

Re: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME 1976 - 1981

Attached for consideration of Council is the Capital Improvement Programme for the years 1976 - 1981, 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 1976 and a progressively lesser degree each year thereafter.

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 1976 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 1976 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 by-laws, passage of construction by-laws, 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 by-law 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 by-law.

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 by-law 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 consider the program as submitted; and
2. THAT Council adopt the program; and
3. THAT a by-law be brought down to adopt the program; and
4. THAT on receipt of submissions from the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Library Board with respect to the 1976 loan authorization by-law and the Capital Improvement Program generally, Council consider amending the by-law to make any revisions deemed necessary; and
5. THAT staff be instructed to pursue with Provincial authorities the matter of validating the by-law; and
6. THAT staff be instructed to pursue with Provincial authorities the matter of obtaining a later passage date for the annual by-law or some other solution to the problem.

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