

Integrated Infrastructure Services

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Draft Amendments to Policy C595 Neighbourhood Renewal Program

Non-statutory Public Hearing

Executive Committee

October 1, 2020

CR_7651

History

At the September 30, 2019, Executive Committee meeting, the following motion was passed:

That Administration bring forward draft amendments to Policy C595 Neighbourhood Renewal Program, that incorporate Option 2, as outlined in the September 30, 2019, Integrated Infrastructure Services report CR_7433, with the effect of accelerating priorities for Business Improvement Area renewal.

Background

- Policy C595 governs the use of the neighbourhood renewal reserve and outlines the level of service targets for the Neighbourhood Renewal Program.
- Work to support Council's direction to accelerate the neighbourhood renewal within Business Improvement Areas requires changes to Policy C595, doing so requires a public hearing.
- Administration is also proposing additional changes to reflect Council direction on
 - the Alley Renewal Program
 - the integration of related programs such as Vision Zero, Complete Streets, and active modes within neighbourhoods

Option 2 - 2030 Accelerated Option for Business Improvement Areas

- Objective to complete renewal work in the Business Improvement Areas by 2030.
- Option effectively place Business Improvement Areas into a distinct asset category, prioritized amongst themselves and set to complete renewal by a fixed date.
- Renewal in Business Improvement Areas will be occurring over two additional capital cycles in 2023-2026 and 2027-2030.
- \$15.8 million, or 18 percent of the overall planned spend for that those periods, would be shifted to alleys within Business Improvement Areas.
- The neighbourhood and goods movement programs is not affected as these are already planned to be renewed by 2030.

Changes to the Policy

- Policy Statement #5 was modified to clarify that the coordination and integration of other programs, such as Vision Zero, Active Modes and Complete Streets, within the Neighbourhood Renewal program is encouraged and not in violation of the policy's protection of the Neighbourhood Renewal Reserve. The rules regarding the use of the reserve have not changed in the policy.
- Policy Statement #8 was modified to update the Level of Service targets for the Alley Renewal Program to reflect the current Council direction, as well as adding overall Level of Service targets to accommodate the accelerated work within the Business Improvement Areas.
- A Business Improvement Area definition was added to the policy in line with City Policy C462B Business Revitalization Zone Establishment and Operation.

Engagement with the BIAs

- A project - Business Improvement Areas: Program Prioritization Strategy - has been initiated to support BIA engagement
- Further engagement with the Business Improvement Areas will take place in Q4 2020 and Q1 2021 as the criteria for prioritization are developed and a finalized program implementation plan is developed.

General Update on the Neighbourhood Renewal Program

- The Neighbourhood Renewal Program is fully funded.
- Current funding is believed to be adequate and Administration plans to perform analysis before the next Capital Budget cycle to inform Council on the long term financial health of the program.

General Update on the Neighbourhood Alley Renewal Program

- Alley Renewal Program will include work in Business Improvement Areas alleys
- To achieve a fully funded Alley Renewal program the funding model assumes planned tax increases in 2021, 2022 and 2023 are maintained, respectively 0.3%, 0.3% and 0.4%.
- Without planned tax increases, current funding levels will not be sufficient to deliver alley renewal in the Business Improvement Areas by 2030

Recommendation

That Executive Committee recommend to City Council:

That revised Neighbourhood Renewal Program Policy C595A, as set out in Attachment 1 of the October 1, 2020, Integrated Infrastructure Services report CR_7651, be approved.

Thank you.

Questions?

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Asset Condition Status of the BIA Roads and Alleys

Type of Asset	Total Lane KM	Condition AVG CI	Condition Grade
Alley	70.11	2.2	C
Local	99.52	3.2	B
Collector	62.94	3.1	B
Arterial	374.77	3.3	B
All BIA	607.33	3.1	B
City	10751.77	3.1	B