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SUBJECT VICTORIA ROAD PEDESTRIAN UPGRADES

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report:

To advise Council of scope changes associated with the construction of the Victoria Road Pedestrian Upgrades Project.

BACKGROUND

At the May 4, 2020 Council meeting, Council approved intersection upgrades to be funded from the 2020 Pedestrian Unallocated Budget. Included in these intersection upgrades were improvements at Victoria Road and Cavan Street intersection. The goal of these changes is to increase pedestrian visibility and comfort when using this crossing, which will serve to encourage more people to walk within the area.

In 2020, Victoria Road was scheduled to be repaved between Milton Street and Esplanade. The project was phased so that the Cavan Street to Milton Street section could be completed and the remainder of the project could be completed with the pedestrian upgrades.

DISCUSSION

As Staff prepared the detailed design for this project, the scope evolved beyond curb extensions at the south side of Victoria Road & Esplanade to include sidewalk between Esplanade and the crosswalk at Cavan Street. Curb extensions on the north side of the Victoria Road and Esplanade intersection were identified as a desirable addition, but were ultimately removed from the design due to budget limitations.

Past experience has indicated that larger construction tenders generate more favourable pricing, so in December of 2020, this project was packaged with the second phase of the Haliburton Multiuse Trail and the intersection upgrades at Waddington Road & St. George Crescent. The low bid for this work was received from Knappett Industries for \$398,877, \$196,123 below the approved budget of \$595,000. Despite being collectively under budget, both the Victoria Road and Waddington Road projects were individually over budget. Considering that the funding source for all of this work is the Pedestrian Unallocated budget, Staff identified the opportunity to redistribute funds across the individual projects to optimize the City investments in pedestrian infrastructure. This reassignment of funds also allowed Staff to reintroduce the additional curb extensions on the north side of Victoria Crescent and Esplanade. The revised, final scope of work is reflected in Attachment A.

Given the change in scope of the Victoria Road Pedestrian Upgrades Project, specific disclosure to Council is warranted.

Work is currently in progress and expected to be completed by the end of April on all three project sites. |

SUMMARY POINTS

- The scope of the Victoria Road Pedestrian Upgrades Project has been increased.
- Construction is expected to be completed by the end of April.
- There is sufficient funds within the 2021-2025 Financial Plan to cover the budget and scope changes.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – Victoria Road Pedestrian Improvements Scope of Work January 2021 |

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