

Background:

At the May 19, 2020 Council Meeting there was some discussion and questions raised by Deputy-Mayor Moher and Councillor Watson regarding the remainder of funds from the Main Street Revitalization Project being used to further enhance the current sidewalk project or to divert the funds and start the Douro sidewalk project.

Overview:

In accordance with the project guidelines set out by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) the funds must be spent by October 31, 2020.

The total cost to reconstruct and repair approximately 27 metres of sidewalk in Warsaw was \$22,281.90. The Municipality was allotted \$27,500 in funding dollars, leaving approximately \$5,218.10 remaining after completion of this current project.

Upon review of the works required in Douro, it would require the replacement of approximately 45 metres of sidewalk which is roughly estimated to cost \$40,000. There would be insufficient funds remaining from the current years project to complete the Douro project this year.

There is a concern from a health and safety perspective should the project be started without completion lending itself a liability risk to the Township should an injury occur. As well, from a budgeting/forecasting perspective we can plan on this being one entire capital project to be complete in its entirety in one year rather than having to split funds and manpower over a two year term. Currently, staff are already scheduled and committed to various tasks that must be completed in the 2020 season. As well, waiting until next year also provides the opportunity to advise the residents in advance of any sidewalk construction and provide project manager contact information should there be any questions or concerns.

Conclusion:

In conclusion, the current funds should be used to finish off the current project.

Recommendation:

That the Public Works-2020-08 report, dated June 9, 2020, regarding Sidewalks – Mainstreet Revitalization Project be received for information, that the remaining funds of approximately \$5,218.10 from the current Dummer Sidewalk project be used to add or repair an additional section(s) of sidewalk at the current Dummer project location; And further that the Douro sidewalk project be budgeted for in the upcoming 2021 budget as a complete project.

Financial Impact:

There is no financial impact in the current fiscal budget, however this will have to be noted in the 2021 capital works budget.

Strategic Plan Applicability:

To enhance public transportation that is accessible and effective to support the needs of the community. To ensure that the public works department operates efficiently and effectively.

Sustainability Plan Applicability:

To have an accessible transportation network that places priority on active and efficient modes of transportation.

Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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