

To All Commissioners

Re: **Finance & Administration - Second Quarter 2010 Work Plan**

Recommendation

The report be noted and filed.

Background

The following report is provided as an update on a number of the major projects, as set out in the 2010 Work Plan that were scheduled to commence and/or be completed in the second quarter, with the lead on same being the primary responsibility of Finance & Administration.

2011 Operating and Capital Budget Development and Approval

The 2011 budget development and approval timetable is set out below.

Description	Date
Capital	
Capital budget submission and approval by Commission	July 28, 2010
Approved capital budget forwarded to City of London	August 20, 2010
Operating	
Operating budget submission and approval by Commission	August 25, 2010
Approved operating budget forwarded to City of London	September 10, 2010
City Review and Approval	
Operating, capital budget technical review	Oct 4 to Nov 5, 2010
Corporate management team review	Nov 9 to Nov 23, 2010
Tabling of budgets	December 20, 2010
Budget approval – Municipal Council	Week of February 28, 2011

Operator Time Tracking System

At the meeting of June 30, 2010, the Commission approved awarding a contract to the IBI Group for development of a custom time tracking system for hourly rated operations personnel at an upset limit of \$300,000, exclusive of applicable taxes, noting the award serves as an extension to the consulting service contract awarded to the IBI Group associated with the upgrading and expansion of the Commission's automatic vehicle location and communication system.

An LTC working group, consisting of representatives from dispatch, operations, payroll, human resources, treasury and information services has been established to work in conjunction with IBI to complete this project. The first meeting of the group, including IBI, was held on July 8, 2010. The meeting provided the opportunity for the entire group to walk through the processes relating to the existing system, and collaborate on the features that should be included in the new system. The outcome of the meeting is a draft specification document, being prepared by IBI, and reviewed with the LTC working group. Once the specification document is finalized, work will begin on the program development. The program is expected to be finalized and operational by the end of 2010.

AODA Standards

General

On May 31, 2010 the Minister of Community and Social Services launched National Access Awareness Week for 2010. Included in the launch was the release of the independent report by Charles Beer, which was undertaken as a requirement under the AODA legislation. The review provided a synopsis of the information gathered during Mr. Beer's consultation with the various stakeholders involved, and also set out a number of recommendations going forward for the Minister's consideration. The recommendations included:

- **with respect to the need for harmonization** - The government take immediate steps to harmonize the accessibility standards prior to releasing the remaining accessibility standards as regulations.

- **with respect to responsibility for the AODA** - The Minister of Community and Social Services be formally designated as Minister Responsible for Accessibility.
- **with respect to strengthening the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario** - The government, led by the Minister Responsible for Accessibility, strengthen the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario by:
 - elevating the role of the assistant deputy minister to deputy minister to provide stronger leadership and accountability for the implementation of the AODA, and
 - focusing the ADO on renewed priorities including a public awareness and education campaign to support the AODA.
- **with respect to standard development going forward** - The AODA be amended to establish an arm's-length advisory body "the Ontario Accessibility Standards Board" to review and develop accessibility standards, replacing the standards development committee process.
- **with respect to Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committees (MAAC's)**
 - the MAAC's continue as advisory bodies to municipalities
 - municipalities ensure that their accessibility advisory committees are appropriately utilized and seen as important resources in making communities more accessible
 - in cooperation with stakeholders, the ADO continue to develop timely, regional forums to support MAAC's and municipalities in carrying out their responsibilities under the AODA
 - the ADO develop mechanisms for the sharing of best practices, in cooperation with stakeholders and
 - MAAC's play a role in bringing together other advisory and informal organizations in their communities that are assisting the obligated sectors to comply with the AODA.
- **With respect to the repeal of the Ontarians with Disabilities Act (ODA)**
 - repeal the ODA once all of the accessibility standards are in regulation; repeal the ODA as a whole and not in stages
 - undertake an assessment to determine which, if any, provisions of the ODA are not covered by the AODA legislative and regulatory framework and therefore may need to be incorporated, including the requirements on the provincial government
 - after consultations, incorporate the planning framework under the ODA into the AODA, with necessary modifications
 - implement a transitional guideline to integrate and streamline the planning requirements under the ODA and the reporting requirements under the AODA
 - preserve the consequential amendments made by the ODA to other legislation, if necessary

The Minister has not indicated whether action will be taken with respect to any of the recommendations in the report.

Standards

Transportation, Information & Communication and Employment – all three of these standards have been forwarded to the Minister by the standard development committees for consideration. It is anticipated that an integrated regulation including these three standards will be released for a final public review period over the summer of 2010.

Built Environment – the standard development committee has reconvened to give consideration to the feedback received during the period of public consultation. The Standard Development Committee has forwarded the final standards to the Minister for consideration.

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