

DECISION/DIRECTION NOTE

Title: Deferral of Selected Capital Projects

Date of Meeting: June 23, 2020

Report To: His Worship the Mayor & Members of Council

Councillor and Role: N/A

Ward: N/A

Decision/Direction Required: Whether to defer certain capital projects

Discussion – Background and Current Status:

Considering the current pandemic and significant uncertainty of the length and full impact on taxpayers and ultimately City finances, staff felt it prudent to review and identify any capital projects which could be deferred. The goal is to reduce cash outflows and provide Council with more maneuverability in decision making as the City looks toward recovery and a plan to move forward.

There are several projects, some of which are not being recommended for deferral for several reasons including but not limited to:

1. practical reasons to undertake a project now – i.e. Water Street phase three
2. tenders have already been awarded and work has commenced – i.e. sidewalk clearing equipment purchases
3. funding agreements with other levels of government that require work to be completed by a specific date

Despite the above there are several capital projects which staff feel can be deferred as shown in the attachment.

Key Considerations/Implications:

1. Budget/Financial Implications

The net effect of deferral would be to reduce cash demands on the City by \$1,994,861.

2. Partners or Other Stakeholders

3. Alignment with Strategic Directions/Adopted Plans



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4. Legal or Policy Implications

As noted above.

5. Privacy Implications

6. Engagement and Communications Considerations

7. Human Resource Implications

8. Procurement Implications

9. Information Technology Implications

10. Other Implications

Recommendation: Council defer the projects listed in the attachment.

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Attachments: Projects Recommended for Deferral



Projects Recommended for Deferral

CAPITAL OUT OF REVENUE EXPENDITURE	2020 Budget	Defer
Grind and Patch	1,970,000	
Snow removal/dump	886,431	
Capital grants Community Groups	800,000	
Various City Buildings	500,000	
Sidewalk/Curb/Gutter Repair	650,000	
IT Project Capital Budget	250,000	250,000
Affordable Housing Strategy	133,500	
Kenmount Fire Station Upgrade (City Share)	187,500	
SJRFD Radio System	22,500	
Sanders - Fleet Replacement	550,000	
Municipal Residential Tree Planting Initiative	25,000	25,000
Large Diameter Culvert Replacement	180,000	
Annual Traffic Calming Program	50,000	50,000
Bike St. John's Master Plan - Project	377,923	377,923
Annual Infill Sidewalk Program	(50,000)	
Loader Purchase	600,000	
St. John's Airport - Flight Attraction Contribution	200,000	
Fort Amherst (City Share)	100,000	
Wetlands Study Phase 2	350,000	350,000
Rawlin's Cross Reconfiguration (subject to approval)	150,000	150,000
City Hall Energy Efficiency Assessment (Sustainability Plan)	100,000	100,000
Cameras on Sanders	200,000	200,000
Pavement Marking Digitization	100,000	100,000
Downtown Decorative Lighting	291,938	291,938
Asphalt Lab Relocation	175,000	
George Street Revitalization Project - Study Only	50,000	50,000
Pedestrian & Bike Counters	50,000	50,000
Bike Racks	10,000	
Sidewalk snowblowers (2)	620,000	
Sidewalk plows (4)	800,000	
Land Acquisition	300,000	
TOTAL CAPITAL OUT OF REVENUE EXPENDITURE	\$ 10,629,792	\$ 1,994,861

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