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York Region Municipal Streetscape Partnership Program – Streetscape Improvements at Bathurst Street/Davis Drive Intersection Staff Report

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Recommendations

1. That the report entitled York Region Municipal Streetscape Partnership Program – Streetscape Improvements at Bathurst Street/Davis Drive Intersection dated June 11, 2018 be received; and,
2. 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 streetscape improvements on roadways at the intersection of Davis Drive and Bathurst Street;
3. That if successful the Town will fund 50% of the design and construction costs associated with the improvements; and,
4. That once the streetscape and intersection improvements are complete, they be maintained by the Town at its sole cost; and,
5. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Purpose

The purpose of this staff report is to receive authorization for staff to submit a grant application to York Region's Municipal Streetscape Partnership Program and for the Town to attest to cost sharing and sole cost maintenance of the improvements following project completion.

Background

The York Region “Municipal Streetscape Partnership Program” grant is currently accepting calls for funding from municipalities. The Town of Newmarket has taken advantage of this grant opportunity in the past with funding going toward the streetscape improvements in front of the gateway entrance sign on the south-east corner of Bathurst Street/Davis Drive. These Bathurst and Davis streetscape improvements have been identified in the “Yonge Street & Davis Drive Streetscape Masterplan and are eligible for funding under the “Municipal Streetscape Partnership Program”.

The proposed Streetscape Improvements at Bathurst Street/Davis Drive will enhance the gateway signage and streetscape improvements currently at the intersection by upgrading the medians to interlock, upgrading the crosswalks at the intersection to XD print, and painting the traffic and light poles black to better reflect the design guidelines in the Streetscape Master Plan. These improvements will enhance active transportation options and the overall streetscape of the intersection.

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

Discussion

Sub Cost-sharing and Maintenance

York Region requires a 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 2018/19. The estimated cost of the streetscape improvements at Bathurst Street/Davis Drive is \$133,266. The Municipal Streetscape Partnership Program grant will fund up to 50% of all design and construction costs. The total estimated cost not eligible for cost sharing is \$66,633. These non-eligible costs have been included in the Town’s Share and the eligible funding from the program could be up to \$66,633.

Conclusion

The proposed project will act to enhance the Bathurst Street and Davis Drive streetscape and further implement elements contained in the Yonge Street and Davis Drive Streetscape Master Plan.

Business Plan and Strategic Plan Linkages

This report supports the Town's Strategic Plan's vision of "Well-planned and connected" by strategically planning for the future to improve information access and enhance travel to, from, and within Newmarket. The improvements recommended in this report are highlighted in the "Yonge Street and Davis Drive Streetscape Master Plan".

Consultation

No consultation was undertaken in the preparation of this report but consultation was undertaken in the development of the "Yonge Street and Davis Drive Streetscape Master Plan".

Human Resource Considerations

The recommendations contained in this report have no impact on staffing levels.

Budget Impact

Operating and Capital Budgets (Current and Future)

The recommendations contained in this report will have the Town of Newmarket maintain the streetscape improvements at its sole cost. Staff will report back to Council in 2019 with an updated estimate on the operating costs associated with this project.

Capital Budget

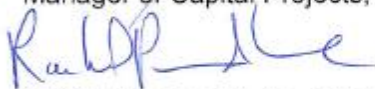
The recommendations contained in this report have a capital cost component of \$66,633

Attachments

None.

Approval


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