

#### **DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES – ENGINEERING SERVICES**

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# DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORT ENGINEERING SERVICES 2016-31

TO:

Council

SUBJECT:

York Region Municipal Streetscape Partnership Program – Streetscape

Improvements Bathurst Street/Davis Drive

ORIGIN:

Director, Engineering Services

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

THAT Development and Infrastructure Services Report – ES2016-31 dated June 27, 2016 regarding "York Region Municipal Streetscape Partnership Program – Streetscape Improvements 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 streetscape improvements in front of the gateway entrance feature sign at the intersection of Bathurst Street and Davis Drive;
- 2. AND THAT, once the streetscape improvements are complete, they be maintained by the Town at its sole cost;

### **BACKGROUND**

A recent discussion with York Region staff indicates that they would be willing to entertain an application from the Town under their 2016 Municipal Streetscape Partnership Program for the streetscape improvements in front of the gateway signage feature to be constructed by the Region at the southeast corner of the Bathurst and Davis Drive. The gateway entrance sign was completed this summer. The landscape works in front of the sign were not completed this year to avoid throw away costs due to the Region's up and coming Davis Drive/Bathurst street Intersection widening and improvements expected to be constructed in 2017. These streetscape improvements will complete the southeast corner and help to highlight the gateway entrance feature. 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.

York Region requires Council Resolution to cost share and commit to maintaining all constructed streetscape elements for the project; hence this report. The Town requires the funding from the Region in order to move ahead with this project in 2017. The estimated cost of the subject streetscaping improvements is \$174,000. The funding program will fund up to 50% of all design and construction costs. The total estimated cost not eligible for cost sharing is \$34,000 this is for Geo-Technical fees, Regional contract admin fees, and Regional site inspection fees. These non-eligible costs have been included in the Town's Share and the eligible funding from the program could be up to \$69,583.80 (50% of the cost of the streetscape improvements).

#### **PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

No public consultation was undertaken in the preparation of this report.

#### **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 additional impact on the Operating Budget.

Capital Budget

The estimated budget required to complete the streetscape improvements is \$174,000. As previously mentioned in this report \$70,000 is being provided by the Region through the municipal streetscape partnership Program. The 2016 Capital budget contains sufficient funds to fund the remaining \$104,000 to complete this project.

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