

Report to Council



Date: March 22, 2021
To: Council
From: City Manager
Subject: 2021 Financial Plan – Carryover budget
Department: Financial Planning

Recommendation:

THAT the 2021 Financial Plan be increased by \$7,636,160 to provide for operating carryover projects and \$164,876,050 for capital carryover projects as summarized in Financial Plan Volume 2.

Purpose:

To present the 2021 Financial Plan - Carryover Budget to Council for approval and inclusion in the 2021 Financial Plan.

Background:

The operating and capital projects listed in the Carryover Budget of the 2021 Financial Plan represent projects that were not able to be completed in 2020 or were originally planned to be completed over multiple years.

As these projects were previously approved by Council, they do not add to the taxation demand for 2021. The projects are funded from reserves, debt, other levels of Government and/or other contributions. The timing of this budget volume is after the fiscal year-end so carryover projects can be presented with certainty of costs. All the capital project and operating program carryover requests have been reviewed by the Financial Planning Department to ensure alignment with the criteria outlined in the Carryover Guidelines.

For 2021, 61% of the carryover funding is for projects that were delayed due to external events. This is largely due to the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic which slowed the progress on many projects in 2020. With respect to the remainder of the projects, 28% are projects that were approved as multi-year, 7% had internal scheduling challenges, 2% are awaiting grant information, 1% for changes in project design and 1% are Council approved or have a policy that direct the carryover of remaining budget.

A detailed discussion of projects included in this volume is not planned. Should Council have questions regarding any specific carryover and would like it discussed at the March 22 meeting, please advise the City Manager in advance and he will arrange for a division representative to be in attendance at the Council meeting.

Considerations applicable to this report:

Financial/Budgetary Considerations:

A consolidated 2021-2025 Five Year Financial Plan will be brought to Council for adoption by bylaw at Final Budget on April 26, 2021. This will immediately precede adoption of the 2021 property tax bylaw, in accordance with Section 165 of the Community Charter.

Considerations not applicable to this report:

Discussion:

Conclusion:

Internal Circulation:

Legal/Statutory Authority:

Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements:

Existing Policy:

External Agency/Public Comments:

Communications Comments:

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Approved for inclusion:



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Attachment:

- 1: 2021 Financial Plan – Carryover – Volume 2
- 2: 2021 Financial Plan – Carryover Council Presentation