
TO: CITY MANAGER **DATE:** 2005 August 03

FROM: DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

SUBJECT: THORNE AVENUE DYKE

PURPOSE: To seek funding approval for dyke improvements in the Big Bend area.

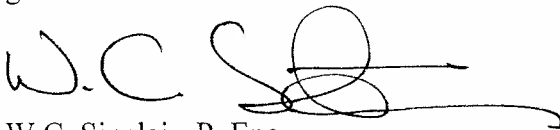
RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** Council authorize expenditures of \$214,000 (inclusive of 7% GST) from the Gaming Reserve Fund for the construction of dyke improvements in the big Bend Area, as outlined in this report.

REPORT

On 2005 July 08, the City was awarded a Natural Hazards Mitigation Fund (NHMF) grant to upgrade sections of the existing dyke in the Big Bend area. The NHMF fund is administered through the Provincial Emergency Program and is intended to assist local communities in addressing public safety concerns due to "Natural Hazards", and to reduce potential infrastructure damage. Eligible project costs are shared 75/25 percent between the Province and the City, with the provincial share being limited to a maximum of \$150,000. Project completion deadline is 2006 February 16.

The work involves upgrading a 230m section of dyke extending west from the intersection of River Bend Drive and the Wheaton Street right-of-way, at an estimated total costs of \$214,000 (including 7% GST). This project is not included in the Annual 2005 Financial Plan. However, in order to take advantage of available provincial funding, it is recommended that the capital spending limit be increased to accommodate additional expenditures of \$214,000. Following project completion, the Gaming Reserve Fund will be reimbursed on receipt of the Provincial grant.



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