

TO: GENERAL COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: FIRST RESPONDERS CAMPUS – LETTER OF INTENT & PROJECT UPDATE

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RECOMMENDED MOTION

1. That the General Manager of Infrastructure & Growth Management be authorized to execute a Letter of Intent with the County of Simcoe with respect to negotiating a joint venture agreement for the development and use of a shared facility for a First Responders Campus in the form approved by the Director of Facilities & Transit and the Director of Legal Services.

PURPOSE & BACKGROUND

Report Overview

2. This Staff Report is intended to provide an update to Council on the First Responders Campus Development Plan project.

Background

3. On June 17, 2013 Council adopted motion 13-A-080 authorizing staff to proceed in developing the First Responders Campus Development Plan, and subsequently adopted motion 14-G-190 on August 25, 2014, authorizing staff to proceed with conditional offers to purchase on identified potential properties.
4. On June 1, 2015, a Confidential Memorandum entitled “City of Barrie First Responders Campus – Project Update” provided an update to General Committee on the First Responders Campus Development Plan and Comparative Study to assist in providing a recommendation for selection of the preferred site.
5. The Confidential Memorandum laid out a series of Next Steps. The following table provides an update on the actions staff have taken to complete the Next Steps.

ANALYSIS

Project Update

i.	Execute the Terms of Reference for the respective roles of the partners (City, Barrie Police Service, County) in the Feasibility Study and project.	Approved by County and Barrie Police Services
ii.	Execute a Letter of Intent with the County regarding our shared intentions to enter into negotiations towards a final agreement pending our respective Council's final approval to jointly develop, operate and own the shared campus.	County Council provided authorization to proceed with Letter of Intent negotiation – terms are acceptable to County, and Director of Facilities & Transit and Director of Legal Services Council required to authorize General Manager of Infrastructure & Growth Management to execute
iii.	Select the preferred site based on the findings of the 2015 Comparative Study.	Discussions ongoing with the project partners.
v.	Issue the Request for Proposals for the detailed First Responders Campus Development Plan to the market.	RFP being prepared by staff. Will be issued to market in Q4 2014.

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

6. There are no environmental matters that result from the recommendation.

ALTERNATIVES

7. The following alternative is available for consideration by General Committee:

Alternative #1

General Committee could alter the proposed recommendation by not authorizing the General Manager of Infrastructure & Growth Management to execute the Letter of Intent.

This alternative is not recommended as the Letter of Intent is a necessary element in moving negotiations forward for the joint development of a First Responders Campus.

FINANCIAL

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

LINKAGE TO 2014-2018 STRATEGIC PLAN

9. The recommendation(s) included in this Staff Report are not specifically related to the goals identified in the 2014-2018 Strategic Plan.