

**Meeting Date: 12/21/2010**

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## City Council Agenda Report

### City of Scandia

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**Action Requested:** Receive a report on the timeline for completing the Zavoral Mining and Reclamation Project EIS (Environmental Impact Statement.)

**Deadline/ Timeline:** N/A

**Background:**

- At the December 7 meeting the City Council passed a motion directing staff to work with AECOM and Tiller Corporation to develop a timeline for completion of the EIS. Preparation of the EIS has been delayed due to proposer's (Tiller Corporation) failure to provide critical information.
- Staff, consultants and representative of Tiller Corporation have met and developed the attached timeline for submission of the required information, projected dates for two PAC (Project Advisory Committee) meetings, and delivery of the Draft EIS to the City.
- The timeline assumes that all information will be delivered and complete as shown on the schedule. If additional information is needed or new issues arise out of the analysis of the data the timeline could be delayed.
- Once the Draft EIS has been completed, the timeline is much less certain. The dates for the comment period will depend on when official notices are published and meeting dates can be arranged. Completing a Final EIS will depend on how long it takes to respond to comments on the Draft EIS.
- Consideration of the Conditional Use Permit Application (CUP) can be scheduled only after completion of the entire environmental review process—when the Final EIS is determined to be adequate. That would likely be sometime in 2012.

**Recommendation:** I recommend that the Council receive this report. No action is necessary. Mike Caron of Tiller Corporation and staff will be available to answer questions.

**Attachments/  
Materials provided:**

- Timeline for Completion of EIS

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**Timeline for Completion of  
Zavoral Mining and Reclamation Project EIS  
City of Scandia, Minnesota  
December 17, 2010**

12/27/2010	Tiller submits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• general phasing plan and minimum reclamation grades (CADD files)</li><li>• equipment lists &amp; locations for site prep, operations &amp; reclamation for each phase</li></ul>
1/3/2011	Tiller submits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• economic data</li><li>• sanitation/solid waste information</li></ul>
1/17/2011	Tiller submits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• detailed descriptions, site maps, phasing and operation plans for all alternatives</li><li>• conceptual planting and forest management plan</li><li>• operation and post-reclamation storm water plan</li><li>• visual analysis &amp; proposed mitigation</li><li>• data for air quality analysis</li><li>• wetland mapping</li></ul>
1/31/2011	Tiller submits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• AOP application for Scandia Mine</li></ul>
2/18/2011	Tiller submits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• noise analysis</li></ul>
3/4/2011	Tiller submits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• detailed reclamation/habitat restoration plans</li><li>• invasive species management plan</li><li>• detailed tree/woodland survey</li><li>• results of meeting with MnDOT</li></ul>
June	PAC meeting—review of technical data & issues
Aug. or Sept.	PAC meeting—review draft EIS
9/30/2011	Draft EIS submitted to City
Oct. - Nov.	Public review and comment on Draft EIS
Nov. - ?	Respond to comments, prepare Final EIS