



Report to: General Committee

Date of Meeting: November 17th, 2014

SUBJECT: 2015 Capital Budget Pre-Approval
PREPARED BY: Andrea Tang, Manager, Financial Planning

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) **That** the report dated November 17th, 2014 entitled, “2015 Capital Budget Pre-Approval” be received;
- 2) **That** Council approve the 2015 Capital Budget pre-approval which totals \$8,527,500 as outlined in Appendices 1 and 2; and
- 3) **That** Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

PURPOSE:

To obtain Council approval of the City of Markham’s 2015 Capital Budget pre-approval related to a second group of capital projects.

BACKGROUND:

Since the municipal election took place on October 27, 2014, the 2015 Capital Budget will likely not be approved until March or April of 2015. Prior to budget approval, some capital projects are required to be initiated in order to achieve one of the following outcomes:

1. early commencement of the procurement process in order to achieve competitive pricing;
2. acceleration of design or construction projects; and
3. to meet operational/program requirements.

On September 23rd, 2014, Council approved 2015 Capital Budget pre-approval request for 13 projects totalling \$26,647,500. The report also indicated that a second group of 2015 Capital Budget pre-approval requests would be brought forward to the November 17th, 2014 General Committee meeting.

Below are the thirteen (13) 2015 capital projects approved by Council on September 23, 2014:

- Stormwater Management - West Thornhill Flood Control Program (\$8.5M) – Council Approved Program
- New Parks Design/Construction of 8 parks (\$7.7M)
 - o Box Grove Hill East Parkette - Design and Construction (0.3 acres)
 - o Cornell Community Park – Design (26.0 acres)
 - o East Cathedral Park (Read’s Corner) – Design (1.9 acres)

- Greensborough Williamson/A. Paterson Neighborhood Park - Construction (3.9 acres)
- Monarch Cathedraltown North Park – Construction (8.0 acres)
- South East Community Centre Park – Construction (5.0 acres)
- Southwest Cathedral Monarch Memorial Park – Design (3.2 acres)
- Wismer Donald Mingay Woodlot Park – Construction (7.0 acres)
- Asphalt Resurfacing Program (\$5.3M)
- Emerald Ash Borer Program (\$4.5M) – Council Approved Program
- Library Collections (\$0.5M) – total year request of \$2.3M
- Firefighter Equipment for the second crew at the Cornell Fire Station (\$0.1M)

DISCUSSION:

This report outlines the second request for additional 2015 Capital Budget pre-approval, consistent with the criteria outlined on page 1.

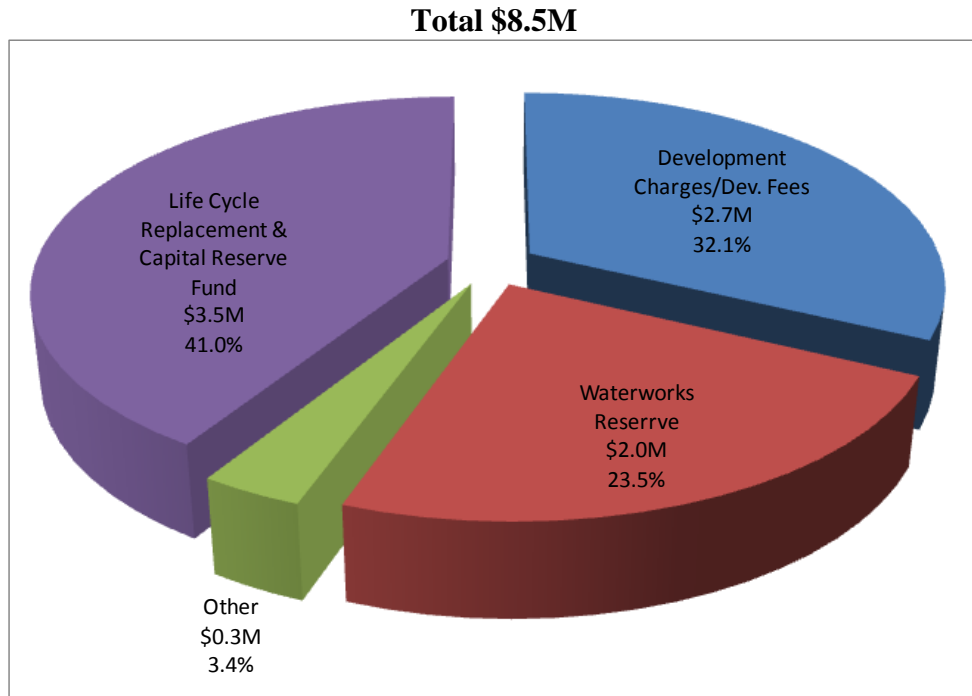
Staff are seeking pre-approval for thirty three (33) additional projects totalling \$8,527,500. The corresponding request forms are attached for reference (Appendix 2).

