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DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORT ENGINEERING SERVICES 2015-14

TO: Committee of the Whole

SUBJECT: York Region Municipal Streetscape Partnership Program - Gateway Feature at Bathurst Street/Davis Drive

ORIGIN: Director, Engineering Services

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT Development and Infrastructure Services Report – ES2015-14 dated February 2, 2015 regarding “York Region Municipal Streetscape Partnership Program – Gateway Feature at Bathurst Street/Davis Drive” be received and the following recommendations be adopted:

- 1. THAT the Engineering Services Department be authorized to submit an application under the Municipal Streetscape Partnership Program offered by York Region for the construction of the gateway entrance feature sign at the intersection of Bathurst Street and Davis Drive;**
- 2. AND THAT, should the Town be successful in obtaining funding for the gateway sign, the remaining project funds be returned back to the original funding source.**

BACKGROUND

A recent discussion with York Region staff indicates that they would be willing to entertain an application from the Town under their 2015 Municipal Streetscape Partnership Program for the gateway signage feature to be constructed at the southeast corner of the intersection of Davis Drive at Bathurst Street. The project has been tendered and the Town is in the process of awarding the contract. Although the budget that the Town currently has for this project is sufficient to complete the work, this project is found to be eligible for partnership funding through York Region, and therefore the Town can take advantage of this additional source of funding.

The purpose of York Region’s Municipal Streetscape Partnership Program is to provide funding to local municipalities and stakeholders to support streetscape design. The program assists in cost sharing on locally-initiated streetscape projects to improve the public realm in York Region.

The application to York Region's funding program requires a recommendation from Council authorizing staff to apply under the program, and that is the purpose of this report. The Town will be moving ahead with this project in 2015, as planned, whether the application to York Region is successful or not. The tendered cost of the subject feature is \$132,450 plus HST and the eligible funding from the program could be up to \$43,708 (33% of the cost of the feature).

The Town is also constructing a gateway signage feature at Highway 404 under the same contract, but this second location is on provincial property, and therefore it is not eligible for Regional funding.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

No public consultation was undertaken in the preparation of this report. The Director, Financial Services / Treasurer was consulted to determine the proper account in which to return any additional funds.

BUSINESS PLAN AND STRATEGIC PLAN LINKAGES

- Well-planned and connected...strategically planning for the future to improve information access and enhance travel to, from and within Newmarket.

HUMAN RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

No impact on current staffing levels.

IMPACT ON BUDGET

Operating Budget (Current and Future)

No impact on the Operating Budget.


Capital Budget

No impact on the Capital Budget.

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