



REPORT FOR INFORMATION

Federal Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund – Update on the Fairbank-Silverthorn Storm Sewer Project

Date: June 14, 2019

To: City Council

From: City Manager

Wards: All

SUMMARY

This report provides City Council with supplementary information on Executive Committee report EX6.4 - Federal Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund – Update.

On June 10, 2019, the Government of Canada announced approval in principle for the Fairbank-Silverthorn Storm Sewer project under the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund (DMAF). Federal funding for this project will cover up to 40% of eligible project costs to a maximum of \$73.20 million. The City of Toronto will contribute the remaining funding, currently estimated at \$133.49 million.

This is second City of Toronto project funded under DMAF, with federal funding already approved in principle for the Midtown Toronto Storm Sewer project.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The federal government through the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund (DMAF) will provide the City of Toronto with \$73.20 million in funding for the Fairbank-Silverthorn Storm Sewer project. The City of Toronto will contribute \$133.49 million towards the project. The estimated total cost of the project is \$206.69 million which is currently fully funded within Toronto Water's 2019 Capital Budget and 2020-2028 Plan. Toronto Water Reserve Funds currently allocated to the Fairbank-Silverthorn Storm Sewer project will be offset by the DMAF funding and will be reallocated as part of the 2020 Capital Budget Process.

The Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

DECISION HISTORY

On June 6, 2019, Executive Committee adopted with amendments EX6.4 – Federal Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund (DMAF) – Update. This report provides an update on the DMAF program and seeks City Council approval for the Mayor to execute contribution agreements for projects that are successful in receiving funding under DMAF. <http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.EX6.4>

COMMENTS

The Fairbank-Silverthorn Trunk Storm Sewer System for Basement Flooding Protection and Combined Sewer Overflow Reduction project was developed through the Investigation of Chronic Basement Flooding Study Area 3 Class Environmental Assessment completed in 2010. The project involves the construction of 13.6 kilometers of new storm sewers which has the dual benefits of providing basement flooding protection to 4,295 homes and reducing combined sewer overflows to the environment.

This project is an important part of the City's Wet Weather Flow Master Plan and Basement Flooding Protection Program. It will greatly increase the resilience of the project area to basement flooding, reduce disruption to transportation networks caused by surface flooding and reduce combined sewer overflows to the environment.

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