To: Chair and Members
   Committee of the Whole – Operations and Administration

From: Sandy Jackson
   General Manager, Community Programs, Parks and Recreation

Date: November 12, 2019

Report No. 2019-676

1.0 Type of Report
   Consent Item [ ]
   Item For Consideration [X]

2.0 Topic
   Increased Funding for the TH&B and Brant’s Crossing Bridges Environmental Assessment [Financial Impact - $52,000 from Reserve Fund RF0446] (2019-676)

3.0 Recommendation

   A. THAT Report No. 2019-676 regarding increased funding for the TH&B and Brant’s Crossing Bridges Environmental Assessment BE RECEIVED; and

   B. THAT an increase in the amount of $52,000 to the project budget for the TH&B and Brant’s Crossing Bridges Environmental Assessment (Capital Project 001612) from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund(RF0446) BE APPROVED.

4.0 Purpose and Overview

   The purpose of this report is to obtain Council approval to provide increased funding to the TH&B and Brant’s Crossing Pedestrian Bridges Environmental Assessment (EA) project budget in order to proceed with the award of RFP
2019-82 Consulting Services for Environmental Study for Three Grand River Crossings.

5.0 Background

The Downtown Revitalization Program includes a variety of projects within the downtown area. Included within this program is funding for the Lorne Bridge Rehabilitation including an EA for this bridge. In 2019, Council also approved capital project 001612 an environmental assessment for both pedestrian bridges downstream of the Lorne Bridge. Following this approval, Public Works staff worked with Community Programs, Parks and Recreation staff to include the EA for TH&B and Brant’s Crossing Pedestrian Bridges with the Lorne Bridge Rehabilitation EA in one RFP.

6.0 Corporate Policy Context

“Managed Growth and Environmental Leadership” goal by ensuring assets are protected and well maintained.

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan, 2018 Goal # 4 “To connect the system of parks, open space and trails that maximized the city’s natural heritage assets and the Grand River as a central feature.”

7.0 Input From Other Sources

Review and input for this report was completed by staff from Public Works Commission and Finance Department staff.

8.0 Analysis

As part of the first phase of the Downtown Revitalization program, the goal of the EA’s for the Lorne Bridge and the two pedestrian bridges is to develop a rehabilitation plan and preferred alternative for this area of the City. By completing all three EA’s at the same time, decisions regarding vehicular and pedestrian traffic can be considered concurrently. In 2019 Council approved the budget for the EA for the TH&B and Brant’s Crossing pedestrian bridges. The RFP 2019-82 Consulting Services for Environmental Study for Three Grand River Crossings was issued and closed in September 2019. The RFP cost results were under budget for the Lorne Bridge Rehabilitation EA, however the price received for the pedestrian bridges exceeds the approved funding of $220,000 by $52,000.
9.0 Financial Implications

The Federal Gas Tax Reserve (RF0446) currently has sufficient funds to cover the $52,000 shortfall associated with the pedestrian bridges component of the EA.

Table 1 below summarizes the results of RFP 2019-82.

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Increased funding in the amount of $52,000 to the project budget for the TH&B and Brant’s Crossing Bridges EA will allow the study to proceed without delay or scope reduction. The funds remaining in the Lorne Bridge project is required for future phases and therefore has not been recommended to offset the TH&B and Brant’s Crossing Bridges EA.

10.0 Conclusion

The EA’s for the Pedestrian Bridges will investigate and confirm the structural adequacy of each bridge and provide information that will aid Council with future decisions regarding repair or replacement. Council approval of an increase to the TH&B and Brant’s Crossing Bridges project budget of $52,000 will allow the EA study to proceed without delay, scope reduction or re-issue and will support the future of these key active transportation linkages.

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Attachments
In adopting this report, is a by-law or agreement required? If so, it should be referenced in the recommendation section.

- By-law required [ ] yes [X] no
- Agreement(s) or other documents to be signed by Mayor and/or City Clerk [ ] yes [X] no
- Is the necessary by-law or agreement being sent concurrently to Council? [ ] yes [X] no