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SUBJECT NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION PRIORITY REQUESTS 2025

## **OVERVIEW**

### **Purpose of Report**

To present the neighbourhood association priority requests for 2025. |

### **Recommendation**

That Council receive the 2025 neighbourhood association priority requests as outlined in Attachment A of the Staff Report dated 2025-JUL-21, and direct Staff to replace the Appendix of the *Integrated Action Plan* with the updated 2025 requests.

## **BACKGROUND**

The third annual neighbourhood association engagement event was held on 2025-APR-30. The City has 16 recognized neighbourhood associations, and representatives from each association attended the event. *City Plan* policy encourages engagement with neighbourhood associations, and Council hosting an annual engagement opportunity to hear the priorities of neighbourhoods. The City's Neighbourhood Association Supports Policy also states that Council will host an annual engagement opportunity with recognized neighbourhood associations. |

## **DISCUSSION**

At the 2025-APR-30 event, the neighbourhood associations had an opportunity to discuss their requested priorities with Council members and Staff. Staff facilitators recorded the updated 2025 priority requests. After the event, the recorded requests were sent to the neighbourhood associations for verification and refining of the wording. Attachment A contains the finalized neighbourhood association 2025 priority requests for Council consideration.

Note that most of the neighbourhood associations have one or more requests related to traffic calming, traffic safety measures, and/or pedestrian infrastructure improvements. While acknowledging these are the priorities for neighbourhood associations, there are pre-existing project selection programs that are reviewed and allocated by Council annually (see Attachment B – Links to information about the traffic calming and pedestrian prioritization programs).

Similar to previous years, Staff will continue to review the requests identified by the neighbourhood associations for consideration of inclusion into the City's capital plans, budgets, and department workplans. Council can choose to elevate specific neighbourhood association requests into the Integrated Action Plan Priority Action list, and into the City budget. Similar to the past two years, Staff will provide a progress report to neighbourhood associations in March 2026 to advise on the status and progress of each request. |

## **OPTIONS**

1. That Council receive the 2025 neighbourhood association priority requests as outlined in Attachment A of the Staff Report dated 2025-JUL-21, and direct Staff to replace the Appendix of the Integrated Action Plan with the updated 2025 requests.
  - The advantages of this option: Identifying neighbourhood association priorities is one way the City can understand and address their concerns.
  - The disadvantages of this option: The identified priorities will need to be reviewed by Staff, and each request could have budget implications.
  - Financial Implications: Council can choose to elevate specific neighbourhood association requests into the Integrated Action Plan Priority Action list, and into the City budget.
2. That Council provide alternate direction to Staff. |

## **SUMMARY POINTS**

- *City Plan* policy encourages engagement with neighbourhood associations, and Council hosting an annual engagement opportunity to hear the priorities of neighbourhoods.
- The third annual neighbourhood association engagement event was held on 2025-APR-30, and 16 associations were represented at the event.
- It is recommended that Council receive the 2025 neighbourhood association priority requests for consideration of inclusion into the City's capital plans, budgets, and department workplans.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

ATTACHMENT A: 2025 Neighbourhood Association Priority Requests

ATTACHMENT B: Links to information about the traffic calming and pedestrian prioritization programs |

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