The major sources of funding for the 2015 Capital Budget pre-approval for this second request include:

- \$3.5M (40.9%) from the Life Cycle Replacement and Capital Reserve Fund for Operations and Asset Management programs;
- \$2.7M (32.2%) from Development Charges and Development Fees to support Parks and Engineering initiatives;
- \$2.0M (23.5%) from the Waterworks Reserve; and
- \$0.3M (3.4%) from the Roads Reserve for secondary roadworks.

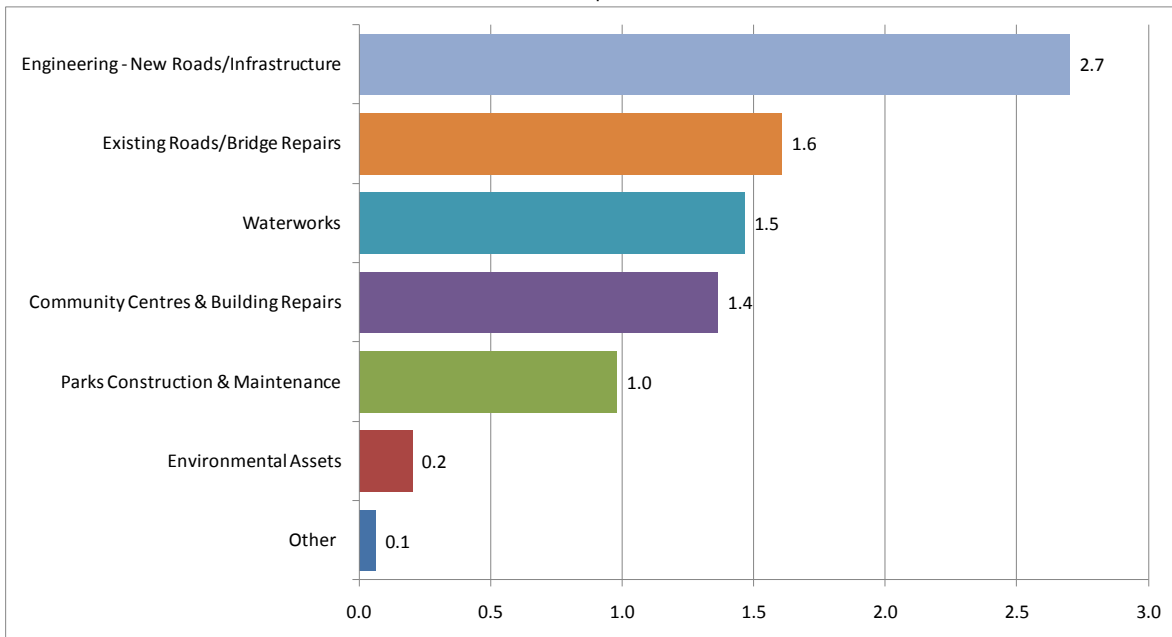
Further details on sources of funding are illustrated on Table 1.

