



City of North Bay Report to Council

Report No: CSBU-2022-013

Date: March 9, 2022

Originator: Beverley Hillier and Adam Lacombe

Business Unit:

Department:

Community Services

Planning & Building Department

Subject: Main Street Rejuvenation Project

Closed Session: yes no

Recommendation

That Council support the request of The Board of Downtown North Bay & Waterfront that the tendering of the Main Street Rejuvenation Project be delayed to December 2022 with a construction start date of spring 2023.

Background

The Board of Downtown North Bay & Waterfront has formally requested that City Council consider the delay of the Main Street Rejuvenation project by delaying the tendering of the project to December 2022 with a construction start in the spring of 2023. A copy of their letter and board resolution is attached.

Downtown North Bay has noted that their members were challenged, like many businesses, by the COVID-19 pandemic. They have expressed concern with the original proposed construction start of July 2022, and have requested the delay in the project to provide the Downtown business community an opportunity to recover.

The Engineering design of the project is nearing 90% completion. City Staff continue to work with the consulting team to finalize design and tendering documents. The original schedule called for the tender of the project in April 2022, with a construction start of July 2022. Copies of the updated renderings of the project are attached for information purposes.

If the request from Downtown North Bay is approved, Engineering staff will continue to finalize the design drawings and tender package in anticipation of posting the tender in December 2022.

Although the surface infrastructure has reached end of life, Engineering staff are of the opinion that the delay of construction to the spring of 2023 will not cause a significant impact on the road and surface infrastructure. The delay may result in some additional minor repairs in 2022.

Financial/Legal Implications

The Main Street Rejuvenation (Main Street Paving Replacement) project 3934(RD/ST) in the amount of \$6,186,096 was approved within the 2021 and 2022 Capital Budgets. The funding plan for this project included City contributions in the form of debt/PAYGO, and Ontario Community infrastructure funding (OCIF) in the estimated amount of \$2,993,300. Recently, an application to 3rd party funding sources was also submitted for this project. The delay will require OCIF funding to remain in reserves thereby increasing cash and reserve balances at year end. In accordance with the City's Long Term Capital Financing Policy the debt authority can be carried forward.

Corporate Strategic Plan

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Natural North and Near | <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Prosperity |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Affordable Balanced Growth | <input type="checkbox"/> Spirited Safe Community |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Responsible and Responsive Government | |

Specific Objectives

- Maintain infrastructure across the city in a good state of repair
- Define the development of the waterfront and the revitalization of downtown

Options Analysis

Option 1:

That Council support the request of The Board of Downtown North Bay & Waterfront that the tendering of the Main Street Rejuvenation Project be delayed to December 2022 with a construction start date of spring 2023.

Option 2:

That the project move forward on the original schedule with project tendering in April 2022 and a construction start date of July 2022.

Recommended Option

Option 1 is the recommended option.

Respectfully submitted,

Name: Beverley Hillier, MCIP, RPP
Title: Manager, Planning & Building Services

Name: Adam Lacombe, P. Eng.
Title: Senior Capital Program Engineer

I concur with this report and recommendation

Name Ian Kilgour, MCIP, RPP
Title: Director, Community Development and Growth

Name John Severino, P.Eng., MBA
Title: City Engineer – Infrastructure and Operations

Name Margaret Karpenko, CPA, CMA
Title: Chief Financial Officer /Treasurer

Name David Euler, P.Eng., PMP
Title: Chief Administrative Officer

Personnel designated for continuance:
Beverley Hillier, MCIP, RPP
Manager, Planning & Building Services

Adam Lacombe, P. Eng.
Senior Capital Program Engineer

March 1, 2022

Downtown North Bay & Waterfront
205 Main Street East
North Bay ON P1B 1B2



Re: Downtown Rejuvenation Project

Dear Mayor Al McDonald, City Councillors and City Staff,

Downtown North Bay and Waterfront is grateful for the upcoming investment to Main Street with a design, refurbishment and construction plan. We believe that this will not only help our community see the Downtown as the place to be, but also help businesses and aid with development and future investment in the heart of our city.

However, we are writing today to request a delay in tendering the Downtown rejuvenation until December 2022 for a construction start date of Spring 2023. The DTNB board of directors have heard from our membership, they would like consideration to be given to the business community to recover without construction this year.

After multiple meetings and conversations with city staff we strongly believe this is the best option for the success of our membership and overall health of Downtown. Our businesses have suffered greatly as a result of covid and ask you to consider pivoting as many businesses have done over the last two years. We have lost many in the wake of the pandemic and we do think closing streets and sidewalks upon "reopening" could result in more closures, especially for our restaurant and service industries that have suffered the most.

DTNB would like the opportunity to fully prepare the membership for the multi-year construction plan that will impact the area. We believe there has not been enough info to date to truly communicate the design and construction plan and fear this will result in negative feedback from our membership and community. Spending this summer and fall building a strong campaign and communication plan will only strengthen the overall execution of the project.

The board fully supports the rejuvenation project, and the investment by the City of North Bay in the Downtown. We are grateful and acknowledge all the time and effort by all partners in this project. Councillors Dave Mendicino and Mac Bain, and our municipal liaison Beverley Hillier have provided our board with strong advice and support, and we are so grateful for this partnership.

