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REQUEST FOR DECISION

DATE: September 27, 2017

Report No. EPW-17-051

TO: Laurie Hurst, Chief Administrative Officer

FROM: Jeff Miller, Director of Engineering and Public Works

SUBJECT:

Speed Restrictions on Lockley Road from Admirals Road to Intervale Avenue

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approves the release of \$15,504.30 from the Capital Projects Reserve Fund and directs staff to incorporate the installation of speed control measures on Lockley Road from Admirals Road to Intervale Avenue into the 2017 Various Civil Projects contract.

RELEVANT POLICY:

Council Policy E&PW-01 The Township Guide to Traffic Calming

STRATEGIC RELEVANCE:

Well Managed and Maintained Infrastructure - Identify infrastructure repair and proactively plan for replacement needs.

Healthy and Liveable Community - Ensure multi-modal strategies consider and reflect business and residential growth and development.

BACKGROUND:

In the spring of 2016, residents along Lockley Road between Admirals Road and Intervale Avenue began the process to gain speed control measures as per The Township Guide to Traffic Calming (Guide).

The road characteristics are:

- Road classification - residential road
- Speed limit - 30 km per hour
- Parking restriction on both sides of the segment
- Direction of travel is east-west

The street segment has undergone the steps of initial evaluation and detailed evaluation as per the Guide's requirements. A preliminary design has been determined by Engineering which includes a speed hump and raised crosswalk. The next step as per the Guide would have been to introduce the preliminary design to the residents along the street segment, and to undertake the work with funding as a Local Area Service. However, the resident who had initiated the request for traffic calming requested that the Township review the funding options for roads that are considered a cut through road. Staff subsequently prepared a report for Council's consideration (Staff Report EPW-17-036). Staff Report EPW-17-050 deals with the proposed revisions to the Guide.

A detailed evaluation of the road segment to confirm whether it is a cut through road has not been undertaken at this time. However at the western end of the segment, the Department of National Defense has offices and a significant sized parking lot. Due to the layout of the surrounding streets, Lockley Road is a primary conduit for vehicles entering and leaving the parking lot/offices during the morning and afternoon rush hours. This situation has been reviewed over the years and staff has concluded that the road segment functions as a cut through route.

A capital project has also been approved for the area around the intersection of Lockley Road and Intervale Avenue. The preliminary design was included in the tender package (2017 Various Civil Projects) as an optional task in order to have a cost to undertake its implementation. This project has been tendered and is under construction.

ISSUES:

1. Rationale for Selected Option

Based on past concerns raised by the residents of this street segment about vehicle speed and traffic volume, staff would characterize this residential road as a cut through road. With this designation, the project would be eligible for funding from the Capital Projects Reserve Fund. The Township has also retained a contractor to carry out work (2017 Various Civil Projects) in this area that is currently underway. By including this work into that existing contract, the proposed traffic calming measures will be completed at a lower cost (lower mobilization cost) as well as minimizing the disruption to the neighbourhood.

In order to provide traffic calming measures along this road segment, staff recommends that the construction of a speed hump/raised crosswalk be undertaken. This work would be carried out by the contractor retained for the other capital work in the area with funding being released from the Capital Projects Reserve Fund.

2. Organizational Implications

There are no significant organizational implications to this change. This work can be incorporated into the construction project.

3. Financial Implications

This project was included in the tender for the 2017 Various Civil Works Project contract as an

optional item. No funding has been allocated for this work as of yet. The cost of the work is \$15,504.30 (excluding taxes). The Director of Financial Services has confirmed that the Capital Projects Reserve Fund has the capacity to accommodate this request for funds, but Council approval must first be obtained.

4. Sustainability & Environmental Implications

There are no sustainability or environmental implications.

5. Communication & Engagement

Upon Council approval, the contact person for the road segment will be informed on the design chosen for the traffic calming measures and the contractor retained under the 2017 Various Civil Works Project contract will be issued a change order to carry out this work. Victoria Police Department will also be informed of the addition of the traffic calming measures.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That Council approves the release of \$15,504.30 from the Capital Projects Reserve Fund and directs staff to incorporate this project into the 2017 Various Civil Projects contract.
2. That Council does not approve the release of \$15,504.30 from the Capital Projects Reserve Fund and directs that the project be included as one of the candidates for Capital Project Funding in the 2018-2022 Financial Plan.
3. That Council does not approve the release of \$15,504.30 from the Capital Projects Reserve Fund and that residents undertake a Local Area Servicing for funding for the project.