

COMMUNICATION 131010

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Topic: Update on Bridge Street Reconstruction Project

SUMMARY

Preliminary work is well underway on the reconstruction of Bridge Street. The next step in the project is to undertake a Public Information Centre to obtain feedback from the public on the work undertaken to date. In order to move forward with a PIC, approval from Council is required to authorize the Town's consultant, R.V. Anderson Associates Limited to proceed.

BACKGROUND

On June 27, 2019, Council passed the following motion with respect to the reconstruction of Bridge Street:

Motion No. SP2-130-03

Moved by Deputy Mayor Redmond, seconded by Councillor Tennant

THAT Council engage R.V. Anderson Associates Ltd. to proceed with up to two (2) community consultations to provide input into reconstruction Option 3 (Complete replacement of all hard surfaces and streetlight replacement, street furniture and landscaping features) for Bridge Street.

CARRIED

At that meeting, the following were the options presented with cost estimates:

- Option 1 - Replacement of asphalt pavement - \$455,000
- Option 2 - Replacement of asphalt pavement, sidewalks, curbs and splash pads - \$1.09 million
- Option 3 - Replacement of asphalt pavement, sidewalks, curbs and splash pads. New decorative streetlighting, street furniture (benches, waste receptacles, bike racks), planter beds, landscape plantings and streetscaping improvements - \$1.44 million

DISCUSSION

Since the motion was passed on June 27, 2019, community consultations were held on August 26, 2019 and October 8, 2019 to develop the preferred approach to streetscaping design which was developed by McWilliam & Associates in consultation with R.V. Anderson.

In order to allow this project to be undertaken with the construction of Central Bridge in 2021, a timely decision by Council to further instruct the consultants is required to allow a Public Information Centre (PIC) to occur in late January. The date for the PIC has been set as Monday, January 27, 2020 in the small upper hall at the Neelin Street Community Centre.

Following public consultation, final designs will need to be completed in order to allow this project to be tendered with the Central Bridge Reconstruction as early as possible to attract better tender pricing. By combining the tendering of the two projects, there is the potential of economies of scale. In addition, it makes sense to complete the work at the same time to minimize disruption to businesses in the downtown core. It is estimated both projects will take 10-12 months to complete.

As key partners, Staff will continue to communicate and work with both the Downtown Carleton Place Business Improvement Area (BIA) and Carleton Place Chamber of Commerce throughout both the design and construction of the project.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The new preliminary cost estimate for the reconstruction of Bridge Street is \$2.1 million. This does not include design or contract administration fees which will add another \$320,000 to the project bringing the total to \$2.42 million.

As this project will be completed in concert with the replacement of Central Bridge in 2021 and will be a project which will benefit the community for many years to come, it is recommended that the cost of this project be long term financed with the balance of the Central Bridge project costs after grant funding.

Another option would be for Council to partially finance this project with up to \$1 million of Hydro Reserves and long term borrow the balance of the project with the Central Bridge financing.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council authorizes R.V. Anderson Associates Limited to present the preferred approach for the reconstruction of Bridge Street based on a preliminary cost estimate of \$2.1 million (as outlined in their presentation to Committee of the Whole on December 10, 2019) to the public at a Public Information Centre scheduled for Monday, January 27, 2020.