

Council Memorandum

Date:	November 7, 2023
To:	Committee of the Whole
From:	Councillor Perry
Re:	Decision Units 2024 Capital Budget

Recommendation

That the Memorandum from Councillor Perry, **regarding Decision Units 2024 Capital Budget** be received;

That \$700,000.00 for the planned Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Fenelon Falls Second-Crossing be considered as a Decision Unit in the 2024 budget;

That the resurfacing of Lake Avenue (Sturgeon Point) be considered as a Decision Unit in the 2024 Capital Budget; and

That these recommendations be brought forward for consideration at the next Regular Council Meeting.

Rationale

Fenelon Falls Second Crossing

The second crossing for Fenelon Falls is a result of the City's Transportation Master Plan and, more recently, the Fenelon Falls Corridor Study, which identified the need for additional roadway capacity across the Trent-Severn Waterway to reduce vehicle delays in the corridor during peak traffic demand times.

The Fenelon Falls second crossing study and planning started in mid-2019. The first phase was to determine the location of a new second crossing in Fenelon Falls. The study concluded that a by-pass on the 3rd Concession with a new bridge over the Burnt River was the preferred location. Last September, City staff identified the next phase being the Municipal Class EA Schedule C for 3rd Concession Bridge, and targeting the 2024 Capital Budget. Funds for the EA are not in the draft 2024 budget currently.

In finalizing Budget 2023, Council approved a motion not to approve new turning-movements in Fenelon Falls that were a consideration within this overall project, saving \$150,000. Time is of the essence for the EA in order to bring the benefits as soon as possible, including the ability to manage future anticipated growth.

Lake Avenue Resurfacing

At its most recent meeting (October 24, 2023), Council resolved that the following roads be referred as decision units for consideration in the 2024 Budget process: Golf Links Road, Irene Avenue, and Henry Street (all in the community of Sturgeon Point in Ward 3). Councillor Perry omitted Lake Avenue from the list by oversight, and is provided for clarification, that Lake Avenue be considered with these other roads as a 2024 Budget Decision Unit.