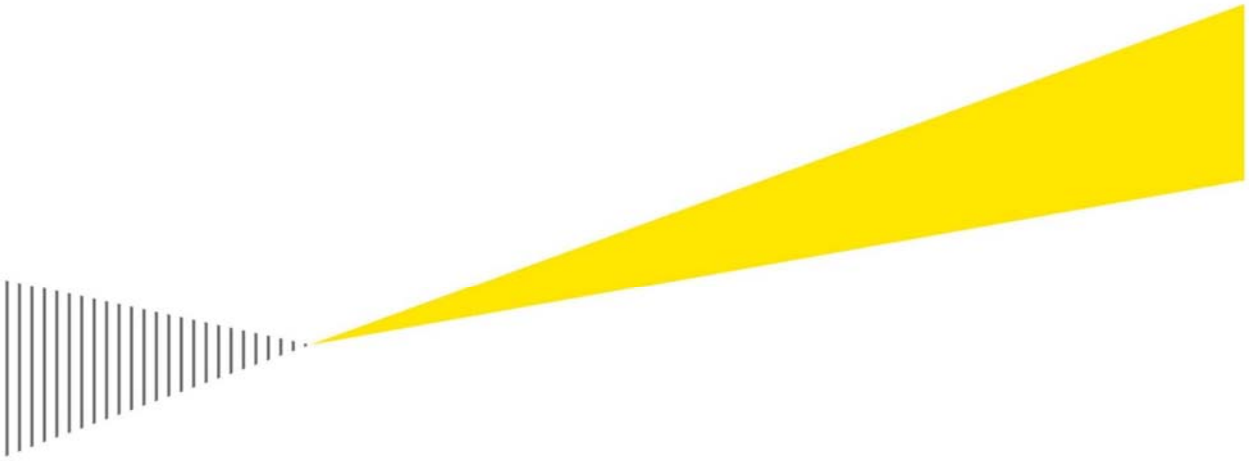
Confidential report to Winnipeg City Council

Re: New Fire Paramedic Stations Construction Project – Report on the Result of Interviews of City Council

May 15, 2014



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1. Introduction

1.1 Background and Retainer of Ernst & Young

On October 7, 2013 Ernst & Young (EY) issued its report regarding its findings and recommendations resulting of the EY review of the construction of four fire and paramedic stations in the City of Winnipeg. On October 22, 2013 Council concurred with EY's recommendations outlined in their independent review. Council also requested that EY interview all members of Council and incorporate the results of the interviews into their report. We have attached a copy of the Council motion as Appendix C to this report.

1.2 Scope of work (Methodology)

In response to the Council request, EY has interviewed all current City of Winnipeg Councilors and the Mayor. The interviews were conducted in person, by phone, and by email, based on availability of each member of Council. Each member of Council was asked a set series of questions to determine if they could provide new or additional information regarding the Fire and Paramedic Station Project(s).

1.3 Restrictions on Use of this Report

This report is confidential and has been prepared to assist City Council. Our report is based on the scope of work detailed above and may not be appropriate for use by third parties. Any use a third party may choose to make of this report is entirely at its own risk.

In the event further documents or other information becomes available that could impact our findings, we reserve the right to review such records and reconsider and amend the findings set out in this report.

2. Observations

The Mayor and all Councillors responded to the questions asked of them as outlined in Appendix B. None of the persons interviewed in anyway declined to comment or refused to answer specific questions. There were no responses received that suggested the Mayor or any Councillor had any involvement beyond that expected in their various roles. In particular we did not receive any response that would suggest that any of those interviewed attempted to influence any of the procurement selection processes or the proposed land transaction(s) not completed. All persons interviewed denied having any discussions regarding the project with any proponents for the project, including Shindico.

3. Conclusion

The interviews did not produce information that would lead us to believe that amendments and/or additions to our October 7, 2013 report are required.

Appendix A

Names of the members of Council interviewed and how interview was conducted:

1. Mayor Sam Katz – In Person
2. Councillor Scott Fielding – In Person
3. Councillor Justin Swandel – VIA Email
4. Councillor Grant Nordman – In Person
5. Councillor Brian Mayes – In Person
6. Councillor Paula Havixbeck – In Person
7. Councillor Jeff Browaty – In Person
8. Councillor Mike Pagtakhan – In Person
9. Councillor Daniel Vandal - In Person
10. Councillor Ross Eadie – In Person
11. Councillor Jenny Gerbasi – VIA Phone
12. Councillor John Orlikow – In Person
13. Councillor Devi Sharma – In Person
14. Councillor Harvey Smith – In Person
15. Councillor Thomas Steen – In Person
16. Councillor Russ Wyatt – In Person

Appendix B

Questions Asked of all parties interviewed as identified in Appendix A.

1. What was your involvement with regard to the Fire and Paramedic station project(s), beyond the information considered at council and committee meetings?
2. Were you consulted in any way by City employees regarding the construction of the stations or the land transactions? If yes in what context?
3. Prior to the concerns regarding the project being raised in the Fall of 2012 did you discuss the project with any City employees? If yes in what context?
4. Did you discuss the project with any proponents including Shindico? If yes in what context?

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