
MEMORANDUM

BRC-C 01-2019

Subject: Funding for Barriers

Date: January 10, 2019

To: Budget Review Committee of the Whole

From: Todd Harrison, Commissioner/Treasurer, Enterprise Resource Management Services

At the Public Health and Social Services Committee meeting on January 8, 2019, Committee moved

*“ That Regional Council as the Board of Health **APPROVE** a barrier at the location of multiple recent deaths by suicide and **DIRECT** staff to proceed with planning for such a barrier for installation in 2019, reporting back by spring 2019 with a final recommendation, detailed cost estimates, and incorporation in the 2019 Capital budget”.*

Per PHD 03-2019, the estimated cost of erecting barriers at Infrastructure Element StC-1 will be approximately \$4,000,000.

Through the Budget Control By-law, the Capital Variance Levy Project is a potential funding source for the barriers. The Capital Variance Levy project is the accumulation of unused monies originally budgeted to specific capital projects available due to surpluses or changes in scope. In accordance with subsection 6.6 of this By-Law, the Capital Variance Levy project is an alternative means of providing for unforeseen Capital costs.

There is currently \$1,500,000 in the CV project that is uncommitted and would be available to fund the barriers. However a shortfall of \$2,500,000 remains.

To fund the remaining \$2,500,000, reconsideration of the projects in the 2019 Capital budget will be required whereby equivalent dollars of projects funded from Levy will need to be eliminated or deferred.

Staff is proposing the following:

- Project 20000929 - Int Imprv- RR46 Geneva St @ Carlton-SC
 - Gross Request: \$1,000,000
 - Levy Request: \$500,000
 - Rationale: Defer project. Project design for the intersection improvement can utilize the funding from Project 20000906 – Engineering for Future Projects.

- Project 20000927 – Thorold Yard Upgrades
 - Gross Request: \$1,500,000
 - Levy Request: \$960,000
 - Rationale: Defer project. Design for the upgrades for Thorold Yard can utilize funding from 20000915 – Rds Fac Prgm Patrol Yard Imprv.

- Project 20000912 – Rds Rehab – Roads Resurfacing
 - Gross Request: \$10,000,000; defer \$1,156,000
 - Levy Request: \$4,200,000; net reduction \$1,040,000
 - Rationale: Defer some of the roads resurfacing projects for new gross budget of \$8,844,000, net levy of \$3,160,000.

Respectfully submitted and signed by

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Commissioner/Treasurer ERMS