirm that this support shall expire twelve (12) months after its adoption by City Council.

Summary

The City of Toronto has supported the construction of a biogas facility at the Toronto Zoo since September/October 2012 and passed a support resolution at the October 2, 3 and 4, 2012 Council meeting (MM26.10).

ZooShare received its Renewable Energy Approval from the Ministry of the Environment and Climate change on August 28, 2015. This is a major milestone for the project, and ensures that they will be able to begin construction of the biogas plant beginning as soon as the winter ends next Spring.

In order to apply, the City of Toronto needs to approve the resolution reconfirming Council's support for the project.

This Motion is urgent because the "Notice to Proceed" needs to be submitted to the IESO before the next Council Meeting.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM9.55

Municipal Council Blanket Support Resolution for FIT 3.1

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2015/mm/bqrd/backgroundfile-84410.pdf>)