

City Council**Motion without Notice**

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Supporting the Economy and the Environment through Rooftop Solar Panels - Renewal for the 2016 5.0 Provincial Feed in Tariff Applications - by Councillor Josh Matlow, seconded by Councillor Gord Perks

** Notice of this Motion has not been given. A two-thirds vote is required to waive notice.
* This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.
* This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

Recommendations

Councillor Josh Matlow, seconded by Councillor Gord Perks, recommends that:

1. City Council confirm its support for the construction and operation of rooftop solar generation projects anywhere in the City of Toronto.
2. City Council approve the template Municipal Council Blanket Support Resolutions for FIT 5.0 as attached to this Motion.
3. City Council authorize the Speaker of Council to sign the template Municipal Council Blanket Support Resolutions for FIT 5.0 as attached to this Motion.
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 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 2015, there were 66.9 MWh of renewable energy capacity installed in Toronto, up from 39.7 MW in 2014. These projects generated 61, 260 MWh of electricity in 2015, up from 31,986 in 2014.

Pursuant to the rules governing the FIT Program (the "FIT Rules"), Version 5.0 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 5.0 program is opening November 1, 2016 and applicants have 5 business days from submission of their electronic application to get their hard copies in. Applications are reviewed based on priority points and, where projects have the same number of priority points, based on submission date.

Toronto City Council has passed similar motions in 2013, 2014 and 2015.

To notify applicants of the new Municipal Council Blanket Resolution once the Motion has passed, a notice will be posted on the Economic Development web page and all proponents who have made inquiries about the City of Toronto blanket support resolution will be contacted.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM21.30

Template - Municipal Council Blanket Support Resolution

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2016/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-97036.pdf>)