

Re: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM 1978 - 1983

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 program 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 program.

(2) The capital expenditure program adopted under subsection (1), including amendments thereto, remains in force and effect until a new capital expenditure program is adopted the following year.

(3) Except with the approval of the Inspector of Municipalities, a capital expenditure program shall not be varied, either by amendment or by the adoption of a new program, with respect to any proposed expenditure for which the Inspector of Municipalities has approved the borrowing of money."

Attached for consideration of Council is the Capital Improvement Program for the years 1978 - 1983, as prepared by the Staff Capital Improvement Program Committee.

Unlike the Annual Budget, the C.I.P. is unrelated to a taxing by-law. Authority to spend capital moneys raised from General Revenue comes from the adoption of the Annual Budget. In any event, 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 program.

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 program for 1978 and a progressively lesser degree each year thereafter.

The whole purpose of the program 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 portion of the 1978 program by virtue of adoption of the various work orders brought forward by the Municipal Engineer. We are, therefore, asking for approval of all of the 1978 work, as well as approval of the planning involved for the other years.

The Capital Improvement Program must be adopted by by-law by May 15, and it is usually necessary for Council to set a special meeting to consider this document. If this is the procedure that Council intends to follow this year, the following recommendations should be tabled and referred to that meeting, keeping in mind the deadline we have to meet. If this is not possible, the Municipal Treasurer suggests that the program be adopted to meet the deadline, and that a meeting be held afterwards to review it in greater detail to make whatever subsequent amendments are deemed necessary. If amendments are subsequently to be made, they would (where applicable) be subject to the approval of the Inspector of Municipalities before becoming effective.

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.

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