

Request for Decision City Council

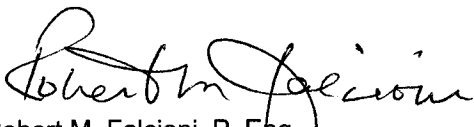


Type of Decision											
Meeting Date		April 23, 2008			Report Date		April 17, 2008				
Decision Requested			Yes	x	No	Priority		x	High		Low
		Direction Only				Type of Meeting		x	Open		Closed

Report Title
<p align="center">2008 Provincial Budget Municipal Road and Bridge Infrastructure Investment Program</p>

Budget Impact / Policy Implication		Recommendation	
x	This report has been reviewed by the Finance Division and the funding source has been identified.	<p>That Council approve the Road Program for utilization of the \$4,021,342 allocated under the 2008 Provincial Municipal Road and Bridge Infrastructure Investment Program, all in accordance with the report from the General Manager of Infrastructure Services, dated April 17, 2008 and the appropriate by-law be passed.</p>	
x	Background Attached		Recommendation Continued

Recommended by the Department	Recommended by the C.A.O.
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Background

During the 2008 Provincial Budget the Province allocated \$400 Million Dollars to Municipal Road and Bridge Infrastructure Investment and as part of that allocation the City of Greater Sudbury has been granted \$4,021,342.00.

Council must pass a By-Law/Resolution by April 30, 2008 in order to receive the funding. The only conditions that the Province has put on the disbursement of the funds is that the funds will be used for Municipal Road and Bridge Capital Investment needs, that a final summary report detailing the expenditures will be provided when the projects are complete and that funds not used in accordance with the terms outlined will be returned to the Province.

In keeping with Council's current policy of prioritizing projects based on identified needs staff are recommending the following program for the funding. Council has indicated they wish this Policy brought back for review and Staff are recommending that the review be done prior to the 2009 Budget.

Through the recommended program, it is Staff's intention to utilize all of the funds allocated for road resurfacing. The initial Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative (MIII) submitted January 21, 2008, requested funding for Notre Dame Avenue from Leslie Street to the CNR tracks. In keeping with that recommendation and realizing that the funds provided are not sufficient to do the project scope of work as originally identified, staff are recommending that a reduced scope and limits be identified. Staff are recommending that the limits be shortened to Kathleen Street to the CNR tracks and the work involve rehabilitation of the existing road and resurfacing with any associated curb and sidewalk work and signalization upgrades. The estimated cost for this reduced scope of work is \$2,000,000.

The next major work on the unfunded Capital Work for 2008 was the resurfacing of the Kingsway through the area of the "S" curves at Cochrane Street at the former Kingsway Hotel. The estimate for this work is \$1,500,000.

These sections of road have some of the highest traffic volumes of any streets in the City road network. Notre Dame Avenue's AADT is 29,000 and the Kingsway is 45,000 AADT and improvements to these roadways will have the greatest impact on the travelling public.

The balance of the funds or approximately \$500,000 be committed as a contingency until these two large projects have been completed. At that time should funds be available, staff are recommending that they be utilized for a similar project on the west end of Kathleen Street from Frood Road to College Street.