Transfer of Funds and Allocation to P.00877 Trunking Radio Infrastructure Replacement

ISSUE

Capital Project P.00877 Trunking Radio Infrastructure Replacement requires additional funding to ensure that there is not an over expenditure in 2023. The contract rates in the support agreement increased due to an annual contract price adjustment that was higher than anticipated due to inflation rates.

P.01523 Trunking Radio Replacement has the necessary funds to meet estimated corporate radio demands over the next couple of years aside from the funds requested to be reallocated.

RECOMMENDATION

- That the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services recommend to City Council that \$200,000 from P.01523 Trunking Radio Replacement be returned to the Civic Radio Replace & Expansion Reserve.
- 2. That the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services recommend that \$200,000 be reallocated from the Civic Radio Replace & Expansion Reserve to the Trunked Radio System Infrastructure Replacement Reserve.
- 3. That the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services recommend to City Council that \$200,000 be transferred from the Trunked Radio System Infrastructure Replacement Reserve to fund P.00877 Trunking Radio Infra Replacement.

BACKGROUND

Project P.00877 Trunking Radio Infra Replacement involves the upgrading and maintaining of the core infrastructure of the City's trunked radio system. The system is a shared resource used by various departments, including Police, Fire, Transportation, Utilities, and others.

The project involves purchasing equipment for planned repairs and replacements of existing infrastructure components, in compliance with Capital Reserves Bylaw #6774. It also provides funding for designing and constructing infrastructure components and equipment to meet the needs identified in the design phase, as well as planned expansion of additional repeater towers in growing neighborhoods.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

During 2022 capital status review it was identified that Capital Project P.00877 Trunking Radio Infrastructure Replacement requires additional funding to account for contractual inflationary increases in the 2022 and 2023 support agreement. P.01523 Trunking Radio Replacement Project has the necessary funds to support estimated corporate radio demands over the next couple of years without the \$200,000.

Funding Source and Transfer of Funds

The Trunked Radio System Infrastructure Replacement Reserve is being used to fund the P.00877 Trunking Radio Infrastructure Replacement project. However, the reserve currently has an insufficient balance to cover the required additional allocation through to the end of 2023.

As a solution, a transfer of \$200,000 is being requested from P.01523 Trunking Radio Replacement to the Civic Radio Replace & Expansion Reserve, which will then be reallocated to the Trunked Radio System Infrastructure Replacement Reserve to fund the P.00877 project.

Impact on Project P.00877 Trunking Radio Infrastructure Replacement
By transferring funds from the Project P.01523 Trunking Radio Replacement, the
Project P.00877 Trunking Radio Infrastructure Replacement will be able to address the
anticipated over expenditure caused by contractual support agreement increases tied to
inflation.

Impact on Project P.01523 Trunking Radio Replacement

After the transfer of funds to the Project P.00877 Trunking Radio Infrastructure Replacement, the Project P.01523 Trunking Radio Replacement will have sufficient funds available to cover current and anticipated spending needs. The transfer is being made to ensure that the critical infrastructure upgrade project (P.00877) can proceed without any financial constraints, while also considering the financial requirements of the other project (P.01523).

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no further financial implications beyond the ones discussed in the report.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS

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

NEXT STEPS

There is no follow up required.

Report Approval

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