

Prioritization of MEEP Reallocation Projects

ISSUE

At its meeting on June 22, 2020, the Governance and Priorities Committee (Committee) shortlisted a number of projects to be funded from a reallocation pool of reserve funds from the Paved Roadways Preservation Project that was approved for funding from the Municipal Economic Enhancement Program (MEEP). This shortlist of projects will be considered at the July 20, 2020 Committee meeting, however, the list is not in any prioritized order.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Administration administer a survey to the members of the Governance and Priorities Committee to prioritize the shortlisted projects for consideration of funding from the MEEP Reallocation Pool confirmed by the Committee at its meeting on June 22, 2020; and
2. That the summarized survey results be submitted with the Administration's report to be considered by the Committee at its meeting on July 20, 2020.

BACKGROUND

At its meeting on June 22, 2020, the Committee considered a report on the MEEP program and the allocation of funding to a reallocation pool for other projects. The reallocation pool was established using reserve funds from the Paved Roadways Preservation Project equal to the same amount of MEEP funding of \$27.13 million that it was allocated. Of this amount, \$15 million was held to backfill the potential offset to reserve reductions that may be required to cover an expected operating deficit in 2020. The remaining \$12.13 million is being allocated to other projects.

The Committee shortlisted the projects for consideration for this \$12.13 million which are included in Table 1. The Committee agreed to defer the final decision of the funding of the projects to its July 20, 2020 meeting.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

The projects shortlisted by the Committee are not in an order that necessarily reflects the priorities of the Committee/City Council. When the Committee considers this un-prioritized list at its July meeting there is a risk of allocating all available funds to less important projects ahead of the consideration of higher priority projects.

The Administration is recommending that the Mayor and each Councillor complete a prioritization survey of the projects so that a summary of the results could be submitted in priority order for the July Committee meeting. This is likely to result in the approval of projects for which the majority of City Council will support.

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	Available Funds
REALLOCATION (TABLE 1)	\$12.130
Project	Amount
1.1 Vehicle Noise Study - Study for vehicle noise mitigation	0.050
1.2 Caswell Hill Site Redevelopment	2.000
1.3 Active Transportation - Sidewalk Expansion	3.000
1.4 Bridges & Structures Asset Mgt Plan	2.800
1.5 Parks Asset Mgt Plan	1.600
1.6 West Central MultiUse Corridor	1.400
1.7 Rec & Parks Game Plan	2.500
1.8 Fire Training Facility	2.000
1.9 Automated Irrigation System	0.450
1.10 Cyber Security Phase 1	0.500
1.11 Public WiFi Pilot city-wide WiFi for citizens	0.250
1.12 Controlled Corporation and Board Projects	0.800
1.13 Sidewalk Repair and Maintenance	5.000
1.14 Pedestrian/Cyclist Rail Crossing	0.500
1.15 Intersection improvements 22nd St/Fairmont/Confederation	0.800
Total	<u>23.650</u>

The Committee can also choose to leave the project list in its current order and consider each project from the top to the bottom until the \$12.13 million is allocated.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The financial implications are to allocate the available funds from the reallocation pool of \$12.13 million to projects or hold any amount in contingency.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS

There are no privacy, legal, social or environmental implications identified.

NEXT STEPS

The survey will be administered to the Mayor and each Councillor as soon as possible in order to complete the prioritization of projects from most important to least important. In addition, detailed project descriptions will be provided to aid in the understanding of the projects.

REPORT APPROVAL

Written and

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