

## King takes next step in its MOVE

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The Township has taken the next step in moving its municipal offices.

Councillors gave their approval for staff to proceed with the details for design, bid, build and consultants' duties associated with the move. In the process, the current municipal office and strip mall in King City has been declared 'surplus.'

Staff needed council's confirmation for the most appropriate project delivery methodology. This included the selection of the prime consultant, which is +VG Architects.

Their work, in this design, bid and build scenario includes architectural and engineering design services, drawing preparation, tendering and supervising the work of the general contractor.

This methodology, according to CAO Susan Plamondon, helps keep the project on track. Critical are the timing and scheduling; flexibility; complexity and risk avoidance for the Township.

Thus, the most cost effective and efficient way to proceed was to following the 'design bid build' procurement approach. This includes some early demolition and material remediation, prior to the main contract being awarded.

King issued the RFP and three proposals were received and evaluated by the project steering group and MHPM. +VG Architects had the highest score, but its price was the highest at \$867,431. The lowest price, by comparison, was \$785,900.

Plamondon noted in her report that King intends to sell its current property to help pay for the new complex. Staff is now working on a proposed zoning bylaw amendment that would permit mixed uses at the current site. Before King can sell the property, it has to declare it as surplus.

The cost of the prime consultant services will be within the overall project budget, estimated at between \$11 and \$13 million.