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REPORT TITLE: **RENEWABLE ENERGY INITIATIVE (REI) AND  
SOCIAL HOUSING RENOVATION AND RETROFIT PROGRAM (SHRRP)**

FROM: Janet Menard, Commissioner of Human Services

## RECOMMENDATION

**That a new capital project 10-5034 for Renewable Energy Initiative (REI) be approved with a budget of \$4,159,210, fully funded by provincial REI funding;**

**And further that the budget for capital project 09-5035 be increased by \$698,967 to \$30,998,923 as the result of funding increase for the Social Housing Renovation and Retrofit Program (SHRPP).**

### REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) initially approved \$30.3 million under the Social Housing Renovation and Retrofit Program (SHRRP).
- In May 2010, the Ministry announced that \$4.159 million funding under the Renewable Energy Initiative (REI) had been approved for Peel.
- On December 4, 2010, MMAH announced that the Region of Peel will receive a funding increase of \$698,967 towards Year two of the SHRPP program.
- Capital projects will require budget adjustments.

## DISCUSSION

### 1. Background

In August 2010, staff provided Council with an update regarding Social Housing Repair and Retrofit Program (SHRRP) and Renewable Energy Initiative (REI) funding. The following information was included:

- As part of the federal and provincial economic stimulus strategy, investments totalling \$1.2 billion are being made in social housing renovation and retrofit and renewable energy.
- The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) approved \$30.3 million under the SHRRP funds from April 2010 to March 2012 for the Region of Peel.
- In March 2010, MMAH announced the Renewable Energy Initiative (REI); which is a subset of the SHRRP program with \$70.3 million for Ontario. This initiative is intended to fund projects that support green economy in Ontario. The Region of Peel submitted a

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request to the Ministry on June 30, 2010 for \$11,980,689 in funding under the Renewable Energy Initiative (REI) program for 24 projects.

- On August 11, 2010 the Region of Peel was advised by MMAH that it had received conditional approval to move forward with 10 projects totalling \$4,159,210.

**2. Renewable Energy Initiative**

Peel received almost 50 percent of what was requested under the REI program for both Peel Living and five other housing providers. A full list of approved projects is shown below.

<b>Building Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Technology</b>
PL-Wedgwood Court	40 County Court Boulevard, Brampton	\$650,000	Solar Thermal
PL-Ridgewood Court	7340 & 7350 Goreway Drive, Mississauga	\$400,000	Solar Thermal, Photovoltaic
PL-Erindale Terrace	1290 Rathburn Road West, Mississauga	\$350,000	Photovoltaic
PL-Hillside Place	2440 Truscott Drive, Mississauga	\$300,000	Solar Thermal, Photovoltaic
PL-Derrybrae Place	7095 Rexwood Road, Mississauga	\$200,000	Solar Thermal, Photovoltaic
Pathways-Forest Ridge	3420 The Collegeway, Mississauga	\$185,000	Solar Thermal
Pathways-Arbour Mill	3023 Parkerhill Road, Mississauga	\$85,000	Photovoltaic
Forum Italia 155	155 & 195 Forum Drive, Mississauga	\$767,500	Solar Thermal, Photovoltaic
Lom Nava Co-op Housing Inc.	5955 Glen Erin Drive, Mississauga	\$541,710	Solar Thermal, Photovoltaic
Forestwood Co-op	1180, 1190 Forestwood Drive, Mississauga	\$680,000	Solar Thermal, Photovoltaic
Total		\$4,159,210	

In order for providers to receive final funding for their conditionally-approved renewable energy projects, they were required to select their vendors from the published approved vendor list, administered by the Ontario Power Authority. Project funding approval was conditional on compliance with the REI guidelines and the achievement of specific milestones. Projects are required to start within 90 days of signing the funding agreement with the Ministry. The final project information was submitted to MMAH by the November 15 due date and all projects are at the final stage of approval. The funding agreements were received from the Ministry in December 2010.

Projects will commence within 90 days of signing the funding agreement between the Ministry and the Region of Peel. To facilitate the flow of REI funding from MMAH to the Region for distribution to the housing provider, a capital project 10-5034, with a budget of \$4.6 million needs to be set up.

**3. SHRPP Funding Increase Announcement**

On December 4, 2010, MMAH announced that the Region of Peel will receive a funding increase of \$698,967 towards Year two of the SHRPP program. This opportunity is a result of unspent funds from other jurisdictions and Peel's success in project management and

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program compliance. As the result, the budget for capital project 09-5035 needs to be increased by \$698,967 to \$30,998,923.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

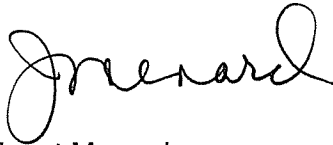
Staff is recommending the following capital project budget adjustments:

- That a new capital project 10-5034 be set up, with a budget of \$4,159,210, fully funded by the REI funding
- That the budget for capital project 09-5035 be revised to \$30,998,923

**CONCLUSION**

The preservation, retrofit and enhancement of Peel's social housing stock are a priority for the Region. SHRRP funding provided an excellent and unique opportunity to stimulate the economy and strengthen our social housing stock.

The addition of \$4.16 million to provide photovoltaic and solar thermal upgrades to ten of Peel's social housing projects will result in future energy efficiencies, lower operating costs and the reduction of Peel's environment footprint. These projects will be managed with the same rigour that was given to the repair and retrofit initiatives to ensure available funding is fully utilized.



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