



REPORT OF COUNCIL-IN-COMMITTEE

For City Council – November 27, 2023

- *Additional Item*

From: Office of the City Clerk

Date: Monday, November 27, 2023

Title: Integrated Bilateral Agreement – Northside Flood Resiliency

Description:

Council-in-Committee, at its session held on November 27, 2023 considered an administrative report from the Program Funding Coordinator which requested Council authorization and approval of an agreement between His Majesty the King In Right of the Province of New Brunswick and the City of Fredericton.

City staff received Council permission in 2022 to apply for the Canada – New Brunswick Integrated Bilateral Agreement for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (IBA) for a project entitled “Northside Flood Resiliency”. The project’s objectives are to upgrade minor and major storm systems, sanitary sewer lines and water lines on the northside of Fredericton.

This project aims to mitigate the risk of pluvial flooding and increase community resilience and public safety in vulnerable areas of the northside of Fredericton. The overlapping pressures of climate change, population growth, end-of-life and undersized infrastructure, and Fredericton’s hilly topography put people, property, the environment, and emergency service provision at risk during heavy rainfall events, which are expected to increase in magnitude and frequency in the future. This project also furthers the City’s commitment to infrastructure renewal. This project captures the following critical structural infrastructure receiving investment: water pipes, sewer pipes, roadways, curbs and sidewalks.

This project will involve three sub-projects that will work together to improve the northside of Fredericton’s overall resilience to pluvial flooding. The storm sewer system will be upgraded to handle flows of increased magnitude. The sanitary sewer will be renewed to prevent backup into homes, and end-of-life drinking water pipes will be renewed. Finally, the road surface will be regraded to ensure water flows into storm drains. Proactive infrastructure replacement safeguards water and soil quality and ensures safe service for our residents by preventing failure.

The following sub-projects are key aspects of the Northside Flood Resilience Project that combine to reduce the impacts of flooding on Fredericton’s northside: St Mary’s Street from the outfall to civic #320, Crocket Street from the outfall to the future extension of

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Pickard Street, and the Nashwaaksis outfall/Hillcourt Drive project between Main Street and Hillcourt Drive. Projects must be completed by March 31, 2030.

The Committee directed that the following resolution be forwarded to City Council for consideration:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Fredericton hereby accepts the funding grant from Infrastructure Canada and the Regional Development Corporation of Seven Million Nine Hundred and Ninety-two Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy Dollars (\$7,992,970) to assist the City of Fredericton in addressing flood resiliency through infrastructure upgrades on Fredericton's northside; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Fredericton hereby approves and authorizes the Integrated Bilateral Agreement Contribution Agreement between His Majesty the King In Right of the Province of New Brunswick, represented by the Minister of Regional Development Corporation and the City of Fredericton with respect to the funding of a project called "Northside Flood Resiliency Project"(the "Agreement"); AND THAT the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of the local government and such further legal documents as may be required to facilitate this resolution.