COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - APRIL 7, 2003

RECONSTRUCTION OF CLARENCE STREET RUTHERFORD ROAD TO MODESTO GARDENS ISLAND IMPROVEMENTS AT INTERSECTIONS

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works in consultation with the Director of Purchasing and the Director of Reserves and Investments recommends:

That Engineering staff be authorized to tender for construction island improvements at all the approaching sideroads on Clarence Street from Modesto Gardens to Rutherford Road.

Purpose

To seek Council approval for the design and construction of island improvements at all sideroads intersecting Clarence Street from Modesto Gardens to Rutherford Road.

Background - Analysis and Options

At its meeting of June 24, 2002, Council approved Contract T02-075 for the reconstruction of Clarence Street from Modesto Gardens to Rutherford Road. Included in this project was the urbanization of Clarence Street with curb and gutters, sidewalks, street lighting and landscaping which included boulevard trees and group plantings at various locations along Clarence Street. The project was completed within budget and on schedule in 2002.

During construction of this project, various residents requested that the improvements be made at all the approach islands to Clarence Street. The residents felt that enhancement to these islands such as interlock pavers, shrubs and trees would complete the overall project and provide consistency within the project area. These island improvements had been included in the design which was presented to residents at the first two of three Public Information Centres (PIC's) during the design phase of the project in 2001. When the design with traffic circles was abandoned in favour of all-way stop intersections, the limits of construction changed and the island improvements were inadvertently dropped from Contract T02-075.

Based on the public concerns and input during the construction of this project and the desire to enhance the approach islands at all the intersections to create uniformity along the project limits, staff recommend that these improvements be made. The design has been completed and the estimated cost of the additional works is \$60,000.

Sufficient funds are available in Capital Project No. 1329-1-01 for the completion of these works.

Conclusion

Island improvements at the intersections of Clarence Street from Rutherford Road south to Modesto Gardens are warranted to complete the improved streetscape associated with the Clarence Street reconstruction project.

Attachments

1. Location Map

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