



## Motion

Re: McDougall Line Bridge

**Whereas Council's approved 2018-2022 Term of Office Priorities identify Growth as a priority and to "rationalize current inventory of bridges, roads, parks and buildings in support of new infrastructure investment";**

**And Whereas Council's approved Growth and Recovery Strategy Next Steps Report (2020 OCT 05) identified a shortfall in the Asset Management Plan of 0.4% per year (\$1.9M to date) and included the following comments from Council Members that "nothing should be off limits to review", "there are no sacred cows" and "bring back Council investment decisions where the financial commitment has not been made";**

**And Whereas the municipality has about 54 per cent of the funding required to maintain its existing infrastructure;**

**And Whereas Council approved \$2.0M in intersection improvements at Merlin Road and Queens Line in the 2020 capital budget;**

**And Whereas Council declined a \$2.75M rationalization cost savings opportunity at the Council Meeting on 2019 SEP 09 related to the McDougall Line Bridge which had been on the divestment list since 2013;**

**And Whereas the McDougall Line Bridge consulting costs to date are \$50,000 in preparation for a forthcoming construction tender in the spring of 2021;**

**And Whereas the McDougall Line bridge estimated construction costs of \$2.7M have not been committed to date;**

**And Whereas the costs to remove the McDougall Line bridge and create a turn around on McDougall Line is estimated to be \$500,000 for a net infrastructure investment savings of \$2.2M;**

**And Whereas all safety concerns raised during the 2019 SEP 09 Council meeting deputations for the McDougall Line Bridge will be addressed independent of the bridge investment/divestment decision as follows:**

- 1. The intersection alignment at McDougall Line and Queens Line will be reconstructed by the end of 2021 to allow for improved turning movements and sight lines for all forms of transportation**
- 2. Traffic control improvements at the intersection of Queens Line and Merlin Road will be completed by the end of 2022 to improve safety for all forms of transportation**
- 3. The detour route associated with any proposed works or emergencies on Queens Line will remain unchanged by way of adjacent hard surfaced roads (Coutts Line or Middle Line);**

**And Whereas despite decisions on divestment of bridges and culverts or to reduce levels of service can be difficult, concerted efforts should be made to identify other municipal assets that should be earmarked for divestment within this term of Council**

**Be it therefore resolved that Council reconsider the original direction provided to rehabilitate the McDougall Line Bridge and move to divest this municipal asset.**

**And further that administration follow the process approved in Item 19 e) tonight and, as this is a revised bridge criteria and the McDougall Line Bridge construction has not started or been sourced, a report be brought back to Council to outline how the new criteria impacts Council's previous decision.**

Signed: Councillor Karen Kirkwood-Whyte

Notice Given On: March 1, 2021