



REPORT N° AMÉ-19-67-R

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Subject	Laurier Street Revitalization – Next step
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1) **NATURE/GOAL :**

The nature of this report is to obtain Council's approval on some budget items in order to advance on the Laurier Street revitalization project.

2) **DIRECTIVE/PREVIOUS POLICY :**

N/A

3) **DEPARTMENT'S RECOMMENDATION :**

WHEREAS report INF2019-025 was presented in June 2019 which updated Council on the status and next steps for the Laurier Street Revitalization; and

WHEREAS a Lighting Study and an Environmental Assessment was identified in the next steps;

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that Council authorizes that a Lighting Study be completed with a budget of \$25,000; and

THAT Council authorize that an Environmental Assessment be completed with a budget of \$75,000; and

THAT both studies be paid by the Laurier Street Revitalization budget.

ATTENDU QUE le rapport INF2019-025 a été présenté en juin 2019 afin d'aviser le conseil du statut et des prochaines étapes pour la revitalisation de la rue Laurier; et

ATTENDU QU'UNE étude d'éclairage et une évaluation environnementale ont été identifiées dans les prochaines étapes;

QUE le comité plénier recommande que le conseil autorise qu'une étude d'éclairage soit complétée avec un budget de 25 000\$; et

QUE le conseil autorise qu'une évaluation environnementale soit complétée avec un budget de 75 000\$; et

QUE les deux études soient payée avec le budget existant pour la revitalisation de la rue Laurier.

4) **BACKGROUND :**

On June 17th, 2019, Mr. Lenhart presented a report to Council with an update on the Laurier Street revitalization project. A draft design was included with the report as well as the next steps.

5) **DISCUSSION :**

Staff met with the consultant CSW on June 20th, 2019. They provided us with an update on the Laurier Street Revitalization Study as well as provided us with deadlines for a public open house and final approval. As such, it is anticipated that an open house be scheduled around September with final approval of the report in October of 2019.

As part of preliminary findings, CSW has recommended that a lightning study be undertaken. The lighting study would look at the location of the existing light posts since some dark areas were observed on Laurier Street. The Study will also review the light level as per municipal standards and provide recommendations for new light fixtures. It is estimated that a budget of \$25,000 would be needed to complete this study.

As part of the Revitalization Study, CSW has proposed bike lanes on both sides of Laurier Street. Two sections of Laurier Street are not wide enough to accommodate the bike lanes. In order to provide continuity of the bike lanes and to provide a Complete Street, an Environmental Assessment will be required. The EA will look at two options. One of the options will be to maintain the width of the street intact, at those two sections, with no bike lanes and the other option will be to widen Laurier Street in order to have a nice continuity of the bike lanes throughout the study area. The cost to complete the EA is estimated at 75,000\$. Since an EA can take up to a year to complete, we recommend that this study be initiated in 2019.

Those are the main two studies that the Department wants to undertake this year for the Laurier Street Revitalization. Afterwards, as indicated in Mr. Lenhart's report, a more detailed design of the street will be undertaken, as well as line painting, lighting enhancement, land acquisition (if required) and construction of the bike lanes.

Funding

In 2018, OMAFRA offered funding to municipalities under their Main Street Revitalization Initiative. The City will receive an amount of \$59,330.15. The funding was established to help municipal governments to undertake main street revitalization activities that support small businesses. The City can invest in municipal physical infrastructure identified through a municipal land-use planning

document for the City's main street, which involves the construction, renewal, renovation or redevelopment or material enhancement. In order to receive the funding the City must have incurred the cost by March 31, 2020. As such, the City's consultant, CSW, has recommended that new lampposts be purchased with the funding. They also recommended the installation of bike racks throughout the study area as well as benches and garbage bins. Those items could also be purchased as part of this funding opportunity. Once the Lighting study and the Revitalization Study are completed in the fall, we will be in a better position to recommend the items to be purchased in order to receive funding. We will bring another report to Council at that time, in order to confirm how the funding money should be spent.

6) **CONSULTATION:**

n/a

7) **RECOMMENDATIONS OR COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE/ OTHER DEPARTMENTS :**

n/a

8) **FINANCIAL IMPACT (expenses/material/etc.):**

We currently have a budget of \$298,457 for the Laurier Street Revitalization project. An amount of \$97,305 was approved for CSW. An amount of \$201,152 is remaining. With the completion of the traffic study and the EA, an approximate amount of \$100,000 will remain.

9) **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS :**

n/a

10) **RISK MANAGEMENT :**

N/A

11) **STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS :**

N/A

12) **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

n/a