

## COUNCIL REPORT

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Report Date	September 28, 2022
Meeting Date	October 03, 2022
Service Area	Transportation and Environment Services

Her Worship Mayor Donna Noade Reardon and Members of Common Council

***SUBJECT: Additional Funding for Municipally Designated Highways***

***OPEN OR CLOSED SESSION***

This matter is to be discussed in open session of Common Council.

***AUTHORIZATION***

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***RECOMMENDATION***

Your City Manager recommends Common Council approve an increase to Contract No. 2022-10 Asphalt Resurfacing 2022 in the amount of \$1,381,000.

***EXECUTIVE SUMMARY***

The Province of New Brunswick has recently approved additional funding for Saint John under the *Municipally Designated Highways Program* (MDHP) to support resurfacing of various provincially or regionally designated highways within our boundaries. This is one time funding and will cover 100% of the cost of this work so long as the work is completed by the end of the Province's fiscal year (March 2023). Through discussions with the Province, staff have identified a number of additional roadway sections that will be resurfaced with this funding and work has begun as time is of the essence for completion within this construction season.

***PREVIOUS RESOLUTION***

On April 19, 2022 Common Council resolved that Contract No. 2022-10: Asphalt Resurfacing 2022 be awarded to the low Tenderer, Galbraith Construction Ltd., at the tendered price of \$7,010,536.33 (including HST) as calculated based upon estimated quantities, and further that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

## **REPORT**

The annual asphalt resurfacing program aims to maximize the life of our asphalt pavements, and to prevent street sections from needing more costly reconstruction. This contract is awarded on an annual basis, and the street sections identified based on the measured *Pavement Condition Index* (PCI). The additional street sections identified for resurfacing include:

- Rothesay Road from Fulton Lane to Pride Rock Court
- Samuel Davis Drive from Somerset Street to Sandy Point Road
- Kennebecasis Drive from the Sommerville Ferry Landing to Sandy Point Road
- Sandy Point Road from Foster Thurston to Kennebecasis Drive

Each of these street sections are in poor condition and were planned for resurfacing next year, or in 2025 in the case of the latter. The Province of New Brunswick has agreed to provide funding for these four additional streets *plus* a portion of the funding for Sandy Point Road from Tucker Park Road to Foster Thurston which was already completed as part of the scope of this year's work. These are all provincially or regionally designated roads that would be eligible for funding under the MDHP. The Province has waived the usual requirement for cost sharing and is prepared to reimburse the City for the full costs.

## **STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT**

Completion of the resurfacing of these additional street sections will contribute to improved service levels and will save money as the cost of this work would otherwise have been on the City. This is aligned with the Council Priorities of Move, and Perform.

## **SERVICE AND FINANCIAL OUTCOMES**

The cost of this additional work will be fully reimbursed by the Province of New Brunswick. Department of Transportation & Infrastructure staff have indicated that formal confirmation from the Minister will be received within days.

There is a risk that this additional work will push paving into late in the season beyond the optimum temperature range. Based on discussions with the Contractor staff are confident that this additional scope of work can be completed by the deadline established by the Province.

***INPUT FROM OTHER SERVICE AREAS AND STAKEHOLDERS***

Staff from Utilities & Infrastructure provided input into this report.

***ATTACHMENT***

N/A