

November 18, 2010

**ACTION REQUIRED**

To: The Board of Governors of Exhibition Place

From: Dianne Young  
Chief Executive Officer

Subject: **Additional Infrastructure Stimulus Fund Projects (ISF) 2009 to 2011**

**Summary:**

As indicated in the ISF October Progress report on this agenda, Exhibition Place will be able to complete 100% of the ISF Capital projects by March 31, 2011 with a full expenditure of the \$27.370M.

However, recently, the City Manager's Office has been in discussion with Exhibition Place about the likelihood of commencing additional projects as there remains some unspent City /ISF funding which will be lost to the City if not expended. Exhibition Place has submitted a provisional list of additional projects (attached as Appendix "A") to the City Manager. While authorization for this expenditure must be approved by City Council; if approved, there will be serious deadline issues if the ISF Program deadline of March 31, 2011 is not extended by the Federal government. Accordingly, this report is requesting delegation of approvals/tenders for these additional ISF projects (if authorized by City Council) in keeping with previous delegations approved by the Board.

**Recommendations:**

**It is recommended that the Board:**

- (1) Approve of the Additional ISF Projects listed in the attached Appendix "A" to this report valued at \$6.725M; and,**
- (2) In order to meet the strict requirements of the Federal Infrastructure Program regarding additional funding approved by City Council, delegate to the Chief Executive Officer, in consultation with the Chair or Vice-Chair of the Board, the authority to award the tenders for the eligible projects as discussed in this report on the following basis:**
  - a) Subject to clause (b) below, all awards shall be made strictly in accordance with the Board's tender process to the lowest qualified bidder in each case meeting the specifications and requirements of the tender document;**
  - b) the contract price shall in all cases be within the approved budget for the project as approved under the Federal Infrastructure Program and approved by City Council at a future meeting;**

- c) **The Chief Executive Officer shall report the details of all contracts so awarded to the Board's first meeting in 2011 for ratification.**

Financial Impact:

The total cost of \$27.370M for stimulus projects as approved by Council are fully committed and funded by the Federal Government (1/3 share) and the City of Toronto (2/3 share) with no financial impact to the Board's operating or capital budget. The additional ISF projects valued at \$6.725M will be funded in the same way.

Decision History:

On September 11, 2009, the Federal Government announced the long anticipated Infrastructure Stimulus Fund (ISF) Program of \$570 million to the City of Toronto. Of which one third comes from the Federal Government and two thirds from City Council. Out of this fund, \$27.370 million was approved for Exhibition Place for eight (8) projects. On September 30 / October 1, City Council formally approved the ISF Program for all Departments, Agencies, Boards and Commissions. Subsequently, at its meeting of October 8, the Board approved for the record these ISF Projects as submitted to the City in the spring of 2009.

Issue Background:

The 2009 Federal Budget implemented an economic stimulus provision to help address the negative impacts of a weakening global and Canadian economy in the form of an Infrastructure Stimulus Fund aimed to boost infrastructure spending in the areas of rehabilitation and construction infrastructure projects. Exhibition Place had received ISF funding of \$27.370M which will be spent by March 31, 2011 in accordance with the program guidelines. However, the City Manager has recently contacted Exhibition Place to indicate that the City has unspent ISF funding and requested that Exhibition Place submit an additional list of projects that are "shovel ready" and could be completed by March 31, 2011 or later, if there is an extension by the Federal government of the deadline.

Comments:

The additional stimulus projects listed on Attachment A were selected on the basis of the following criteria:

- Readiness - projects are construction-ready and/or simply additional or incremental to the previous ISF projects approved and can be substantially completed by March 31, 2011;
- Merit - meet the outlined stimulus objectives; and
- Endorsement – the projects are included within Capital Program 2011 - 2020.

The tight time line and magnitude of the additional ISF projects submitted to the City Manager will be a challenge and Exhibition Place staff will have to work diligently over the next four months to complete these additional stimulus projects along with the one previously approved by City Council / the Board.

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