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Subject: **Request to Begin Procurement – Downtown Hub Study**

Secondary Title: To retain a multi-disciplinary consulting firm to carry out the Transit Project Assessment Process, and supporting studies for the Downtown Transit Hub

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Recommendations:

1. That the report from Doug Rieger, Director, Transit Development, dated December 17, 2021 to the Committee of Council meeting of January 19, 2022, titled; **Request to Begin Procurement – Downtown Transit Hub Study**, be received; and
2. That the Purchasing Agent be authorized to commence the procurement for a Downtown Transit Hub Study.

Overview:

- **This report seeks to obtain Council authorization to begin procurement for the Downtown Transit Hub Study.**
- **On November 17, 2021 Committee of Council received an update on the status of the Downtown Transit Hub project. The report outlined that a Transit Project Assessment Process (TPAP) would be required to help guide the new Downtown Transit Hub infrastructure planning and preliminary design.**

Background:

The new Downtown Transit Hub is envisioned to be one of the major pieces of infrastructure supporting the Downtown Mobility Hub that will see the convergence of the higher order transit spines. The Downtown Transit Hub is planned to increase the

capacity and quality of the transit system, and accommodate electric bus technologies. The Downtown Transit Hub is funded through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program in the amount of \$30 million.

The City and Metrolinx own significant lands around the Brampton GO Station that is also the preliminary study area of the Downtown Transit Hub. Metrolinx (and CN) will remain a key stakeholder as the study advances. The study will also explore potential opportunities to deliver the infrastructure through an integrated Transit Oriented Community.

Staff have developed an approach, as outlined in the November 17, 2021 Committee of Council report, to help plan and design the Transit Hub that meets multiple objectives of being technically and operationally feasible, as well adaptable and flexible for Transit Oriented Communities integration, and future ready; the report also noted that as next steps staff is developing the terms of reference for the Transit Project Assessment Process.

Current Situation:

With the terms of reference nearing completion in preparation of a Request for Proposal, staff are seeking approval to retain a multi-disciplinary consultant team to carry out the Transit Project Assessment Process along with supporting studies (Downtown Transit Hub Study) for the Downtown Transit Hub.

Corporate Implications:

Purchasing Comments:

A public Procurement Process will be conducted and the Bid submissions shall be evaluated in accordance with the published evaluation process within the bid document. Purchase approval shall be obtained in accordance with the Purchasing By-law.

All communication with Bidders involved in the procurement must occur formally, through the contact person identified in the Bid Document.

Financial Implications:

Funding for the Downtown Transit Hub Study is available from Transit capital project #214883-001, with an approved budget of \$30M. This project is funded 40% Federally and 33.33% Provincially through the Public Transit Stream of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program. The remaining 26.67% is being funded by the City of Brampton and received budget approval in 2021.

Term of Council Priorities:**Brampton is a Green City – 2040 Vision**

The Downtown Transit Hub project is in alignment with the 2019-2022 Term of Council Priority (Mid-term Evaluation & Refresh) – Brampton is a Green City. The Downtown Transit Hub will provide a key transit link in the regional transit network connecting Brampton to the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA).

Conclusion:

This report recommends that the Purchasing Agent be authorized to commence procurement as described in this report.

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