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TO: Mayor and Members of Council

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SUBJECT: Update to Report 2014-22 VIVA Yonge Street Design

ORIGIN: Director, Engineering Services & Director, Public Works Services

In accordance with the Procedure By-law, any Member of Council may request this Information Report be placed on an upcoming Committee of the Whole agenda for discussion.

COMMENTS

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to the VIVA Yonge Street Design. In the Report 2014-22 it was recommended that the Town of Newmarket request VIVA to include estimates for the design and construction of a conduit for future pedestrian lighting within the Yonge Street corridor in the pricing for the project as an optional item; and that subject to receiving acceptable prices staff be authorized to approve the inclusion of these works in the contract.

The Town has requested the estimate and has received pricing; the confirmation of funding from the Region is \$523,263. VIVA next has requested that the Town respond by May 5th, to either accept for funding or decline. The preliminary estimate provided by VIVA that was reported to Council in the 2014-22 report was \$353,000.

The Engineering Services department and Les Nemeth the Town's consultant for the project from RV Anderson Associates Ltd. have reviewed the estimate provided and recommend that the Town not fund the pedestrian conduit within the Yonge Street project.

The \$523,263 pricing is a non negotiable price and includes design-build mark ups. At this point in time the duct work to accommodate potential pedestrian lighting is a "nice to have provision" but is probably not an absolute necessity to Newmarket, and is infrastructure that may not have any noticeable public benefit for decades to come. Newmarket's long term plan is to bury overhead hydro line, which there is the possibility for potential conflict with duct work installed as part of the Yonge project. In the future it may be more efficient and economical to incorporate the pedestrian lighting works with that of the hydro undergrounding work. In addition mechanisms to recover costs through redevelopment could be implemented.

It should be noted that VIVA requires a decision from the Town by Monday May 5th, and therefore there will be no opportunity to reconsider this matter.

BUSINESS PLAN AND STRATEGIC PLAN LINKAGES

- Well Equipped and Managed... provides a thorough and timely consideration of applications for development and redevelopment in accordance with all statutory requirements;
- Well Planned and Connected... continues to improve the quality of the road network within the Town of Newmarket.

BUDGET IMPACT

As the staff recommendation is to not proceed with the Confirmation of Funding there is no budget impact at this time.

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