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REPORT FOR INFORMATION

North of Yellowhead Servicing, Development and Quarterly Financial Update

Report Purpose

To provide Council a quarterly status report for the North of Yellowhead Project throughout 2018.

Our Prioritized Strategic Goals

Goal 2 - Manage, invest and plan for sustainable municipal infrastructure

Goal 1 - Build strong communities to support the diverse needs of residents

Report

Status report as of October 25, 2018.

Update information requested in the Notice of Motion 2018/305 from the July 17, 2018 Council meeting was provided at the October 23, 2018 Priorities Committee Meeting.

Land Use Planning: Over the past few months (August to October 2018) meeting with developers have occurred to discuss offsite infrastructure timing and potential options.

In January 2018, Mattamy Homes submitted a revision to their application to amend the North of Yellowhead Area Concept Plan (ACP) and the Cambrian Crossing Area Structure Plan (ASP) affecting the east half of the Cambrian Crossing Plan Area. The ASP amendment application is currently under review.

Infrastructure Planning: Offsite infrastructure planning and design is currently in a holding pattern pending recommendations from Alberta Transportation's Highway 16/Highway 21 Study which will impact Highway 16 and Range Road 231 upgrade requirements and Highway 21 and Township Road 534 upgrade requirements.

On October 12, 2018 a second Multiple Accounts Evaluation session with Alberta Transportation was held which resulted in a preferred interchange option for Highway 21/Township Road 534 and Highway 16/Highway 21. Alberta Consultant was directed to proceed with further design based on the preferred options. The Highway 16/Range Road 231 interchange was narrowed down to two preferred options.

On November 8, 2018 Strathcona County and Alberta Transportation will meet to select a preferred long term interchange option for Highway 16/Range Road 231. Discussion around preferred interim options and how to move forward will also be tabled. Alberta Transportation's final report is expected by end **Q1 2019**.

In late September and early October 2018, Alberta Transportation held meeting with three business/land owners (Wallish Greenhouse, Greenland Nursery and Sochastky) to discuss and provide an update on the Highway 16 Functional Planning Study. Representatives from Strathcona County (Planning and Development Services and Transportation Planning and Engineering) were present.

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Alberta Transportation was unable to share any plans or detailed information with regards to interchange configuration options but reiterated that Strathcona County and Alberta Transportation will continue to work closely together to develop viable/acceptable short-term and long-term plans. The group was able to gain a greater understanding and appreciation of the business/landowners' concerns and positions.

On June 21, 2018, Transportation Planning and Engineering and Planning and Development Services staff met with Alberta Transportation and Castleglenn Consultants to review and evaluate initial interchange options.

Financial Status: When the timing of development is more evident, capital projects will be brought forward with up-to-date cost estimates.

Next Steps: Strathcona County Administration will continue to work with the development community, Alberta Transportation and other key stakeholders to further understand and resolve North of Yellowhead infrastructure requirements, development and project timing and financial requirements.

Council and Committee History

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| October 23, 2018 | Priorities Committee was provided an update on the status of the detail design for the Range Road 231 – CN Rail overpass. |
| September 18, 2018 | Priorities Committee was provided with the Report for Information, North of Yellowhead Servicing, Development, and Financial Quarterly Report for information purposes only. |
| July 17, 2018 | Council approved commencement of a detailed design for construction of a rail overpass at Range Road 231 and the CN track crossing, with a design budget up to \$1.6 million and added to the 2018 Capital Budget, and that developers in the North of Yellowhead area be consulted to discuss plans for construction. |
| June 19, 2018 | Council approved an amendment to the 2014 and 2015 Capital Budgets to cancel the North of Yellowhead water, wastewater, roadway and land infrastructure projects that have not started in the total amount of \$53,065,641. |
| November 21, 2017 | THAT Priorities Committee recommend to Council: THAT Administration bring Quarterly Status reports on the North of Yellowhead Project to Priorities Committee throughout 2018 until the project is underway. |
| April 17, 2017 | Priorities Committee was provided with the Report for Information, North of Yellowhead Servicing, Development, and Financial Quarterly Report for information purposes only. |

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Other Impacts

Policy: n/a

Legislative/Legal: n/a

Interdepartmental: Transportation Planning and Engineering, Planning and Development Services, Corporate Planning, Financial Planning

Master Plan/Framework: Cambrian Crossing Area Structure Plan; Strathcona County Yellowhead North Arterial Road Functional Design Study