



Committee of the Whole Report For the Meeting of June 8, 2017

To: Committee of the Whole **Date:** June 1, 2017
From: Susanne Thompson, Director of Finance
Subject: Social Procurement in Context and Community Benefit Infrastructure Pilot

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive this report for information.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On March 23, 2017, Council approved the Good Jobs + Good Business = Better Community Action Plan presented by the Mayor's Task Force on Social Enterprise and Social Procurement. Two of the Task Force recommendations related to social procurement:

1. Participating in a social procurement pilot, and
2. Developing social procurement framework.

The City retained consultant Sandra Hamilton to lead the pilot. She has extensive experience and expertise in this field, working with governments and public owners to modernize procurement processes and to achieve more social value and community benefits through public sector supply chains. Today's presentation from Ms. Hamilton will provide some background on social procurement and outline the learnings from the pilot so far.

As noted in Ms. Hamilton's presentation, next steps will focus on education and bringing all stakeholders along before a framework is developed in the fall. "Social Value Criteria", that will be added to procurement competitions, will be finalized to seek feedback from industry about the evaluation criteria they would like to see. This will allow industry and other stakeholders time to adjust to the new way of City procurement.

Attached for your information is a summary of what we heard so far from the pilot collaborators, and additional information on social procurement in infrastructure.


Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Susanne Thompson".

Susanne Thompson
Director of Finance

Report accepted and recommended by the City Manager: _____

Date: _____


May 31, 2017

List of Attachments

Appendix A: Summary of "What Have We Heard" from the Infrastructure Pilot

Appendix B: Social Procurement in Infrastructure