

To: Members of the General Committee

From: Richard Freymond

Commissioner of Corporate and Legislative Services

Meeting Date: May 10, 2021

Subject: Report CLSFS21-018

Options to Fund Additional Road Resurfacing in Simons

Subdivision

Purpose

A report to provide options to fund additional road resurfacing in Simons Subdivision.

Recommendation

That Council approves the recommendation outlined in Report CLFS21-018, dated May 10, 2021 of the Commissioner of Corporate and Legislative Services, as follows:

That the resurfacing for the following roads in Simons Subdivision including: Simons Avenue from Chemong Road to Hillside Street, Scollard Road, Daniel Street, Dewar Crescent and Deana Boulevard from O'Leary Avenue to Simons Avenue, be included in the Draft 2022 Capital Budget.

Budget and Financial Implications

The cost to include the additional roads outlined in the recommendation of this report into the 2022 road resurfacing program is estimated to be \$800,000 + 14,080 HST (net of the HST rebate) for a total of \$814,080.

Background

At its meeting of March 22, 2021, and in considering Report IPSENG21-008, Council gave further direction,

That Staff report back to Council in the May cycle with recommendations on additional ways of financing the resurfacing of the following roads in the Simons Subdivision: Simons Avenue from Chemong Road to Hillside Street, Scollard Road, Daniel Street, Dewar Crescent, Deana Boulevard, O'Leary Avenue.

The roads resurfacing previously approved in 2021 in the Simons Subdivision included O'Leary and Deana from O'Leary to Martin. The following three options are presented for Council's consideration for how the balance of the roads could be funded and the work completed.

1) Refer the additional scope of resurfacing work to the 2022 budget review process. This option allows for the additional scope of work to be considered as a project within the 2022 Budget review of all capital projects and does not impact the funding or schedule for other capital projects planned for 2021. The work would not occur until 2022 at the earliest.

Contingent upon approval of the 2021 Federal Budget announced on April 19, 2021, the City has received notice that additional funds may be forthcoming in 2021 from the Canada Community-Building Fund (formerly Federal Gas Tax). The road resurfacing program fits the project eligibility criteria. The City expects to receive \$4,941,117 in additional one-time funding. The regular allocation of funds for 2021 is \$5,139,884 and altogether provides for \$10.1 Million in expected financing for the 2022 Draft Capital Budget.

2) Re-allocate funding from other planned capital projects and defer the associated work. In considering Report CLSFS21-008, Council approved the allocation of additional capital funding to a number of projects. Staff recommended additional funds be allocated to the 2021 Pavement Preservation Program.

This program involves roads where the sub surface components are in relatively good condition and the maintenance activities extend the life cycle of the road assembly. Two projects are fully designed and allocated the additional funds which allows the City to further address the backlog of infrastructure preservation needs in the roads program. The roads planned for this addition funding are

- George Street from Parkhill Road West to McDonnel Street; and
- Weller Street from Wallis Drive to Firwood Crescent

This option would require one of the 2 roads to remain in the cue for future funding opportunity.

3) Special Area Tax / Local Improvement Charge

Although some delegates at the March 22, 2021 Council meeting expressed possible support for a special area tax to ensure the resurfacing work was completed in a timely fashion, staff would suggest that such an option is a more appropriate consideration when services are expanded and not necessarily for the replacement of services such as roads resurfacing.

Summary

At its meeting of March 22, 2021, and in considering Report IPSENG21-008, Council directed staff to report in the May cycle with recommendations on additional ways of financing the resurfacing of a number of roads within the Simons Subdivision.

Including the work in the Draft 2022 Capital Budget will allow the work to be planned without impacting the funding or schedule for other capital projects.

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