

Staff Report

Report To: Council
Report From: Geoff Aitken, CET, Director, Infrastructure and Public Works
Meeting Date: December 17, 2024
Subject: IPW-2024-40 – Victoria Street

Recommendations:

THAT in consideration of staff report 'IPW-2024-40 – Victoria Street, Council directs staff to place the \$90,000 allocated for Victoria Street in the 2024 budget into reserves.

Highlights:

- In the 2024 capital budget, Council approved \$90,000 for a single lane road base repair on Victoria Street in Ayton from Caroline Street west for +/- 400 metres.
- West Grey is now in receipt of a development proposal for Victoria Street and Albert Street in Ayton which includes bringing Victoria Street up to a proper two-lane rural road allowance.
- A better road rehabilitation strategy is to hold off on the work now and partner with the developer as part of their road work.
- Partnering with the developer is a better use of the \$90,000 as it will allow for a proper two-lane road profile, a structure beyond what \$90,000 would accomplish with the original scope.

Previous Report/Authority:

None.

Analysis:

The approved 2024 capital budget includes \$90,000 for road base rehabilitation of Victoria Street (single lane) from Caroline Street west to the last residence, approximately 400 metres (m). Since this budget was approved, a developer has come forward with a proposal on Victoria Street and Albert Street.

The developers have recently provided West Grey with a servicing options study for Victoria Street which proposes a proper 20m-wide rural road allowance with granular A, granular B, and two lifts of asphalt, creating 3.25m lane widths consistent with West Grey Engineering Standards. This is an upgrade from the existing single lane width which would have remained with the budgeted \$90,000. It would be better use of the funds to put them toward upgrading Victoria Street as a whole (i.e. a proper 20m rural road allowance with 3.25m lane widths from Caroline Street to the proposed limits of the development). Reconstructing one 400m lane now and the second lane later is not considered an efficient engineering practice.

Financial Implications:

It is recommended that the \$90,000 be placed in reserve for the Victoria Street project.

Communication Plan:

Communication of this report is through the posting of Council meeting agendas on the West Grey website.

Consultation:

Chief Administrative Officer

Supervisor, Rural Operations

Attachments:

None.

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