

## **Summary of the Bid Award Panel's Use of Extended Authority During City Council's 2025 Summer Recess**

**Date:** October 8, 2025  
**To:** General Government Committee  
**From:** Chief Procurement Officer  
**Wards:** All

### **SUMMARY**

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Prior to its dissolution effective October 1, 2025, the Bid Award Panel had the authority to make an award up to \$20 million resulting from an open competitive solicitation. This authority could be extended beyond \$20 million under the circumstances previously listed in Section 8.3 of the Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 195, which included awards made during Council's summer recess.

The purpose of this report is to inform the General Government Committee of contracts awarded during the 2025 summer recess by the Bid Award Panel under its extended authority, as required under the Toronto Municipal Code.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The Chief Procurement Officer recommends that:

1. General Government Committee receive this report for information.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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There are no financial impacts arising from the recommendations in this report.

The Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial implications as identified in the Financial Impact section.

## DECISION HISTORY

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At its meeting on April 23 and 24, 2025, City Council adopted [GG20.10](#), which eliminated the Bid Award Panel, effective October 1, 2025.

Prior to October 1, 2025, Municipal Code Chapter 195, Procurement, Section 195-8.3A outlined the conditions where the Bid Award Panel could exercise the powers of a Standing Committee to award contracts exceeding \$20 million, excluding taxes.

Municipal Code Chapter 195, Procurement, Section 195-8B required that these awards be reported by the Chief Procurement Officer to the appropriate Standing Committee for information. This report fulfils that requirement.

## COMMENTS

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Prior to amendments that took effect on October 1, 2025, Section 8.3 of the Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 195, Procurement, authorized the Bid Award Panel to exercise the power of a Standing Committee to award contracts over \$20 million "during the period between when Council breaks for the summer recess and the first agenda closing deadline for the appropriate Standing Committee following the break".

During this time, Bid Award Panel could make an award that exceeds \$20 million under the following circumstances:

- The award goes to the supplier whose response meets the specifications and qualification requirements in the solicitation and offers the best value to the City based on the evaluation criteria set out in the solicitation, including price;
- The solicitation was conducted in a fair and transparent manner;
- The term of the contract does not exceed a maximum term of five years, or the projected term of capital funding for a project (as approved by Council); and
- The contract is within the funding approval under the provisions of Municipal Code, Chapter 71, Financial Control, but exceeds a procurement value of \$20 million.

The last regular Council meeting before the 2025 summer recess was July 23 and 24, 2025. The agenda close for the first post-summer recess General Government Committee was September 5, 2025. Two (2) contracts resulting from open competitive solicitations were awarded by the Bid Award Panel that exceeded \$20 million during this period, as set out in Table 1 below.

**Table 1: Awards exceeding \$20 million made by the Bid Award Panel during the 2025 summer recess**

Meeting Date and Agenda Item Number	Ariba Document Number	Products or Services Description, and Division	Awarded Amount (net of HST recoveries) and Contract Term	Awarded Supplier(s)
August 20, 2025 <a href="#">2025.BA146.3</a>	5054460111	North Plant Secondary Treatment Upgrades at the Humber Treatment Plant for Engineering and Construction Services	Amount: \$34,475,000 Term: August 20, 2025 to December 31, 2034	GHD Limited
September 3, 2025 <a href="#">2025.BA148.7</a>	5163540070	Basement Flooding Protection Program, Phase 4, Assignment 36-18 for Engineering and Construction Services	Amount: \$25,916,260 Term: September 3, 2025 to December 31, 2028	Clearway Construction Inc.

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**SIGNATURE**

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