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TO: **Mayor & Council** DATE: **January 10, 2011**

FROM: **General Manager, Planning and Development** FILE: **0760-20**  
**(City Centre Library)**

SUBJECT: **City Centre Library Project – Application to Extend the Construction Completion Deadline**

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## RECOMMENDATION

The Planning and Development Department recommends that Council:

1. Receive this report as information; and
2. Authorize staff to forward an application to the appropriate authorities for an extension of deadline for completion of construction of the City Centre Library Project, which is being funded in part under Canada's Economic Action Plan - Infrastructure Projects, and in support of such an application adopt the following resolution that is a required element of the application:

***"Whereas the federal and provincial governments will make a one-time extension of the deadline for funding of projects under the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund from March 31, 2011 to October 31, 2011;***

***And whereas all funding from the Government of Canada and the Province will cease after October 31, 2011;***

***And whereas the City of Surrey has asked the provincial government for an extension to October 31, 2011 for the following project:***

***"City Centre Library, project number 14840, with a total eligible cost of \$30 million including the federal contribution of \$10 million and provincial contribution of \$10 million";***

***Therefore be it resolved that the City of Surrey attests it will continue to contribute its share of the required funding for the aforementioned project;***

***And be it further resolved that actual claims for all eligible costs incurred by March 31, 2011, for the aforementioned project must be and will be submitted no later than April 15, 2011 to the Province;***

***And be it further resolved that the City of Surrey will ensure the project will be completed".***

## **BACKGROUND**

In April 2009 Council approved funding to commence the design work associated with a new flagship Library in Surrey City Centre.

An infrastructure grant application for the City Centre Library project was submitted and the City was successful in achieving a \$20 million grant from the federal and provincial governments towards the construction of this new flagship library, with each of these other orders of government contributing \$10 million. The grant from the federal government was subject to the project being completed by March 31, 2011.

On November 16, 2009, Council awarded a contract for the design of the new Library to Bing Thom Architects (Corporate Report No. R214 - 2009).

On March 1, 2010, Council awarded a contract for the construction of the new Library to Dominion Fairmile Construction Ltd. (now Stuart Olson Dominion Construction Ltd).

Construction work commenced in the first week of March 2010 and the project has progressed on an accelerated schedule since that time. Despite best efforts from the entire project team to meet the original March 31, 2011 deadline for substantial completion of the project, the project schedule has slipped slightly. The primary reason relates to the completion of the roof structure and related roofing due to wet and cold weather conditions in late November and December 2010. Finishing of the interior of the building cannot commence until the roof is completed and fully weatherproof.

The entire team (i.e., staff, consultants, contractors, etc.) has pushed hard to deliver the facility within the original schedule while keeping in mind the overall project budget and project quality. Accelerating the project schedule unduly can result in significant expense and can compromise the performance and quality of the final product.

The Government of Canada has announced a one-time extension from March 31, 2011 to October 31, 2011 to the construction deadline for infrastructure projects under the Economic Stimulus Program. An extension of the deadline for completion of such projects is subject to an application process and the project having been started and having incurred eligible costs by March 31, 2011.

Given the background provided in this report, an extension to the completion deadline for the subject project is considered warranted. Subject to Council approval, an application for a construction deadline extension will be forwarded to the appropriate authorities including the resolution contained in the "Recommendations" section of this report. The library project is eligible for an extension to the completion deadline. Staff is confident that this project will be completed by no later than the summer of 2011.

## CONCLUSION

Based on the above discussion, it is recommended that Council authorize staff to forward an application to the appropriate authorities for an extension of the deadline for completion of construction of the City Centre Library Project, which is being funded in part under Canada's Economic Action Plan - Infrastructure Projects. In support of such an application, Council will need to adopt the resolution that is documented in recommendation #2 of this report, which is a required element of such an application.

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