



BRIEFING PAPER

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SUBJECT: Sidewalk Crossing Improvements

BACKGROUND

For a number of years, the Municipality has been advocating for an improved sidewalk (pedestrian) crossing near CIBC and the installation of a sidewalk (pedestrian) crossing near Pizza Delight. In anticipation of the NS Department of Public Works potentially making a decision relating to these requests, Council allocated \$44,000 in this year's capital budget.

ANALYSIS

Last week, the District Traffic Authority for the Western District sent an approval of both the improvement and installation of the requested sidewalk (pedestrian) crossings under the condition that the Municipality agrees to pay all costs associated with the installation and improvements along with assuming financial responsibility for maintenance and repair.

I replied to the Dept. to indicate that we agreed to those terms but, the estimated costs provided by the Dept. are higher than what has been budgeted for in our capital budget. I am therefore seeking direction on how Council would like to proceed.

CAUTIONARY NOTES

N/A

FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS

The estimated costs provided by the Dept. are:

Trunk 3 and Station St.

Item	Description	Estimated Cost
Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacons Pair	supplied and installed	\$23,000
Zebra Thermal Plastic High Friction Markings	required for all RRFB crossings	\$8,000
WC-2R Pedestrian Crosswalk Ahead Sign and Post	for westbound traffic only	\$300
Total		\$31,300

Trunk 3 Bay Vista

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Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacons Pair	supplied and installed	\$23,000
Zebra Thermal Plastic High Friction Markings	required for all RRFB crossings	\$8,000
2 WC-2R Pedestrian Crosswalk Ahead Sign and Post	for both approaches	\$300
2 WB-12TF NEW Signs	for both approaches	\$300
Total		\$31,600

Also, there will be a need to install two bollards to protect the RRFB post on the south side of Trunk 3. A short 2.5 m section of curbing will need to be removed from Trunk 3 on the north side along with sub-fill so a concrete ramp can be constructed as per DPW design. They are estimating a cost of \$4000 for these items.

The Dept. will keep us informed of any extra costs or requirements and if there are any cost savings, they will be past along to us.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

If there is a desire to stay within budget, I would recommend doing one of the crossings this year and budgeting for the second next year.

If there is a desire to do both crossings this year, I would recommend an increase to the allocation in the capital budget from \$44,000 to \$62,900, with the additional \$18,900 coming from the operating surplus at year-end or the operating reserve.