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The Regional Municipality of Durham Report

To: Works Committee
 From: Acting Commissioner of Works
 Report: #2023-W-37
 Date: September 6, 2023

Subject:

Additional Financing for Property Acquisition and Utility Relocations for the Intersection Improvement Project at Rossland Road (Regional Road 28) and Garden Street, in the Town of Whitby

Recommendations:

That the Works Committee recommends to Regional Council:

- A) That Regional Council authorize additional funding for property acquisition and utility relocations for the Rossland Road and Garden Street Intersection project, in the amount of \$810,000; and
- B) That the additional funding be provided by reallocation of financing from approved projects as follows:

	Residential DC \$	Commercial DC \$	Industrial DC \$	Roads Capital Reserve \$	Developer Funding \$	Total \$
Project ID R1620 Rossland Road and Garden Street	939,600	113,400	24,300	422,700	-	1,500,000
Total Approved Financing	939,600	113,400	24,300	422,700	-	1,500,000
Project ID R1103 Simcoe Street and Conlin Road	85,467	13,858	-	62,751	-	162,076

	Residential DC \$	Commercial DC \$	Industrial DC \$	Roads Capital Reserve \$	Developer Funding \$	Total \$
Project ID R1403 Reg. Rd. 23 and Reg. Rd. 12 Roundabout	201,416	28,591	4,616	90,900	-	325,523
Project ID R0203 Bloor Street from Merritt Street to Ritson Road	115,528	32,051	-	34,887	-	182,465
Contribution from Landowner for Storm Sewer Extension	-	-	-	-	18,267	18,267
Funding at the discretion of the Commissioner of Finance	132,189	7,747	-	-	-	139,936
Additional Roads Financing	534,600	82,246	4,616	188,538	-	810,000
Total Revised Financing	1,474,200	195,646	28,916	611,238	18,267	2,328,267

Report:

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval for additional financing to complete property acquisition and utility relocations required in advance of the reconstruction of Rossland Road (Regional Road 28) and Garden Street intersection, in the Town of Whitby.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Rossland Road and Garden Street intersection requires widening to accommodate medians and additional turning lanes, realignment, and pavement rehabilitation to improve safety and driving surface conditions. Construction is forecasted to commence in 2025.

- 2.2 The Regional Municipality of Durham (Region), based on an initial design, budgeted a total of \$1,500,000 for preconstruction activities, including \$300,000 for design, \$750,000 for property acquisition and \$450,000 for utility relocations.
- 2.3 As the design of the intersection advanced, the property requirements were finalized and negotiations with adjacent owners commenced. Property acquisition costs are now estimated at \$1,050,000, resulting in the need for an additional \$300,000 funding. As a part of the property negotiations, the Region agreed with additional terms to extend storm sewer services to 700 Rossland Road East and 3115 Garden Street if the Seller obtains the development permits and provides funding estimated at \$18,267.
- 2.4 The utility providers have completed utility relocation designs and the estimated Regional cost for utility relocations is \$960,000. This is higher than the \$450,000 initially estimated, resulting in the need for an additional \$510,000 for utility relocation.

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 Section 15.3 of the Region of Durham's budget Management Policy states that where additional project financing exceeding \$250,000 is required, an updated capital project approval report shall be submitted to the applicable Standing Committee and Regional Council.
- 3.2 The recommended financing for the revised project budget of \$2,328,267 can be provided as follows:

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3.3 Funding in the amount of \$670,064 is available for reallocation from the projects noted above, as they have reached Final Acceptance and are ready to be closed, with surplus financing from Residential Development Charges, Commercial Development Charges, Industrial Development Charges, and Roads Capital Reserve. Financing for the remainder of the shortfall of \$139,936 is to be determined at the discretion of the Commissioner of Finance.

4. Relationship to Strategic Plan

4.1 This report aligns with/addresses the following strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:

a. Community Vitality

- Goal 2.2: Enhance community safety and well-being.

b. Economic Prosperity

- Goal 3.3: Enhance communication and transportation networks to better connect people and move goods more effectively.

5. Conclusion

- 5.1 It is recommended that Regional Council authorize additional funding of \$810,000 to complete property acquisition and utility relocations for the Rossland Road / Garden Street intersection project.
- 5.2 This report has been reviewed by the Finance Department, and the Commissioner of Finance concurs with the financial recommendation.
- 5.3 For additional information, contact: Reid McGregor, Manager, Transportation Design, at 905-668-7711 extension 3502.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recommended for Presentation to Committee

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