

36. Re: 1972-1977 Capital Improvement Program

Attached for consideration of Council is the current edition of the Capital Improvement Program.

Many of the items in the Program have already been approved by Council at one time or another. The Parks and Recreation Commission has approved of its sections except for the Heavy Equipment list on page 73 (Code 45-65 - Schedule P) and the 6th year of the Major Park Development (pages 91 and 92). The first 5 years of the Major Park Development are the works included in the Parks Money Bylaw recently passed by the voters.

The Capital Improvement Program was prepared prior to the strike and therefore there are some minor changes that should be made to bring it right up to date. On page V of the Letter of Transmittal the Treasurer in the second to the last paragraph refers to the forgiveness feature of the Federal financing program expiring on May 31, 1972. This, of course, was extended to June 30, 1972. On page 70 of the Program, the Tax Levy required for the next 6 years for Parks Land Acquisition should be increased from \$1,165,964 to \$1,450,000 if Council approves of the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission as provided for in Item No. 3 of the Manager's Report No. 47 In Camera which follows. This will have no impact in 1972, because all parks land acquisitions will be funded by the Money By-law. If Item No. 3, Manager's Report No. 47 is adopted by Council, then we will have to adjust the C.I.P. accordingly when we review it for the period 1973 to 1978.

Hopefully, Council will adopt the C.I.P. with some feeling of confidence so that we can plan accordingly. This is a continuing document with a good degree of precision built into the works programmed for 1972 and a lesser degree in each of the following years. The whole purpose of the plan is defeated if it is not adopted as a total plan in one form or another. Really we are asking for specific approval for the 1972 work and also, for approval of the planning involved in the other years. No major work can proceed without final specific approval by Council by virtue of acceptance of tenders, passage of loan authorization bylaws, passage of construction bylaws, etc.

Because of the lateness of this submission, Council for this year may wish to approve of the 1972 work separately from the remaining years of 1973-1977, realizing that we do have an annual review of the C.I.P. We require the approval for the 1972 work as quickly as possible as our C.I.P. is supposed to be passed by May 15 of each year. Section 199A of the Municipal Act reads as follows:

- "(1) On or before the fifteenth day of May in each year the Council shall cause to be prepared and adopt by by-law a capital expenditure programme for a period of not less than five years, showing estimates of the proposed source and application of funds for capital purposes for each year of the programme.

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- (2) The capital expenditure programme adopted under subsection (1), including amendments thereto, remains in force and effect until a new capital expenditure programme is adopted the following year.
- (3) Except with the approval of the Inspector of Municipalities, a capital expenditure programme shall not be varied, either by amendment or by the adoption of a new programme, with respect to any proposed expenditure for which the Inspector of Municipalities has approved the borrowing of money.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the 1972 portion of the Capital Improvement Program for the years 1972 - 1977 be adopted; and

THAT the balance of the C.I.P. be adopted, subject to it being understood that authorization is given for the planning only of the works involved in the years 1973 to 1977; and

THAT the C.I.P. be reviewed in February, 1973; and

THAT a copy of this Report Item be sent to the Parks and Recreation Commission.