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Service Area	Saint John Water

***SUBJECT: RFP 2020-094501P ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES***

***EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT FOR OPEN SESSION OF COUNCIL***

In early July of 2020, an RFP was issued for architectural services for the Fundy Quay, conditional upon the receipt of provincial and federal funding. At the time of issuance, the funding programs were undergoing amendments to include an express Covid-19 stream. In response to the aggressive project completion timelines and express approvals process, a conditional RFP was released. A provision was included that provided a clear date for termination, as a risk management measure for the City.

Since the issuance of the RFP, due to the evolving nature of the Covid-19 stream application review process and some unanticipated schedule impacts, staff are recommending the termination of this RFP until funding has been formally obtained. At this point, the RFP will be re-issued. It is not anticipated that this will negatively impact the City's schedule and all efforts will be made by the City to minimize any additional work for proponents to resubmit.

In late September of 2020, a similar report was brought before common council for the rejection of engineering services proposals. At the time, council was advised this may also be required for the architectural services RFP if the City does not receive approval of its project prior to October 31, 2020.