

# Town of Riverview

## COUNCIL REPORT FORM



Presented to: Mayor & Council

Department: Engineering & Public Works

Date: February 21, 2024

Subject: Hillsborough Road Curb & Sidewalk (project #24-65)

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### **BACKGROUND**

In light of the land development potential along the former DTI property and the current rezoning request in front of Council, I recommend we add a new sidewalk along the north side of Hillsborough from Old Coach to Point Park. The land has important commercial opportunities, and it is important to consider pedestrian access. A sidewalk will need to be constructed from Point Park to Old Coach on the north side. Crosswalks currently exist at Point Park and Old Coach to allow pedestrian to safely cross Hillsborough Road.

We are already planning on replacing the curb & sidewalk between Point Park to Emery (North side) as part of the Hillsborough Road resurfacing project this summer. Since the work includes the section between Old Coach Road to Harmony Drive, it would be cost effective to do this work now.

The project (#24-65) is currently budgeted at \$140,000. The unbudgeted cost of the repairing sections of curb and the construction of approx. 450m of new sidewalk and restoration from Old Coach to Point Park is estimated at \$200,000.

The department is working on the tender preparation for an early-March tender date and is seeking Council approval for this change in scope. If we are to proceed with the construction of the sidewalk, we suggest adding this item as a "provisional item" as part of the tender project in order to get the best price. This will allow us to remove this item if the zoning change is not successful.

### **CONSIDERATIONS**

#### Financial:

The budget request for this additional section of sidewalk is estimated at \$220,000. The cost of this extra work will be managed within the existing General Capital budget through either:

- a) Collective savings in the tender awards
- b) Reducing the scope or eliminating the LED street light replacement project along Gunningsville Blvd and differing this work to a future year. A deferred 2024 savings of \$420,000.

Interdepartmental Consultation:

Consultation with the CAO.

Communication Plan:

N/A

**OPTIONS**

Option 1 – Proceed with the change in scope if the rezoning is successful and add \$200,000 to the #24-65 project.

Option 2 – Differ the work to a future year and bring the request to Council during budget deliberations of 2025 as a new Capital budget expense.

**RECOMMENDATION FROM STAFF**

We recommend that council direct staff to proceed with OPTION 1.

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