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To:

Mayor and Council

From:

Municipal Treasurer

Date:

January 18, 2013

Re:

Request for Early Approval of a Charging Station for Electric Cars

During December 2012 the City of Victoria requested proposals on behalf of the Greater Victoria Joint Purchasing Group for the supply of electric vehicle supply equipment (charging stations). The participants in the request were Victoria, Saanich, Camosun College, BC Transit and Oak Bay. Proposals were received and evaluated during the last few weeks, and the successful proponent is AddEnergie Technologies Inc. The Engineering Department has determined that a double pedestal station would best fit our requirements, and estimate that the total cost will be \$10,000. A picture and a sketch showing dimensions are attached for your information.

In 2012 the Province announced a grant program to cover 75% of the cost of purchasing and installing charging stations in BC, with a maximum of \$4,000 per station, where a charging station is defined by "one electrical cord available for level 2 charging of an electric vehicle". Using this definition we should receive a grant of up to \$7,500, depending on our actual costs. The participants in the request for proposals applied to be part of the grant program and were successful. In order to receive the grant the charging station must be installed by March 31, 2013.

Due to the tight deadline, we are requesting early approval to purchase and install one double charging station at the Municipal Hall. At a later date Council approval will be sought by staff regarding the location of its installation, and rules around its use.

<u>Recommendation</u>

That Council gives early approval to install a charging station for electric cars at a cost of \$10,000.

Patricia A. Walker Municipal Treasurer