



Report to: General Committee

Meeting Date: September 24, 2024

SUBJECT: 2024 In-Year Capital Additions
PREPARED BY: Jemima Lee – Manager, Capital Budgets (Ext. 2963)

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) That the report dated September 24, 2024 titled “2024 In-Year Capital Additions” be received; and,
- 2) That Council approve 18 in-year capital additions to Budget 2024, which total \$9,932,600 as outlined in Appendix 1; and,
- 3) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

PURPOSE:

To obtain Council approval of 18 time-sensitive in-year capital additions to Budget 2024, for which new capital projects will be created.

BACKGROUND:

Revisions to the *Municipal Act, 2001* that came into effect in July 2023 introduced Special Powers and Duties of the Head of Council (Part VI.1, also known as “Strong Mayor Powers”) and has impacts on the process and timing of the City’s annual budgets. Under the changes and the associated regulations, the Head of Council can table the annual budget as late as February 1 of the budget year, and the budget adoption process may take up to 55 days from tabling. These provisions can impact time-sensitive projects that need to be initiated prior to year-end.

On February 28, 2024, *A Strong Markham: Budget 2024* was deemed adopted by Council. In reviewing capital requirements for 2025, Staff have identified 18 time-sensitive capital projects that need to advance in 2024 to prevent delays in design or construction, meet operational/program requirements, and/or allow commencement of the procurement process to manage delivery delays due to supply chain issues or achieve competitive pricing. Council approval of these projects - which would be added as part of Budget 2024 - would optimize project delivery plans and mitigate disruptions to the City’s business-as-usual capital requirements.

Similarly, in November 2023 Council approved 36 in-year capital additions to the 2023 budget, totaling \$38,701,511, which needed to advance prior to the 2024 budget process.

OPTIONS/ DISCUSSION:

There are 18 capital additions being requested in this report, and the corresponding summary of additions is attached for reference (Appendix 1).

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The requested projects, totaling \$9,932,600, will be incorporated as additions into the 2024 capital plan that was tabled and deemed adopted earlier this year.

The majority of the project funding requested (70.3% of \$9,932,600) are included in, and consistent with, the Life Cycle Reserve and DC Background studies. The remaining 29.7% are funded by other internal reserves and the Canada Community Building Fund.

There is no impact to tax levy for 2024. As such, this request does not trigger the provisions for in-year budget amendments under the “Strong Mayor Powers” framework.

HUMAN RESOURCES CONSIDERATIONS

Not applicable

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

The requested projects align with and help deliver on the City of Markham’s strategic priorities.

BUSINESS UNITS CONSULTED AND AFFECTED:

Legal Services and all business units managing capital projects have been consulted in the development of this report.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Joseph Silva
Treasurer

Trinela Cane
Commissioner, Corporate Services

ATTACHMENTS:

Appendix 1 – 2024 Capital Budget by Department – In Year Additions