

Council Memorandum

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

Recommendation

That the Memorandum from Councillor Smeaton, **regarding Decision Units 2024**, be received;

That Pottinger Street from Victoria Avenue to Adelaide Street North be considered as a decision unit in the 2024 budget for resurfacing;

That the purchase of a permanent speed board (at William Street and Regent Street) be considered as a decision unit in the 2024 Budget; and

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

Rationale

Pottinger Street Resurfacing (Victoria Avenue to Adelaide Street N.)

Resurfacing Pottinger Street has been a request from residents for years; the sidewalk requires extensive repairs and widening (being a major major travel route for children walking to Parkview Public School). Pottinger Street is one of the most travelled streets in Lindsay. Pottinger Street is often used as an alternate route to Angeline Street and/or streets in between William Street and Angeline Street. As Lindsay develops, this

will be considered a route priority; recent Summer storm damage and emergency “on the spot” clean-up was heightened compared to most other neighborhoods in terms of pooling and flooding – in large part because of the state of this road. These storms are projected to be an annual occurrence.

Speed Board – William St. N. and Regent Street

Other Municipalities, as well as our City’s research, show positive effects/ impact from such boards in terms of traffic calming. William Street is moving from a street with designed Collector Traffic – to one that has increased speed as a frequent observation by residents. To maintain its purpose as a collector – whilst enforcing the 40 kilometer speed limit, this will be an excellent, and much needed safety measure. The proposed Speed Board would “calm” northbound traffic.

Staff has direction from Council to report back on the bulk purchasing of speed boards as part of a cost sharing program with communities. In the report for the November 7, 2023 Committee of the Whole, staff will be recommending that we do not create a new program for how traffic calming devices are distributed, while outlining how the existing speed board program (as part of our general traffic calming procedures) could be bolstered by the purchasing of additional boards for permanent installation on key roads.

I would like to move forward separately with this Decision Unit, requesting the purchase of a permanent speed board for the above noted location.