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TO/DEST. Co-ordinator
Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee

FROM/EXP. Planning and Development Approvals Commissioner

SUBJECT/OBJET **TERRY FOX DRIVE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
CONSULTANT APPOINTMENT**

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION

That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee and Council approve the appointment of J.L. Richards & Associates Limited, Ottawa, and Dillon Consulting Limited, Gloucester, to undertake the Terry Fox Environmental Assessment Study, for a total contract provision of \$349,890, with \$100,000 to be reimbursed from the City of Kanata.

BACKGROUND

The Transportation Master Plan and the Regional Official Plan identify the need for the extension of Terry Fox Drive, north and south of Hwy 417, in the City of Kanata, to provide a continuous roadway alignment from March Road to Eagleson Road/Hope Side Road, initially as a two-lane roadway with provision for future widening.

The proposed Environmental Assessment Study will build on the work done in the Transportation Master Plan, and fulfil the Provincial Class EA requirements for the extension and widening of Terry Fox Drive. The study will be undertaken jointly by the Region and the City of Kanata, in co-ordination with three other concurrent studies in Kanata, namely, the City of Kanata Official Plan Review, Kanata North Expansion Area Study, and the Shirley's Brook and Watts Creek Sub-watershed Plan Study. The City of Kanata will contribute \$100,000 to the total cost of the Terry Fox EA Study.

CONSULTANT SELECTION

A comprehensive selection process was followed in order to arrive at the recommendation of a consultant team to undertake the Environmental Assessment. The following ten consulting firms were invited to submit proposals for this study:

Cumming Cockburn Ltd.	Morrison Hershfield
Dillon Consulting Ltd.	Novatech Engineering Consultants Ltd.
MaxGroup Associates	J.L. Richards & Associates Ltd.
McCormick Rankin Corporation.	Robinson Consultants Inc.
McNeely Engineering Consultants Ltd.	Totten Sims Hubicki Associates

Proposals were received from all invitees except Robinson Consultants Inc., with J.L. Richards & Associates Ltd. and Dillon Consulting Ltd. making a joint submission. Altogether eight proposals were received.

Based on criteria stipulated in the Letter of Invitation and the Terms of Reference, the Study Selection Committee, comprised of Regional and Kanata staff, shortlisted and interviewed three consulting firms, namely, McNeely Engineering Consultants Ltd., J.L. Richards & Associates Ltd. and Dillon Consulting Ltd., and Totten Sims Hubicki Associates.

Following the interview, the Selection Committee decided to recommend the combined team of J.L. Richards & Associates Ltd. and Dillon Consulting Ltd., as consultants for the Terry Fox EA Study. They will be assisted by two other specialist consultants to meet the requirements of the EA process.

STUDY BUDGET AND TIMING

A Work Plan, detailing study scope, work program, fees and disbursements, has been prepared by the consultant team, and is the subject of a concurrent report to be considered by the Transportation Committee on October 1, 1997. The study will be completed within approximately one year from the date of approval. The breakdown of study costs is as follows:

Consultant Fees	\$282,000
Disbursements	25,300
Specialist Consultants	19,700
GST	<u>22,890</u>
Total Contract Provision	349,890
Less Kanata's Contribution	<u>100,000</u>
RMOC's Contribution	<u>\$249,890</u>

CONSULTATION

Public consultation will be an important component of the Terry Fox EA study process, and public meetings and presentations for the four concurrent studies will be co-ordinated to facilitate public review and input.

EXPENDITURE JUSTIFICATION

At present Terry Fox Drive is a discontinuous roadway with a full interchange at Hwy 417. The Transportation Master Plan establishes the need for a continuous Terry Fox alignment, from March Road to Eagleson Road/Hope Side Road, initially as a two-lane roadway with provision for future widening, to serve Kanata's growth areas north and south of Hwy 417.

The new Regional Official Plan redesignates the Kanata North Expansion Area to allow urban development to proceed, subject to studies that will address, among other matters, the provision of transportation infrastructure required to accommodate any new development in the Kanata North area. The Terry Fox Drive connection, between March Road and Campeau Drive, is a key transportation requirement for allowing development in the Kanata North Expansion Area, and accommodating additional development in the Marchwood-Lakeside and South March communities as envisaged in the Official Plan.

South of Hwy 417, the City of Kanata is proceeding with the design and construction of Terry Fox Drive extension, as a two-lane roadway, between Winchester Drive and Fernbank Road. The Transportation Master Plan anticipates that this section will require widening to four lanes during the plan period. The Plan also identifies the need to widen the section between Winchester Drive and Campeau Drive, as well as extend Terry Fox Drive as a four-lane roadway south of Fernbank Road to meet Eagleson Road/Hope Side Road.

The City of Kanata will undertake the initial construction of Terry Fox Drive as a two-lane roadway, which will eventually be adopted into the Regional road system. The proposed EA study will address the EA requirements for undertaking both extension and widening improvements for the entire length of Terry Fox Drive in a comprehensive manner, and thereby avoid the need for piecemeal undertakings at different times.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Approved Budget to-date	\$1,610,000
Total Paid and Committed	<u>(1,181,737)</u>
Balance Available	428,263
THIS REQUEST	(349,890)
Less City of Kanata's share	<u>(100,000)</u>
Balance Remaining	<u>\$ 178,373</u>

Funds have been provided in the 1997 Capital Budget, Account 912-33420, Environmental Assessment Studies (Reference Page 148-9).

*Approved by
N. Tunnacliffe, MCIP, RPP*

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FINANCE DEPARTMENT COMMENT

Funds are available as indicated.

*Approved by C. Colaiacovo
on behalf of the Finance Commissioner*