



# Staff Report

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## Operations – Capital Projects Division

**Report To:** Council Meeting  
**Meeting Date:** June 19, 2023  
**Report Number:** CSOPS.23.043  
**Title:** Addition of Beaver Street Parkette to Thornbury West Phase 1A  
**Prepared by:** Michael Campbell, Senior Infrastructure Capital Project Coordinator

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### A. Recommendations

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THAT Council receive Staff Report CSOPS.23.043, entitled “Addition of Beaver Street Parkette to Thornbury West Phase 1A”;

AND THAT Council approve increasing the value of the existing Thornbury West Reconstruction – Phase 1A Contract by \$275,000 from the approved Capital Budget;

### B. Overview

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The Town’s contractor for Thornbury West Phase 1A, Arnott Construction Ltd. (“Arnott”), has capacity to complete the Beaver Street Parkette this year. Staff are seeking council approval to increase Arnott’s contract value using the existing approved budget for the Thornbury West Reconstruction Project to complete this work in 2023.

### C. Background

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The Beaver Street Parkette as well as the Louisa Street Parkette were to be constructed as part of the Thornbury West Phase 1 project. The timing for this work was not settled when the Phase 1A contract was awarded. As the Phase 1A work began in 2022, it was thought that Arnott could complete some of the Beaver Street Parkette work. The start of the work was delayed in 2022 due to relocation of utilities. This caused Arnott to extend their construction window into 2023 which provided the opportunity to complete the Beaver Street Parkette work this year.

### D. Analysis

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The Beaver Street and Louisa Street parkettes were a Staff led addition to the Thornbury West Phase 1 Reconstruction Project. The parkettes were generally well received by the public and Council endorsed the work. With Arnott having to return in 2023 to complete the Phase 1A works, an opportunity to have the Beaver Street Parkette work completed in 2023 was realized. Staff pushed the consultant to advance the final design and obtain a quote for the work which

has just recently been received. The quote for the work was not received in time to be included in [Staff Report CSOPS.23.032](#) Addition of Elma Street to Thornbury West Phase 1A which was discussed at the June 6, 2023, Committee of the Whole meeting.

Advantages of completing the parkette this year are:

- Completion of an active transportation route from Beaver Street and Alice Street into Town to make the temporary active transportation route on Lansdowne redundant.
- Reducing the volume of work in 2024, increasing the likelihood that Phase 1B can be completed in one construction season.
- Having the parkette facility available to the neighbourhood sooner.

Staff recommend increasing the existing Thornbury West Reconstruction – Phase 1A Contract by \$275,000 from the approved Capital Budget.

## **E. Strategic Priorities**

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### **1. Communication and Engagement**

We will enhance communications and engagement between Town Staff, Town residents and stakeholders.

### **2. Organizational Excellence**

We will continually seek out ways to improve the internal organization of Town Staff and the management of Town assets.

### **3. Community**

We will protect and enhance the community feel and the character of the Town, while ensuring the responsible use of resources and restoration of nature.

### **4. Quality of Life**

We will foster a high quality of life for full-time and part-time residents of all ages and stages, while welcoming visitors.

## **F. Environmental Impacts**

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When Beaver Street was closed at Alice Street to eliminate a 5-leg intersection, Staff realized an opportunity to create a parkette. The parkette will eliminate a road section and expand the Town's urban canopy. The additional park facility for the public should be beneficial to the Town.

## **G. Financial Impacts**

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The Thornbury West Reconstruction project (now split into Phase 1A and Phase 1B) was approved for \$13,104,400 however, this amount was increased by \$5,750,000 in the 2023 Capital Budget. This project now has an approved budget of \$18,854,400. The works included in this report will be funded through this budget.

## **H. In Consultation With**

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Ryan Gibbons, Director of Community Services

Jason Petznick, Communications Coordinator, Capital Projects.

## **I. Public Engagement**

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The topic of this Staff Report has been the subject of numerous Public Meetings and/or Public Information Centres. Those who provided comments at the Public Meeting and/or Public Information Centre, including anyone who has asked to receive notice regarding this matter, has been provided notice of this Staff Report. Any comments regarding this report should be submitted to

Any comments regarding this report should be submitted to Michael Campbell, Senior Infrastructure Capital Project Coordinator [cc@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:cc@thebluemountains.ca).

## **J. Attached**

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None

Respectfully submitted,

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