

# Report to Council



**Date:** December 11, 2017  
**File:** 1850-30,1890-10  
**To:** City Manager  
**From:** Alan Newcombe, Divisional Director, Infrastructure  
**Subject:** Budget Adjustments Required for Ethel Street Active Transportation Corridor – Phase 3 (Harvey Ave. to Sutherland Ave.)  
Report Prepared by: Brian Beach, Infrastructure Delivery Department Manager

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## **Recommendation:**

THAT Council receives for information, the report from the Infrastructure Division Director dated December 11, 2017 regarding the budget adjustments for the Ethel Street Active Transportation Corridor – Phase 3;

AND THAT the 2017 Financial Plan be updated to reflect the transfer of \$80,000 from the Sutherland Avenue ATC project to the Ethel Street Phase 3 ATC Construction project;

AND THAT the 2017 Financial Plan be updated to reflect the transfer of \$80,000 from Ash & Uplands Pressure Reducing Valve project to the Ethel Phase 3 ATC Water Main Replacement project;

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorize the additional expenditures totaling \$160,000 for the projects noted above.

## **Purpose:**

**To transfer budget from the identified 2017 capital projects to meet financial commitments for the Ethel 3 ATC project.**

## **Background:**

Ethel Street Active Transportation Corridor – Phase 3 and Saucier Avenue Utility Improvements tender closed April 25, 2017 with only one bid received, approximately 18% above the available budget.

To transfer budget from the identified 2017 capital projects to meet financial commitments for the Ethel 3 ATC project.

The Ethel ATC project is an important multi-phase, multi-year project that will provide a valuable north-south link for active transportation between the downtown core and the South Pandosy town centre.

A number of City capital projects have been delayed this year due to market conditions, but it was determined by senior staff that this project was important to move forward in 2017. This section of Ethel Street is attracting more and more users accessing the completed phases north of Harvey Avenue, so it is important to keep this multi-phase project proceeding as scheduled in the 10 Year Capital Plan.

Project staff were instructed to look for potential cost savings and scope reductions to reduce the budget shortfall. They have been successful to some degree but other contingency costs have eaten into those savings. The project is nearing completion and more accurate estimates of total projected costs are now available. The budget shortfall is projected at \$ 160,000.

The following projects have available budget in order to meet current commitments identified above:

**Sutherland Avenue ATC Project: (\$80,000)**

Detailed design of the Sutherland Avenue ATC project will be delayed until 2018 due to current re-evaluation of the ultimate road cross section. As a result of this delay, a portion of the \$300,000 design budget is available for transfer to the Ethel Street Phase 3 ATC construction project. Staff have submitted an additional budget request in the 2018 provisional capital budget for the Sutherland project.

**Ash & Uplands Pressure Reducing Valves Project (\$80,000)**

The Ash & Uplands Pressure Reducing Valves project (budget \$150,000, remaining \$148,147) is being cancelled for 2017. This project needs to be re-scoped and will be brought forward for consideration with the 2019 Capital Budget. Therefore, \$80,000 of this budget will be transferred to the Ethel ATC Water Main Replacement project. The remaining budget will be used for other water utility projects as detailed in a separate report.

**Internal Circulation:**

Divisional Director, Infrastructure  
Financial Planning Manager  
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Department Manager, Transportation Planning  
Department Manager, Infrastructure Administration

**Considerations not applicable to this report:**

Legal/Statutory Authority:  
Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements:  
Financial/Budgetary Considerations:  
Existing Policy:  
Personnel Implications:  
External Agency/Public Comments:  
Communications Comments:  
Alternate Recommendation:

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