

11. Re: 1973-1978 Capital Improvement Programme

The current edition of the Capital Improvement Programme was distributed to Council on April 16, 1973.

Many of the items in the Programme have already been approved by Council at one time or another. The Parks and Recreation Commission considered the Programme at its meeting of April 18, 1973 and made some changes. A separate report item will be submitted outlining these changes for Council's consideration. The first 5 years of the Major Park Development are the works included in the Park's Money Bylaw passed by the voters in 1971.

Hopefully, Council will adopt the Capital Improvement Programme 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 programme for 1973 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 1973 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. Further, Council should realize that we do have an annual review of the Programme.

Section 199A of the Municipal Act reads as follows:

- "(1) On or before the 15th day of May in each year the Council shall cause to be prepared and adopt by bylaw a capital expenditure programme for a period of not less than 5 years, showing estimates of the proposed source and application of funds for capital purposes for each year of the programme.
- (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."

The 1973 Provisional Capital Improvement Programme was presented to Council at the second meeting in 1973 and was adopted by Council. The Programme distributed on April 16, 1973 is for the full 6 years and it includes the updated version of the current year.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the 1973 portion of the Capital Improvement Programme for the years 1973 to 1978 be adopted; and

THAT the balance of the Capital Improvement Programme be adopted, subject to it being understood that authorization is given for the planning only of the works involved in the years 1974 to 1978; and

THAT a copy of this report item be sent to the Parks and Recreation Commission.