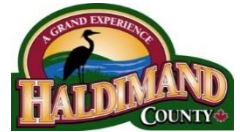

HALDIMAND COUNTY

Report CDP-10-2019 Anticipated Overage in the Caledonia Banner Poles Replacement Project

For Consideration by Council in Committee on May 7, 2019



OBJECTIVE:

To request Council approve an increase to the current approved budget for the Replacement of the Banner Poles in Caledonia.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Report CDP-10-2019 Anticipated Overage in the Caledonia Banner Poles Replacement Project be received;
2. AND THAT the Revised Tax Supported Capital Budget for the Caledonia Banner Poles Replacement Project as outlined in Report CDP-10-2019 be approved.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The 2015 Tax Supported Capital Budget included a project to replace the Caledonia Cross-road Banner Poles located at 290 Argyle Street North (Attachment 1 - landmark is the Old Slack building). The approved budget for this project is \$17,500, unfortunately based on the current required specifications, the approved budget is no longer sufficient, and as a result, staff are requesting additional funding in the amount of \$9,500 in order to complete this project.

BACKGROUND:

In 2007, banner poles were installed in Caledonia to provide the opportunity for the promotion of festivals and events through the installation of cross-road banners. In 2014, during the installation of a cross-road banner, the contractor noted a crack in one of the poles. At this time, it was also noted that the poles were leaning in towards the roadway. Previous attempts to straighten the existing poles have not been successful due to the shifting concrete base and the inability to further tighten the existing guy wires.

In preparation for the installation of the poles, the following components of the project have been completed: a geotechnical study of the soil where the banner poles are currently located; and the creation of updated specifications for the new banners. The new specifications for the banners, will help to minimize stress on the poles given the span width of the roadway, and will include new materials and design methods. A Professional Engineer has reviewed the geotechnical report and has designed

an un-guyed concrete pole with a flexible bottom cable that will release wind load during high wind events. The purchase and installation of the cross-road poles was delayed, as attempts to secure a qualified contractor for this project were unsuccessful. With the assistance of the Engineering Services Division, we have been in contact with a contractor with the ability to complete the project.

ANALYSIS:

Recently, the County in anticipation of installing the banner poles obtained up to date costing. The current estimated costing is approximately \$27,000. The Community Development and Partnerships staff are requesting an increase to the existing budget in the amount of \$9,500, in order to proceed with this project. The current approved budget is no longer sufficient to cover the current costs of the class of poles required based on the Engineer's report. Following the guidelines as outlined in the Procurement Policy 2013-02, staff have reviewed the current projects available, and have determined that there are no savings available to be used to offset the increase required for this project. In 2019, staff have received four inquiries from community groups regarding the possibilities of promoting events with cross-road banners in this location.

FINANCIAL/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

Staff have estimated that the total budget required to complete the Caledonia Banner Poles Replacement project is \$27,000, with the additional amount of \$9,500 to be funded from CRR General.

In order to accommodate the additional project expenditures, staff propose a revision to the budget as follows:

	Current Approved Budget	Proposed Revised Budget
Expenditures:		
Caledonia Banner Poles Replacement	\$17,500	\$27,000
Total Expenditures	\$17,500	\$27,000
Financing:		
CRR General	\$17,500	\$27,000
Total Financing	\$17,500	\$27,000

STAKEHOLDER IMPACTS:

Not applicable.

REPORT IMPACTS:

Agreement: No

By-law: No

Budget Amendment: Yes

Policy: No

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Caledonia Banner Poles Location Map.