



**Subject:** South Main St. Bridge – Project Update

**Report to:** Thorold City Council

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## Recommendations

1. That additional funding in the amount of \$233,664.90, excluding HST, **BE APPROVED** and funded from the Capital Asset Transportation Reserve to allow GHD Canada to complete the Stage 3 Site-Specific Archaeological Assessment and recommendations for the Burial Site Investigations at the South Main Street Bridge; and
2. That additional funding in the amount of \$20,000, excluding HST, **BE APPROVED** and funded from the Capital Asset Transportation Reserve to allow three (3) different sets of First Nations Group to attend and monitor the archaeological fieldworks.

## Key Facts

- The Registrar of Burial Sites at the Ministry of Public and Business Services Delivery has ordered that a Burial Site Investigation (BSI) be completed due to a significant archaeological find.
- First Nations Group are required to monitor the archaeological fieldworks.
- This report seeks Council's approval to complete a Burial Site Investigation for the South Main Street Bridge.

## Budgetary Status

It is recommended that the additional funding, in the amount of \$253,664.90, excluding HST be approved and funded from the Capital Asset Transportation Reserve as follows:

- \$233,664.90 for the completion of Stage-3 Site Specific Archaeological Assessment and the Ministry's Burial Site Investigation; and
- \$20,000 estimated amount required by First Nations Group to monitor the archaeological fieldworks.

## **Analysis**

In 2023, GHD Canada through its sub-consultant carried out Stage 1 and 2 Archeological Assessments for the South Main Street Bridge Replacement project. The study concludes this site has significant archaeological interest and recommended further study in the form of a Stage 3 assessment. During the Stage 3 assessment a significant archaeological artifact was found. The Registrar of Burial Sites with the Ministry of Public and Business Services Delivery (MPBSD) has ordered that a Burial Site Investigation (BSI) be completed by the City. In order for GHD to carry out the Stage 3 Archeological Assessment, the required BSI and field monitoring by three (3) different First Nations Group, further \$253,664.90, excluding HST, will be required.

## **Impact on the Environment, Climate Change**

There are no known environmental or climate change related impacts to this Report.

## **Alternatives Reviewed**

Option 1: Do nothing – the project will be put on hold and the City will be charged by the MPBSD for failing to comply with the Ministry's BSI Order.

Option 2: Adjust the project budget – this presents an opportunity to comply with the BSI Order given by the MPBSD, First Nations Group, account for the increase in scope during the Archeological Assessment and allows for further advancement of the South Main Street Bridge Detailed Design.

## **Relationship to Strategic Plan**

- Sustainability
  - Sustainable Infrastructure

## **Other Pertinent Reports**

N/A

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