Thank you for your time, your consideration, and for listening. We truly have the best championship by this council.

Sincerely,

Michelle Trudeau, Barry Klus, Katie Bevan, Rae Brenne, Dayna Greco, and Brannyn Hale
Board of Directors
Downtown North Bay & Waterfront

North Bay Ontario

Date: March 2, 2022

SUBJECT: Resolution for consideration to delay rejuvenation/construction for Main Street in Downtown North Bay to Spring 2023.

Resolution 2022-18

Whereas the Board of Downtown North Bay & Waterfront respectfully requests consideration from the Mayor and this Council and City Staff to delay tendering the project until December, 2022 with a construction start date of spring 2023.

Whereas the Board of Downtown North Bay & Waterfront fully supports the design, rejuvenation and construction on Main Street for a start date of spring 2023, and acknowledges the City of North Bay's Mayor and council and staff's investment and support for this project.

Now, therefore it should be resolved that tendering the project will be delayed to December 2022, and will have a construction start date of spring 2023.

MOVED BY: Barry Klus

SECONDED BY: Katie Bevan

CARRIED

CARRIED AS AMENDED

LOST

CONFLICT: _____

ENDORSEMENT OF CHAIR: _____

RECORD OF VOTE (UPON REQUEST OF COUNCILLOR)

Michelle Trudeau **YEA/NAY**

Dave Mendicino **YEA/NAY**

Barry Klus **YEA/NAY**

Mac Bain **YEA/NAY**

Katie Bevan **YEA/NAY**

Rae Brenne **YEA/NAY**

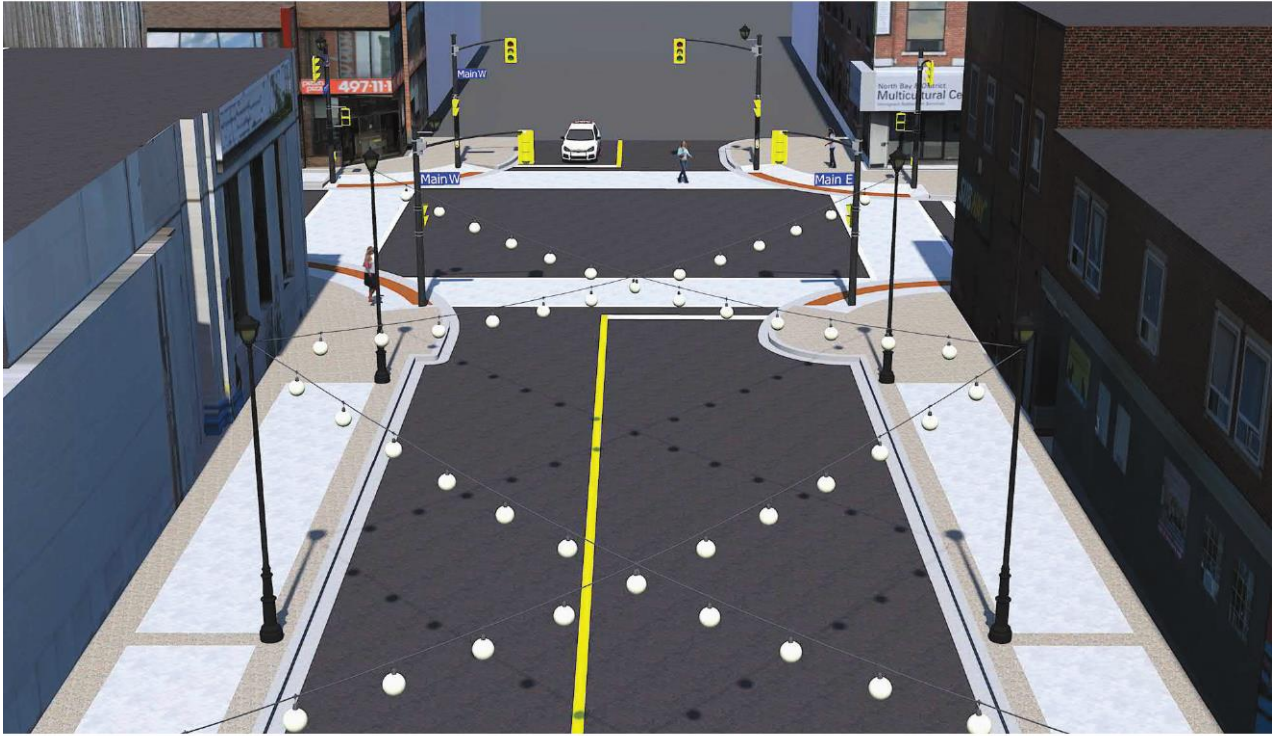
Brannyn Hale **YEA/NAY**

Dayna Greco **YEA/NAY**

SIGNATURE OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: *Amber Livingstone*



Main Street West, near the intersection of Fraser Street



Ferguson Street, looking towards Main Street



Ferguson Street and Main Street Intersection (typical layout of intersections throughout the project)