



Staff Report

Operations

Report To: Committee of the Whole Meeting
Meeting Date: November 1, 2022
Report Number: CSOPS.22.074
Title: Addition of Pedestrian Bridge to Peel Street North Reconstruction Project
Prepared by: Shawn Carey, Director of Operations

A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report CSOPS.22.074, entitled "Addition of Pedestrian Bridge to Peel Street North Reconstruction Project";

AND THAT Council direct staff to add a pedestrian bridge to the scope of work for the Peel Street North Reconstruction Project as part of the 2023 budget process.

B. Overview

On September 12, 2022, staff were directed by Council to provide a report on the inclusion of a pedestrian bridge over the Little Beaver River as part of the Peel Street North Reconstruction Project.

C. Background

The Peel Street North Reconstruction Project is currently progressing through detailed engineering design. The initial scope of the project did not include engineering design or construction of an active transportation route connecting Peel St. North and Bay St. West which would require a pedestrian bridge across the Little Beaver River (Attachment 1).

D. Analysis

This important active transportation linkage is included in the 3-year priority project list in the final draft of the Town's Transportation Master Plan (TMP).

In response to Council direction and to implement a priority project of the TMP, Staff are recommending the design and installation of a pedestrian bridge be added to the Peel Street North Reconstruction Project through the 2023 budget process. Neighboring municipalities have recently installed pedestrian bridges and staff have explored different design options and specifications for both cost efficiency and operational needs.

E. Strategic Priorities

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

Improving the connectivity of the Town's active transportation network promotes healthy lifestyles and encourages travel by non-motorized means and thereby supporting greenhouse gas emission reductions.

The design and installation of the proposed pedestrian bridge will utilize standard mitigation measures to reduce potential impacts to the Little Beaver River.

G. Financial Impacts

Staff are consulting with local municipalities on design options. The potential bridge will need to be designed to accommodate snow removal equipment to support year-round active transportation needs. Cost estimates will be brought forward as part of an updated project capital sheet for the 2023 budget process and will be further refined as the detailed engineering progresses.

H. In Consultation With

Michael Campbell, Construction Coordinator

Brent Rolufs, Manager of Capital Projects

I. Public Engagement

The topic of this Staff Report will be the subject of a Public Meeting and/or a Public Information Centre as part of the 2023 budget process and if approved will be included in the public consultation process for the Peel Street North Reconstruction Project.

Any comments regarding this report should be submitted to Shawn Carey, Director of Operations directorops@thebluemountains.ca.

J. Attached

1. Attachment 1 – Study Area

Respectfully submitted,

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Report Approval Details

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