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2020 CAPITAL BUDGET BRIEFING NOTE

Advancing a Capital Plan for the Improvement/ Replacement of the Newtonbrook Park Bridge

Issue/Background:

- At the January 17, 2020 meeting of Budget Committee, Parks, Forestry and Recreation (PFR) was requested to provide a briefing note on advancing a capital plan for the improvement/replacement of the Newtonbrook Park Bridge, a timeline for expediting the project and identification of potential funding sources.
- The pedestrian bridge, located in Newtonbrook Park in Ward 17, has been closed since the winter of 2017. It is deemed to be unsafe as a result of a site inspection and following the structural engineer's recommendation.
- There is currently \$0.295 million included in the 2020-2029 Staff Recommended Capital Budget and Plan for PFR for the rehabilitation of the bridge, with cash flow commitments in 2020.

Key Points:

- Further validation of the scope of work has informed that replacement of the bridge requires realignment of the Toronto Water service road through Newtonbrook Park and re-stabilization of the existing bank which falls under the jurisdiction of the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA).
- The service road was previously installed by Toronto Water to provide access to sanitary sewer infrastructure that runs through these lands.
- Discussions with Toronto Water are still in progress regarding joint funding for the project.
- In response to both the community and Ward Councillor's concerns about advancing this project, PFR Staff have engaged TRCA to undertake the design work for the service road re-alignment and re-stabilization of the existing creek banks. The plans are anticipated to be completed for spring 2020.
- The budget required to undertake the projects is now estimated to be \$1.500 million, with a projected cash flow of \$0.500 million in year one, \$0.750 million in year two and \$0.250 million in year three.
- As noted above, \$0.295 million is currently available in the 2020-2029 Staff Recommended Capital Budget and Plan for PFR, resulting in a \$1.205 million funding gap for bank stabilization of the creek that cannot be accommodated without displacing other capital projects.
- Since the work involves state of good repair of existing assets, Section 37, Section 45 and Section 42 Above 5% Cash-in-Lieu would not be suitable sources of funding for this work.

- Funding for the project would have to be reallocated through PFR's Capital Asset Management Program for State of Good Repair through the Trails, Pathways and Bridges project, with funding from debt, based on project readiness.
- Pending approvals, permits and funding, the reconstruction of the service road and embankment could proceed starting in the fall of 2020 with bridge installation starting in late summer/fall 2021.
- PFR Staff are also consulting with engineers who are examining the feasibility, potential options, work required and costs for reopening the bridge on a temporary basis in Spring 2020.

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