


TO: GENERAL COMMITTEE


SUBJECT: SUPPORT RESOLUTION FOR APPROVED FIT PROJECTS

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RECOMMENDED MOTION

1. That the continued support for rooftop solar project in industrial, commercial and institutional areas of that meet the City of Barrie criteria be addressed by providing a Blanket Council Support Resolution for the Provinces Feed in Tariff program Version 3.1, such resolution shall be in the form attached as Appendix "A" to Staff Report FCT010-15 m.
2. That pursuant to the FIT Contract, where a new resolution is received in respect to projects in Barrie, suppliers will be recognized as fulfilling the requirements under Section 2.4 (d)(vii) of the FIT Contract, which may result in suppliers being offered Notice to Proceed in accordance with the terms of their respective FIT Contract(s).
3. That the sole purpose of this resolution is to enable suppliers to achieve Notice to Proceed under their FIT Contracts and may not be used for any other purpose of any form of municipal approval in relation to a FIT Contract or project or for any other purpose.
4. That the Director of Facilities and Transit or his/her designate, be authorized to issue, on behalf of the City of Barrie, an applicable Municipal Council Support Resolution (Blanket) Notice to Proceed to all eligible proponents in the Province's Feed in Tariff (FIT) Program Version 3.1. (FCT010-15) (File: E11-SO)

PURPOSE & BACKGROUND

Report Overview

5. The Independent Electricity Operator (IESO) has extended the Feed-in Tariff (FIT) version 3 procurement of renewable energy to applicants with projects deemed complete and acceptable, but not offered a contract by the IESO IN 2014. The IESO has created FIT version 3.1 for this extension of FIT 3.0 program. This process is separate from the recent FIT 4.0 support resolutions Council recently approved.
6. Council previously approved site specific support resolutions under FIT 3.0. Although purposely passed without an expiry date, the IESO now requires that applicants under FIT 3.1 reconfirm municipal support for their projects.

7. The Ministry of Energy has directed that these FIT 3.0 applicants, who applied with the support of a Municipal Council resolution, must reconfirm Municipal Council Support through new resolutions in the form prescribed by IESO.

ANALYSIS

8. The only projects eligible to use this Support Resolution are projects which have already received a Support Resolution from Council through FIT 3.0.
9. Without this Support Resolution, these approved projects will not be given a Notice to Proceed and will be unable to build their solar projects.
10. This report recommends Council provide a blanket support resolution for roof top solar projects in the form prescribed by the IESO because there are various projects in Barrie that were approved by the IESO and each would need a confirmation by-law otherwise.

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

11. The following environmental matters have been considered in the development of the recommendation:
 - a) By providing the Support Resolution Council enables Suppliers under the FIT programs that have previously received a Support Resolution from Council and have been approved for a contract with FIT to construct their project.

ALTERNATIVES

12. The following alternatives are available for consideration by General Committee:

Alternative #1 General Committee could choose to not provide the supporting resolution.

This alternative is not recommended as it would mean solar roof top projects already supported by council would not be constructed.

FINANCIAL

13. There are no financial implications for the Corporation resulting from the proposed recommendation.

LINKAGE TO 2014-2018 COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN

14. The recommendation(s) included in this Staff Report support the following goals identified in the 2014-2018 City Council Strategic Plan:
 - Direct and Manage Economic Development
 - Manage Growth and Protect the Environment
15. By supporting these roof top solar projects, Council will enable construction activity related to these projects to proceed. The installations will grow the total amount of solar power being produced in Barrie.

APPENDIX A



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TEMPLATE: MUNICIPAL COUNCIL SUPPORT RESOLUTION (BLANKET) - NOTICE TO PROCEED
(Section 2.4(d)(vii) of the FIT Contract, Version 3.1)

Resolution NO: _____

Date: _____

[WHEREAS] capitalized terms not defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the FIT Contract, Version 3.1;

[AND WHEREAS] the Province's FIT Program encourages the construction and operation of
_____ rooftop solar PV _____ generation projects (the "Projects");

[AND WHEREAS] one or more Projects may be subject to FIT Contracts and may be constructed and operated in
_____ City of Barrie _____ ("Local Municipality");

[AND WHEREAS] in accordance with the FIT Rules, Version 3.0, the Council of the Local Municipality ("Council") had previously indicated, by a resolution, its support for Projects in the Local Municipality (the "Prior Resolution");

[AND WHEREAS] Council now indicates, by a resolution dated no earlier than June 10, 2015, Council's continued support for the construction and operation of the Projects anywhere in the Local Municipality (the "New Resolution");

[AND WHEREAS], pursuant to the FIT Contract, where a New Resolution is received in respect of the Projects in the Local Municipality, Suppliers will be recognized as fulfilling the requirements under Section 2.4(d)(vii) of the FIT Contract, which may result in Suppliers being offered Notice to Proceed in accordance with the terms of their respective FIT Contract(s);

[NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT]:

Council of the _____ City of Barrie _____ supports the construction and operation of the Projects
anywhere in the _____ City of Barrie _____.

This resolution's sole purpose is to enable Suppliers to achieve Notice to Proceed under their FIT Contracts and may not be used for the purpose of any other form of municipal approval in relation to a FIT Contract or Project or for any other purpose.

This resolution shall expire twelve (12) months after its adoption by Council.

Title:

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(signature lines for elected representatives.)

FIT Contract ID #: