

TO: MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

FROM: JOHN HENRY, ACTING COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE & CITY TREASURER

DATE: JANUARY 15, 2014

SUBJECT: DRAFT 2014 BUDGET AND 2015-2017 PLAN UPDATE (Deferred Item)

MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT INITIATIVE FUND (MII):
RE: PK-6265-14 MAPLE RESERVOIR PARK – SENIOR SOCCER FIELD LIGHTING

Recommendation:

The Acting Commissioner of Finance & City Treasurer, in consultation with the City Manager and Senior Management Team, recommend:

1. That a grant submission be prepared for Infrastructure Ontario to request the re-direction of Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative funds of \$144,680 to capital project PK-6265-14 Maple Reservoir Park – Senior Soccer Field Lighting

Economic Impact:

The submission of the request to re-direct funds could have a positive economic impact. If approval is received from Infrastructure Ontario, this will result in a reduction in the funding from taxation of the project of \$144,680.16. Application approval could take up to a few weeks.

Background:

In 2008, City received a Municipal Infrastructure Investment Fund (MII) Grant award of \$975,410. This Ontario program supported the efforts of communities to restore and revitalize their public infrastructure.

The grant funds were applied toward the Peelar Road Culvert Replacement project (EN-1728-08). This culvert was constructed around 1960 and had experienced extensive cracking of the steel multi-plates with deformations. Cracking of steel plates in soil-steel structures is a known case of collapse. The extent of cracking and deformations indicated that this soil-steel structure had reached the end of its service life and required replacement to maintain the stream crossing and the roadway overtop that it supports. This project included the replacement of the existing structure to current design standards with local site improvements and environmental enhancements.

The project was complete in December 2013 which came in under budget, resulting in \$144,680.16 of the grant unspent. Per the original agreement, the unspent funds could not be re-directed. However, Infrastructure Ontario recently advised the City may apply to have the funds re-directed to another single infrastructure project that is municipally owned and construction ready.

The City is required to respond with a letter to request the redirection of the funds, including supporting documentation outlining:

- New Project
- Scope
- Benefits
- Time Line
- Budget

Ineligible projects include the following:

1. Public transit
2. Projects where construction has already started
3. Studies or operational costs
4. Vehicles or equipment

The Province has confirmed there is no specific date for submission, but cautioned that approval from Infrastructure Ontario will take a few weeks. As such, the Grant Specialist is targeting January 31, 2014 for submission to Infrastructure Ontario to allow sufficient time for review and approval to align with the start of construction season.

The Senior Management Team reviewed the submitted 2014 Capital projects with a dedicated funding source of Transfer from Taxation. As only one project could be submitted for the grant and to maximize on grant funds PK-6265-14 Maple Reservoir Park – Senior Soccer Field Lighting (\$363,976). This project meets the grant requirement to be construction ready and to revitalize public infrastructure. A successful grant application would reduce the Transfer from Taxation funding in the amount of \$144,680.

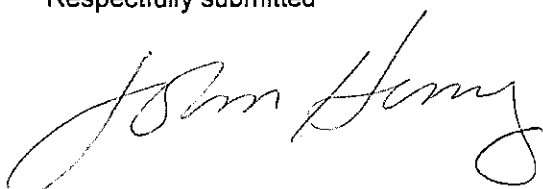
Conclusion:

It is recommended that staff proceed with the submission of a letter and supporting documentation to Infrastructure Ontario to re-direct MIII funds to capital project PK-6265-14; if approved this will result in a decrease of \$144,680 in the funding required from Capital from Taxation for 2014. If successful, a report will come forward at a later date to amend the budget.

Attachments:

Capital Project Summary Sheet – PK-6265-14 Maple Reservoir Park – Senior Soccer Field Lighting (Original)

Respectfully submitted



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