

Meeting Date: August 6, 2024
Department: Engineering and Public Works
Report No.: EPW-2024-59
Submitted by: Walter Easter, Manager of Public Works
Approved by: Trisha McKibbin, Chief Administrative Officer
SUBJECT: Replacement of Front Street Streetlights

RECOMMENDATION: THAT: Council receive Report EPW-2024-59 Replacement of Front Street Streetlights for information, and further;

THAT: Council award the Replacement of Front Street Streetlights to Clark-Haasen Electric for \$52,000 plus HST.

BACKGROUND:

At the February 26, 2024 Finance Committee meeting, Council directed staff to add additional funds to the capital budget item Street Light Program to upgrade the streetlights along Front Street.

Moved By Mayor Colin Grantham

Seconded By Deputy Mayor Mike McGuire

THAT: Staff be directed to add \$50,000 to the the Street Lighting Program for Front Street.

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Council discussed safety as the main reason to complete these upgrades, concluding that the current Front Street streetlights do not provide sufficient lighting. Staff walked Front Street counting 42 streetlights from Thomas Street to Head Street. Further investigations at night showed that only 4 streetlights are considered sufficient.

As part of the proposed Downtown Revitalization project, new streetlights will be installed to provide sufficient lighting to the upgraded roadway. The construction date of this project has not been determined, but it is estimated to be undertaken in 2026. At the February 26, 2024 Finance Committee meeting, Council discussed repurposing the existing streetlights for Community Services

when the reconstruction project moves forward. This request can be incorporated into the Downtown Revitalization project tender items to remove and salvage existing street lights within the project limits.

COMMENTS:

Staff worked with the municipality’s streetlight sub-contractor, Clark-Haasen Electric, to determine the most cost effective option to replace the streetlights. It was determined that replacing the LED light engine and driver would improve lighting without replacing the entire pole. The existing fixture will remain on top of the pole with just the inside being replaced. The existing glass fixtures will be wiped and cleaned during the installation process.

Staff are recommending to sole source the streetlight upgrades to Clark-Haasen Electric as they are the streetlight sub-contractor for the municipality and have familiar experience on the repairs needed.

The lead time for the LED light engine and drivers is anticipated to be 6 weeks. Therefore, installation will be mid to late September 2024.

CONSULTATION:

This report was reviewed in consultation with:

- Chief Administrative Officer
- Director of Finance/Treasurer

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The 2024 approved capital budget allocated \$50,000 for the upgrades of the streetlights on Front Street. The additional \$2,000 will be funded from Asset Management reserve fund.

ALTERNATIVE(S) TO THE RECOMMENDATION:

1. Council to provide alternate direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This matter is in accord with the following strategic priorities:

Local Infrastructure: The continued focus on timely infrastructure upgrades supports the Corporate Mission for local infrastructure by effective, financially responsible and well-maintained infrastructure networks.

ATTACHMENTS:

None