

Committee Report

- To: Warden Mitch Twolan Members of the Transportation & Environmental Services Committee
- From: Miguel Pelletier Director of Transportation & Environmental Services

Date: October 17, 2019

Re: Sauble Falls Bridge - Fund Transfer from Bridge Reserve

Staff Recommendation:

That \$18,000 be transferred from the Bridge Reserve to Sauble Falls Bridge Capital to allow bridge superstructure repairs to be carried out this year.

Background:

In February 2019, Transportation and Environmental Services Department presented the 5year Capital Bridge Program to Council. The plan included an allocation of \$33,000 to carry out concrete repairs to the bridge superstructure and make some repairs to the drainage system on Sauble Falls Bridge (1322540B - see attached plan). As Sauble Beach is a tourist attraction area, particularly in the summer months, it was decided to delay starting this work until September.

The estimate of \$33,000 included engineering work by BM Ross at an estimated cost of \$3,000 and therefore the funds available for construction are approximately \$30,000.

On September 5, 2019 a request for quotations was posted by the Department requesting quotes for this repair work. Two bids were received with Owen King Limited submitting the low bid of \$46,824 before tax. With the HST expense (1.76%) this total will be \$47,648.10. This low bid is approximately 60% higher than the estimated cost. It is not considered to be advantageous to retender this work as it would not likely yield lower bids. In discussions with BM Ross, it has been acknowledged that the estimate was low and that there is more work needed than previously determined. Transportation and Environmental Services are therefore requesting an additional \$18,000 be transferred from the Bridge Reserve to Sauble Falls Bridge Capital in order that these repairs can be carried out this year.

Financial/Staffing/Legal/IT Considerations:

The current Bridge Reserve unallocated funds stands at approximately \$2,070,690. The transfer of \$18,000 will reduce the Bridge Reserve to approximately \$2,052,690.

There are no staffing/Legal/IT considerations.

Interdepartmental Consultation:

Corporate Services, Finance and Purchasing Divisions were consulted on this report.

Link to Strategic Goals and Elements:

None identified

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