

Staff Report

Presented By: Jim Bundschuh, Director, Corporate Services

Meeting Date: October 28, 2024

Subject: Capital Budget Pre-Approval

Attachment(s): None

Recommendation

That Council approve the Capital Budget Pre-approval report, dated October 28, 2024 totalling \$2,321,548.

Report Summary

Council will conduct two days of 2025 Business Plan meetings on November 20 and 27, 2024. It is anticipated that the output from those meetings will be brought forward to the December 9, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting, with approval at the January 6, 2025 Regular Council Meeting. Pre-Approval of select capital projects allows for early tendering of work for the purpose of achieving competitive bids and allowing work to commence early in the year.

Background/Analysis

Engineering seeks the pre-approval of 320-86391 Shoreline Protection and Trail Repair Project for \$870,000. This project is to augment the shore protection and relocate the trail further from the lake was recommended for both Reaches B and D outlined on the overall repair strategy for the Shoreline Trail north of Port Elgin. This strategy was approved by Council in 2023. Budget pre-approval will provide an opportunity to commence construction early in the spring of 2025 to avoid regulatory restrictions such as fish habitat time restrictions for In-water constructions. Early tender will result in competitive bids from interested contractors.

Additionally, Engineering seeks pre-approval of 320-86806 Victoria Street - Spence to Morpeth for \$659,548. This project is for the replacement of the watermain and sewer main. Installing a new storm sewer will be done to address existing drainage issues. Work will be done to fix deteriorated the road structure and to bring the entire road section of 210m to a fully urban road cross section including the installation of bike lanes, sidewalks and curb and gutter etc. Victoria Street is a major collector road in Southampton. Budget pre-approval will provide an opportunity to commence construction early in the spring of 2025 and a better coordinated schedule with the

upcoming High Street project. Early tender will result in competitive bids from interested contractors.

Community Services seeks pre-approval of 330-86603 Replacement of 19B Truck for \$292,000. Waste from all the public parks and facilities is collected using a small garbage truck (mini packer) manually and by use of a small crane attached to the truck when collecting large in-ground waste bags. The existing vehicle is in poor condition and scheduled for replacement in the 2025 fleet plan. This vehicle is a specialized, custom order and typically can take up to a 6-month lead time from the order date until delivery. To ensure the vehicle is delivered by May 2025 in advance of the busy summer season the order needs to be placed in November 2024.

Community Services seeks pre-approval of 740-86518 Jubilee Park Phase 1 construction (Year 2) for \$500,000. In 2024 Council approved the Master Plan for Jubilee Park Phase 1. Budget for Phase 1 detailed design and construction was over 2 years (\$150,000 in 2024 and \$500,000 in 2025). The detailed design of Phase 1 will begin in Q4 of 2024 with tendering ideally in Q1 of 2025 and construction in Q2 of 2025. To ensure tendering and construction can occur in Q1 and Q2 and avoid the busy summer season pre-budget approval is being requested.

Linkages

- Strategic Plan Alignment: Pillar 4: Fostering a Vibrant Place to Live and Visit
- Business Plan Alignment: Corporate Services Business as Usual

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding

Costs associated with these projects are contained within the funding levels approved as part of the 2024 Business Plan and will be included in the 2025 Business Plan.

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