



**Title:** Sullivan Avenue/Clairmont St. /Front St. South. – Capital  
Project Update Report  
**Report Number:** PWCS2021-04  
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### **RECOMMENDATION(S):**

1. THAT Council approve the changes to the scope of the project as outlined in this report, and,
2. THAT funding in the amount of \$54,855 (excluding HST), \$1,163 (excluding HST) and \$3,205 (excluding HST) be allocated from the Transportation Asset Replacement Reserve, Water Reserve and Sanitary Sewer Reserve, respectively, and,
3. THAT the construction phase for the Sullivan Avenue/Clairmont St./Front St. South Project estimated to cost \$3.2 million be rescheduled in the Capital Forecast to 2024.

### **REPORT:**

One of the four pillars of the City of Thorold Strategic Plan 2020-2023 is *Responsible Growth and Infrastructure Planning*. The key objective is to build and sustain infrastructure that generates civic pride. One of the Tier 2 Priorities under this initiative is to advance the remainder of the downtown road reconstruction projects (Sullivan/Clairmont/Front St. South).

City Council has approved funding in the current Capital Budget to complete the engineering design and approvals stage of the project with the intent to schedule the construction phase into the 10-year Capital Forecast.

The design phase is nearing completion subject to Council's authorization to extend the scope of the work to include significant scope changes to the original plan resulting from information received from utility companies, public feedback, verification of servicing locations and changes related to the timing of adjacent projects.

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update of the project status, authorize the changes in scope, and to consider options for implementation that will meet the objectives of Council's Strategic Plan.

### Proposed Scope Changes

At its meeting held on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019, Council approved the recommendations set out in report PWCS2019-65 which authorized the engagement of Urban & Environmental Management Inc. to complete the engineering design phase for the reconstruction of Sullivan Avenue and Clairmont Street between Ormond Street and Pine Street.

After the project was initiated, changes were made that modified the original scope of the work:

- Transportation Master Plan identified the need for bike lanes requiring the widening of the road and reduction in sidewalk widths.
- Conflict with overhead hydro lines requiring relocation and or burial of hydro services.
- Extension of new sanitary sewer and watermain to improve serviceability and eliminate non-standard servicing configurations on private properties.
- Extension of Front St. South (section south of Clairmont Ave.) that was removed from the scope of the Front St. Revitalization project.
- Inclusion of the streetscape design criteria used on the Front St. project.
- Inclusion of the on-street parking, sidewalk and loading zone at the entrance to the Battle of Beaverdams Park.

The proposed changes will result in an additional \$59,223 in engineering fees and increase the estimated cost of construction to approximately \$3.2 million.

Staff are recommending that additional funding be allocated from existing reserves to complete the project design and bring the project to the "shovel-ready" stage. With respect to the timing of construction, staff recognize that residents and businesses have been experiencing some degree of "construction fatigue" over the past 2 years and that a break from the noise, dust and disruption would be helpful as the community returns to normal activity post-pandemic.

Further, given the need to advance other priority projects for the City of Thorold it would be appropriate to push back the construction date to 2024. This will give staff time to complete the engineering design, update construction cost estimates, and seek alternate funding sources from Federal and Provincial Infrastructure programs, where available.

**BUDGET STATUS:**

The allocation for the new project cost is as follows:

<b>Project Component</b>	<b>PWCS2019-65</b>	<b>Proposed Increase</b>	<b>New Total</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>
Roads	\$12,500	\$54,855	\$67,355	Trans. Asset Repl. Reserve
Watermain	\$ 8,140	\$1,163	\$9,303	Water Reserve
Sanitary Sewer	\$ 8,431	\$3,205	\$11,636	Sanitary Sewer Reserve
<b>Total*</b>	<b>\$29,071*</b>	<b>\$59,223*</b>	<b>\$88,294*</b>	

\* excluding HST

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

Responsible Community Growth and Infrastructure Planning

**CANADIAN CONTENT:**

Urban & Environmental Management Inc. is a local Engineering Firm

**ATTACHMENTS:**

None

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