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## **2024 CAPITAL BUDGET BRIEFING NOTE**

### **The Scarborough Waterfront Project**

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#### **Issue/Background:**

- The following information responds to a request from Budget Committee, at its January 18, 2024 meeting, that the Chief Executive Officer, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority provide a briefing note on the Capital Plan investments needed for the completed Scarborough Waterfront Project EA, including any funds secured to date from the municipal, provincial and federal governments.
- There are two Environmental Assessment (EA) study areas covering the Scarborough Waterfront:
  - The **Scarborough Waterfront Project EA** was completed in 2019 and recommended shoreline improvements from Brimley Road (Bluffers Park) to Beechgrove Drive (Eastpoint Park).
  - The **Scarborough Bluffs West Revitalization Project EA** was launched in fall 2023 and is currently studying shoreline improvements from the end of the Martin Goodman Trail at Balmy Beach (west of R.C. Harris Water Treatment Plant) to Brimley Road (Bluffers Park).
- The capital cost for the Scarborough Waterfront Project are estimated to be approximately \$190 million. Shoreline and trail work has been broken down into 4 segments for phased implementation: (1) Brimley Road South Multi-use Trail (MUT), (2) West Segment Shoreline, (3) Central Segment, and (4) East Segment.
- As part of the 2019 Budget ([2019 EX2.5](#)), TRCA received \$4.895 million from the City to proceed with detailed design of the Brimley Road South MUT, and West Segment Shoreline. Detailed design is currently at the 90% stage for both.
- In 2021, City Council approved \$2.912 million (as part of Toronto Water's 2022 Capital Budget) to support the Scarborough Bluffs West Revitalization Study EA.
- Construction costs for the Brimley Road South MUT have been funded through the City's annual budget process and construction will begin in 2024. Construction of the West Segment Shoreline, along with design and construction costs of the Central and East Segments, are currently unfunded. These projects which are substantial in

scope and require significant funding, have been identified in Capital Needs Constraints for TRCA.

- All funding secured for the project has been from the City of Toronto; TRCA has not secured provincial or federal funding for the Scarborough Waterfront Project to date.

**Key Points:**

- The following outlines the status of funding for each segment of the Scarborough Waterfront Project:

West Segment Shoreline and Brimley Road South MUT - Detailed Design	Funded	\$4,895,000
Brimley Road South MUT - Construction	Funded	\$10,461,000
	<b>Total Funded</b>	<b>\$15,356,000</b>
West Segment Shoreline - Construction	Unfunded	\$69,000,000
Central Segment - Detailed Design	Unfunded	\$1,583,000*
Central Segment - Construction	Unfunded	\$28,461,000*
East Segment - Detailed Design	Unfunded	\$3,712,000*
East Segment - Construction	Unfunded	\$72,135,000*
	<b>Total Unfunded</b>	<b>\$174,891,000</b>

*\*Estimate from EA concepts and assumptions*

- The funded components of \$15.356 million are secured from City of Toronto funding. The TRCA has not secured provincial or federal funding for the Scarborough Waterfront Project to date.
- Target timelines for construction of the West Segment Shoreline are between 2025-2034, pending available funding of \$69 million. TRCA will continue to work with private and public sector agencies to reduce the overall construction cost by exploring options such as importing excess fill of an appropriate standard from public and private projects, while seeking senior government support through appropriate Federal and Provincial funding programs.
- It is estimated that \$1.583 million is needed to advance detailed design of the Central Segment. Although this work could start as early as 2025 it is not recommended that detailed design begins prior to the securement of funding for the implementation of the West Segment Shoreline.

- Funding required to support the continuation of the Scarborough Waterfront Project design and construction is included on TRCA's Capital Needs Constraint List (\$134 million over 2024-2033).
- In December 2021 ([2021 EX28.6](#)), City Council approved \$2.912 million as part of the 2022 Toronto Water Capital Budget to support the Scarborough Bluffs West Revitalization Study EA. This EA was publicly launched in 2023 with an anticipated completion in 2027. Completion of the EA will result in cost estimates for design and implementation across this section of shoreline and subsequently an update to TRCA's Unfunded Priorities List.
- A Wider Waterfront Coordination Table was launched in late 2022 with leadership from across TRCA and City Divisions (City Planning/Waterfront Secretariat, Parks, Forestry & Recreation, Toronto Water, Transportation Services, City Manager's Office, Deputy City Manager's Office). Of the needs across the wider waterfront, Scarborough Waterfront was identified as a key priority for implementation that requires support from the City's intergovernmental partners.

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