

Report to Council



Date: September 24, 2018
File: 1840-10
To: City Manager
From: Senior Project Manager
Subject: Budget Amendment for the Park Improvement & Shoreline Stabilization works at Strathcona Park

Recommendation:

THAT Council receives, for information, this report from the Senior Project Manager dated September 24, 2018, with respect to the Budget Amendment for the Park Improvement & Shoreline Stabilization works at Strathcona Park;

AND THAT the 2018 Financial Plan be amended to include up to \$69,000 from the Strathcona Park funds currently being held in reserve.

Purpose:

To amend the 2018 Financial Plan in order to proceed with the consulting work for the shoreline stabilization and park development project between Strathcona Park and Royal Avenue.

Background:

This project has a long history, beginning in 2012 with Council's approval of the Waterfront Walkway Concept Plan, which provided the direction for the City to secure waterfront land between Strathcona Park and Royal Avenue for use as a public park. In order to protect this asset, the City undertook to prepare a preliminary design and obtain provincial approval to stabilize the slowly eroding shoreline here before implementing further improvements

On September 13, 2018, staff received approval from the provincial Ministry of Fisheries, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (MFLNRO) for the City's Section 11 application for the required works. There now follows a statutory 30-day period for any objectors to appeal. The Section 11 approval allows for the undertaking of shoreline stabilizations works at low water, between now and August 2020. Staff are planning on doing the work in March 2019, subject to approved funding. Before any construction begins however, it is necessary to have preparatory consulting work undertaken to meet the requirements of the Section 11 approval and to prepare a reliable cost estimate for the required construction work. The required consulting work includes site surveying, detail design, cost estimating and construction monitoring.

Financial/Budgetary Considerations:

The funds required for consulting work for the shoreline stabilization and park development project between Strathcona Park and Royal Avenue is currently not included in the City's budget. The 2018 Financial Plan will require an addition of up to \$69,000 from the Strathcona Park funds currently being held in reserve. Once the total construction costs are estimated, staff will report back to Council to seek approval for the funding required to undertake the construction.

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Considerations not applicable to this report:

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

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