

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT Council consider the program as submitted; and
2. THAT the Municipal Manager administer the Works in Progress portion of the budget on a global basis and allocate funds as required to complete works in progress at the 1980 year end; and
3. THAT a by-law be brought down on 1981 May 04 for final passage by 1981 May 11, to adopt the program as approved by Council.

REPORT

Section 266 of the Municipal Act states:

- "(1) On or before May 15 in each year the council shall direct preparation of 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) An adopted capital expenditure program, including amendments, remains in force until a new program is adopted in the following year.
- (3) Where the inspector has approved the borrowing of money for a proposed expenditure, then without his approval, a capital expenditure program may not be varied for that expenditure."

Attached for consideration of Council is the Capital Improvement Program for the years 1981 - 1985, 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.

This budget shows work in progress at year end as a separate account. In past practice it was shown separately under each classification. The detailed information was not available because of the strike. The C.I.P. Committee recommends that the Municipal Manager administer the account and allocate funds as required to complete 1980 work in progress.

This is a continuing document that is reviewed annually. A good degree of accuracy is built into the program for 1981 and a progressively lesser degree each year thereafter. This is more evident this year. Because of the strike, the figures for 1982-1985 are virtually unchanged from last year.

The whole purpose of the program is defeated if it is not adopted as a total plan in one form or another. We are therefore asking for approval of all of the 1981 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. This year, Council has not had the opportunity as in the past to consider this document in detail. Because of the statutory limitations, this program should be adopted to meet the deadline, and a meeting held afterwards, if necessary, to review it in greater detail. Adjustments deemed necessary can then be made in the "working" recast C.I.P. which we propose to prepare for administrative purposes after the strike. This "working" budget will be presented to Council for information purposes.

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