

To: David Creery, Chief Administrative Officer

From: Diane Campbell, Director of Administrative Services

Re: Adoption of 2025 Capital Budget and 2026-2029 Capital Forecast

AIM

To adopt the 2025 Capital Budget and the 2026-2029 Capital Forecast.

BACKGROUND

In 2023, the City of Woodstock was designated as a municipality to which Part VI.1 of the Municipal Act applies. This designation assigns a number of special powers and duties to the Head of Council, one of which assigns the proposal and adoption of a budget to the Mayor.

On September 12, 2024, Mayor Acchione signed a Mayoral Direction directing staff to prepare the 2025 Capital Budget and 2026-2029 Capital Forecast for presentation to Council. Staff presented an overview of the budget at the regular Council meeting on November 21, 2024 and reviewed it in detail at a special Capital Budget meeting on November 26, 2024.

Regardless of the Mayoral Direction, Section 284.16 of the Municipal Act and O. Reg. 530/22 continue to apply to the budget process and Council may pass resolutions amending the proposed budget within 30 days of receipt of the budget. Once any amendments to the budget are approved by resolution, the Mayor has an opportunity to veto any of the resolutions within specific timelines.

The Council meeting on December 12, 2024 occurs on day 25 of the 30 day amendment period. Once Council dispenses with all the proposed amendments, they may approve a resolution shortening the amendment period from the prescribed 30 day period to 25 days.

The 10 day veto period for the Mayor would then begin, giving him the opportunity to veto any of the approved capital budget amendments. Should the Mayor exercise his veto, staff will arrange for a special Council meeting in order to allow Council to consider overriding the Mayor's veto within the prescribed timelines as the next regularly scheduled Council meeting of January 16, 2025 does not adhere to the timelines described in O. Reg. 530/22.

Should the Mayor choose to not exercise his veto power, he can provide written direction to all members of Council and the Clerk of his intention to shorten the veto period from the prescribed 10 day period to 0 days. In this case, the proposed 2025 Capital Budget, as amended, would be deemed to be adopted.

COMMENTS

A list of motions has been prepared for consideration and is attached to the report. Members of Council are free to propose any additional motions.

RECOMMENDATION

Refer to motions.

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Approved by: David Creery, P. Eng, MBA, Chief Administrative Officer

Suggested Motions for the 2025 Capital Budget and 2026 – 2029 Capital Forecast

Motions Received from Members of Council

Councillor Schadenberg:

1. Suggested Motion – Downtown Revitalization Pages 13 and 14:

That Project INF00138-Downtown Revitalization being financed from debenture be removed from the 2025 Capital Budget and the 2026-2029 Capital Forecast.

2. Suggested Motion – Disc Golf Redevelopment Page 32:

That Project PKS00073-Disc Golf Redevelopment be amended by moving the \$40,000 from the 2026 Forecasted Budget into the 2025 Capital Budget for a total of \$60,000 to complete the project in 2025; And further that the \$40,000 be financed from the Reserve for Capital Projects.

Councillor Tait:

3. Suggested Motion – Lions Pool Demolition Page 25:

That Project BLD00147-Lions Pool - Demolition be renamed to Lions Pool – Renovation; And further that the 2025 Capital Budget is increased by \$1,825,000 financed from debenture to bring the outdoor pool back into working order.

4. Suggested Motion – York Street Reconstruction Pages 11 and 12:

That Project INF00091-York St Recon – George to Adelaide for \$343,000 be moved into the 2025 Capital Budget from the 2026 Capital Forecasted year to be financed from debenture.

5. Suggested Motion – Powell Street Reconstruction Page 11:

That Project INF00079-Powell St Recon – Salter to Parkinson for \$518,000 be moved into the 2025 Capital Budget from the 2027 Capital Forecasted year to be financed from debenture.

Councillor Lauder:

6. Suggested Motion – Adelaide Street Parking Lot Rehab – Page 10:

That Project INF00059- Adelaide St Parking Lot Rehab for \$200,000 be moved into the 2025 Capital Budget from the 2026 Capital Forecasted year to be financed from debenture.

Final Motion

Once all the amendments to the Capital Budget have been made, the suggested motion is as follows:

That, in accordance with section 284.16 (3) of the Municipal Act, 2001 and Section 7.(4) of O. Reg. 530/22, Woodstock City Council shortens the amendment period for the 2025 Capital Budget from the prescribed 30-day period to 25 days.