Table 1: 2015 Capital Budget Pre-Approval Funding Sources – Second Capital Request



2015 Capital Budget pre-approval expenditures by category are summarized in Table 2:

Table 2: 2015 Capital Budget Pre-Approval Expenditures By Category (In \$Millions)
Total \$8.5M



Highlights of the major projects by category are provided below:

Engineering – New Roads/Infrastructure (\$2.7M) includes:

- Downstream improvement stormwater management strategy \$0.5M
- Additional funding request for Highway 7 Streetscapes and Watermain in the amounts of \$0.3M and \$0.5M respectively
- Markham Centre related projects which include Parking Business Plan \$0.2M, Master Environmental Servicing Plan \$0.6M and Transportation Study \$0.2M
- Miller Avenue from Woodbine Avenue to Rodick Road (Property acquisition) \$0.2M
- Other projects \$0.2M

Existing roads/bridge repairs (\$1.6M) includes:

- Roads rehabilitation program \$1.2M
- Structures rehabilitation and replacement program \$0.4M including the design and construction of 4 culverts

Waterworks (\$1.5M) includes:

- Carlton Road pumping station upgrade \$0.9M
- Water meter replacement/upgrade program \$0.6M

Community Centres & Building Repairs (\$1.4M) includes:

- Roofing replacements at various facilities \$1.2M
- Rinkboard and glass replacement at the Clatworthy Arena \$0.2M

Parks Construction & Maintenance \$1.0M includes:

- Design and construction of Berczy Square Park in Upper Unionville (0.323 acres) \$0.7M
- Various parks maintenance programs including paving pathways & stairs repairs \$0.1M, sportsfield maintenance & reconstruction \$0.1M and playstructure & surface replacement \$0.1M

Environmental Assets \$0.2M includes:

- Erosion restoration along the Don Mills Channel \$0.2M

Other \$0.1M includes:

- Museum Annual Building Maintenance Program \$0.03M, Traffic Control Signal Design & Construction \$0.03M and Corporate Fleet Refurbishing \$0.04M

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS AND TEMPLATE: (external link)

The 2015 Capital Budget pre-approval outlined in this report includes 33 capital projects totaling \$8,527,500 which are funded from multiple funding sources as outlined in Appendix 1.

In summary, there will be a total of forty-six (46) 2015 capital projects pre-approved totaling \$35,175,000 upon approval of this report.

2015 Capital Budget Pre-Approvals	# Projects	\$ in millions
First Request: September 23rd (approved)	13	26,647,500
Second Request: November 17th (pending)	33	8,527,500
Total	46	35,175,000

2015 Capital Budget pre-approval will not impact any major directions from the new Council.

The remaining 2015 Capital Budget will be brought forward to Budget Sub-Committee in late January/early February.

HUMAN RESOURCES CONSIDERATIONS


Not applicable.

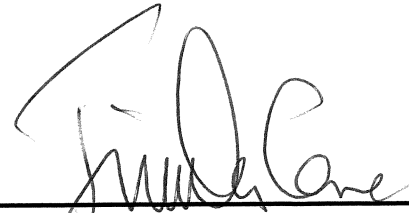
ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

The 2015 Capital Budget pre-approval of \$8,527,500 includes capital projects that are aligned with the City of Markham's strategic priorities developed by Council: Growth Management; Transportation; Environment; Municipal Services; Integrated Leisure Master Plan/ Public Safety; and, Diversity.

BUSINESS UNITS CONSULTED AND AFFECTED:

All business units have been consulted during the 2015 Capital Budget pre-approval submission and review process.

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Commissioner, Corporate Services

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Jim Baird
Commissioner, Development Services

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Commissioner, Community & Fire Services

ATTACHMENTS:

Appendix 1 – 2015 Capital and Other Programs Budget: Summary of Pre-Approval Projects

Appendix 2 – 2015 Capital and Other Programs Budget: Project Request Forms