TO:

CITY MANAGER

DATE: 1997 01 28

FROM:

DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

FILE: 50-06-35

SUBJECT:

CANADA WAY AT SPERLING AVENUE - ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

PURPOSE:

To seek Council authority to bring down a Capital Expenditure Bylaw for design, property acquisition, and construction of road improvements on Canada Way at

Sperling Avenue.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council authorize staff to bring down a Capital Expenditure Bylaw in the amount of \$1.1 million for design, property acquisition, and construction of roadway improvements on Canada Way at Sperling Avenue.

REPORT

On 1996 June 24, Council approved a report entitled "Deer Lake Administrative & Cultural Area Access; Canada Way/Sperling Intersection and Related Projects". More specifically, this report dealt with the reconstruction of Canada Way at Sperling Avenue to introduce a traffic signal and left turn channelization on Canada Way. The report also dealt with modifications to Deer Lake Avenue to accommodate transit access to the civic facilities including such locations as the Shadbolt Centre for the Arts, the Village Museum, and the Carousel. The report also discussed the reconstruction of Century Parkway to improve vehicular access to these civic facilities.

The recent proposal to redevelop the area north of Canada Way and east of Sperling Avenue was dependent on securing safe and convenient access to and from Canada Way. In recognizing this concern, the City identified the need to signalize the Canada Way/Sperling intersection. In an effort to provide technical support for the signalization of the subject intersection to the Ministry of Transportation & Highways, the City required the developer to do conceptual and preliminary design work to confirm the feasibility of widening and signalizing the intersection. This conceptual preliminary design has now been completed. We are now in a position to proceed to detailed design, right-of-way acquisition negotiations, and construction tendering.

It is recommended that a Capital Expenditure Bylaw in the amount of \$1.1 million be brought down to cover the cost of design, property acquisition, and construction of these roadway improvements. Sufficient Capital Reserves are available and the project is included in the 1997 Major Roads component of the 1997-2001 Provisional Capital Program. The 1997 Capital Budget includes \$800,000 with the balance of \$300,000 identified in 1998. The \$1,100,000 is inclusive of 7% GST of which the City receives a 4% rebate.

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cc: Director Finance