



Memorandum

To: Council

From: Alain D. Muise, CPA, CA

Re: Priorities update

Lori and I have prepared a list of current projects that are currently expected or begun by staff. Each year before budgets are set, we take the time to update Council on the significant projects underway, and request a special meeting of Council to determine what priorities Council would like to see in the coming years.

Council typically selects priorities each year that is presented to residents. The priorities typically highlight short term projects, but recently included longer term priorities on the list, as in many cases, these projects span multiple years.

We have attached work in “buckets”, meaning we listed the work we expect to do in the next 12-15 months. What you will see is many of the projects are already underway. This is to give Council some idea of what is already on the list of tasks. We have drafted future “buckets” for consideration also. In establishing priorities, Council should be informed of the work already underway, either to confirm your priorities, or to understand the current workload and ability to do more.

In preparing this document, staff considered your priorities that you stated at the time of election, the Capital Investment Plan approved by Council, and other documents (such as the Active Transportation Plan). While it considered other documents, it may not have captured all of the work.

This document is presented in draft for your consideration. We recommend a special meeting to discuss these projects, to determine which represent your priorities, therefore our deepest attention. In the past, we did a “dotmocracy” exercise where Councilors picked their priorities from a list similar to that attached here. The priorities with the most ‘dots’ would be those that got our closest attention and effort.

It should be noted that this work is useful coming into our strategic planning session, which is a longer term planning document.