

## MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE

### **Authority to Enter into a Non-Competitive Agreement with Municipal VU Consulting Inc. for Procurement Development Consulting Services**

**Moved by:** Deputy Mayor Paul Ainslie \_\_\_\_\_

**Seconded by:** Councillor Paula Fletcher \_\_\_\_\_

#### **SUMMARY:**

Toronto residents expect roads, sidewalks, bikeways, and transit routes to remain safe and accessible during winter weather events. Following recent major snow events and operational reviews, the City has undertaken work to strengthen winter maintenance planning, governance, emergency response coordination, and contractor accountability.

The City's existing winter maintenance contracts expire in 2029. Advanced planning is underway to ensure sufficient time to incorporate lessons learned and complete procurement development, competitive process execution, contract award, and transition activities prior to contract expiry. This includes establishment of a senior staff level Executive Steering Committee, chaired by the Deputy City Manager, Infrastructure Services, to provide senior level governance and oversight of the contract development and award process as well as during the term of the contract as the escalation body for significant risks, issues, or decisions that have material operational, financial, legal, or reputational implications.

This motion seeks Council authority for Transportation Services to enter into a non-competitive procurement with Municipal VU (MVU) Consulting Inc. for consulting services to support the development of the City's 2029–2036 winter maintenance contracts. This work will include the development of the procurement and contract framework in advance of the March 2027 launch of the competitive procurement process and will provide ongoing advisory support to the Executive Steering Committee and project team throughout the contract development and award process, as required.

This work builds on previous operational and governance reviews completed by MVU for the City, including the Winter Operations Review and the Major Snow Event Response Plan, and supports the transition from operational review to procurement planning for the next contract cycle.

#### **Reason for Urgency:**

This motion is urgent as delays in completing procurement development work would impede the City's ability to meet the March 2027 launch of the competitive procurement process for the 2029–2036 winter maintenance contracts.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. City Council authorize the General Manager, Transportation Services to negotiate and enter into a non-competitive agreement with Municipal VU Consulting Inc. for the provision of professional services to support the development of the City's 2029-2036 winter maintenance contracts, for an amount of up to \$550,000 net of all taxes and charges (\$559,680.00 net of HST recoveries), for the period from June 1, 2026 to December 31, 2028, subject to terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager, Transportation Services and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

Date May 20, 2026