

Re: Capital Improvement Programme 1975-1980

Attached for consideration of Council is the Capital Improvement Programme for the years 1975-1980, as prepared by the Staff Capital Improvement Committee.

Hopefully, Council will ultimately 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 programme for 1975 and a progressively lesser degree each year thereafter. This programme is not complete with respect to major roads for the reasons stated in the letter of transmittal, therefore there are some expenditures that have not been included and a further report will be prepared to cover these items.

The whole purpose of the programme is defeated if it is not adopted as a total plan in one form or another. At this point, Council has already approved of a major portion of the 1975 programme by virtue of adoption of the Annual Budget and the various work orders brought forward by the Municipal Engineer. We are, therefore, asking for approval of all of the 1975 work as well as approval of the planning involved for 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, authorization of work orders, etc. Further, Council should realize that we do have an annual review of the programme.

As has happened several times in the past several years, this submission is late. In accordance with Section 199A of the Municipal Act, "on or before the fifteenth day of May in each year Council shall cause to be prepared and adopt by bylaw a capital expenditure programme for a period of not less than five years." However, there are no penalties in the Act for missing this deadline. Unlike the Annual Budget, it is unrelated to a taxing bylaw.

Section 199A of the Municipal Act reads as follows:

- "(1) On or before the 15th 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."

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Council direct that provision be made for the inclusion of an alternate route to Gilley Avenue at an estimated cost of \$3,500,000; and
2. THAT the 1975 portion of the Capital Improvement Programme for the years 1975 to 1980 be adopted; and
3. THAT the balance of the Capital Improvement Programme be adopted as amended with the inclusion of the Gilley Avenue alternate, subject to it being understood that authorization is given for the planning only of the works involved in the years 1976 to 1980; and
4. THAT a bylaw be brought down to adopt the programme as amended; and
5. THAT enabling legislation be sought to validate the bylaw.