

November 23, 2020

TO: Mayor and Members of Council

FROM: Jayne Holmes

**SUBJECT: Proposed Amendment to 2021 Budget for Downtown Brampton
Flood Protection (Riverwalk)**

RECOMMENDATION:

To include \$5.88M in the budget for 2021 to fund the detailed design of the Downtown Brampton flood protection works.

BACKGROUND:

The Downtown Brampton Flood Protection Environmental Assessment (EA) commenced in September 2018, and was led by the TRCA in partnership with the City of Brampton. The EA was approved in September 2020, and recommends widening and deepening of the Etobicoke Creek through Downtown Brampton and several bridge replacements from Church Street to the CNR inclusive to accommodate the widening. The approval of the EA allows the City to move forward to the next stages of detailed design and construction. The preliminary cost estimate for the flood protection works is \$106 M, of which \$9M is for land acquisitions required to implement the works.

CURRENT SITUATION:

On 18th November, the Government of Canada announced that the City of Brampton would receive up to \$38.8M as a result of a successful application to the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund. The federal government contribution represents 40% of the eligible project costs (land acquisitions are not included). As a condition of the funding, the City would be required to commit the remaining funds for the project at time of execution of a funding agreement between the City and the Government of Canada.

We recommend the City begin the detailed design for the flood protection as soon as possible, since this is anticipated to take approximately 2 years, and the costs for the detailed design is recommended to be included in the 2021 budget.

The cost estimate for the detailed design of the flood protection works, based on the preliminary project costs derived from the EA is \$5.88M.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

2021 Budget Impacts

The \$5.88M for detailed design of the flood protection works will have no tax impact, as outlined below:

Cost estimate for detailed design	\$5,880,000
From existing Riverwalk project funds	\$1,000,000
Reimbursable from DMAF	\$2,352,000
From stormwater charge reserve #46	\$2,528,000
Net tax impact	\$0

Revision to current three-year budget forecast

There are budget requests for \$2M in 2022 and \$2M in 2023 that were proposed in order to fund the detailed design over the 2 year period. The timing of these budget requests were reasonable given there was no approved EA at the time these were proposed and hence no presumption that detailed design could start in 2021.

As a result of the proposed amendment to the 2021 budget, we recommend the following revisions to the 2021-2023 budget to address detailed design, land acquisition, and start of construction.

Three-year budget for Downtown Brampton flood protection	
2021	\$5,880,000
2022	\$9,250,000
2023	\$16,000,000

Staff will review potential funding options for the remaining project costs, will work with Government Relations to explore provincial opportunities as these are made available, and will report back to Council.