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Corporate Report

Report from Recreation and Community Services, Programs and Cultural Services

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Subject: Henley Island Bridge Replacement

Recommendation

That Council direct staff to facilitate the request for proposal process related to the replacement of the Henley Island Bridge. FORTHWITH

Background

The Henley Island Bridge is the only access for pedestrian and vehicular traffic from the mainland. It was constructed in 1921 and originally installed at Lakeshore Road over Four Mile Creek in the Town of Niagara on the Lake. In 1958, the bridge was purchased by the Henley Association and moved to its present location. It has been repaired and rehabilitated several times to maintain its structural integrity.

Due to its age and deteriorating state, the Canadian Henley Rowing Corporation (CHRC) has made the replacement of the bridge a significant priority and has been successful in gaining support from the Toronto 2015 Pan American / Parapan Games (Toronto2015) in identifying its replacement as one of three major capital legacy projects resulting from funding of the games.

In July 2013, emergency repair work to the bridge was completed resulting in the bridge being reduced to single lane traffic only. The inspection that was carried out as part of the emergency repair recommended that the bridge needed to be replaced immediately.

Report

The City of St. Catharines is considered a major partner in delivering the rowing event of Toronto2015 at the Royal Canadian Henley Regatta Course. The other partners identified are the CHRC and Toronto2015.

The current state of the bridge, along with the approaching timeline of the 2015 games, has necessitated that the task of replacing the bridge commence immediately. Toronto2015 has requested that an official request for proposal (RFP) process for the design and construction of the bridge be procured, and that the City of St. Catharines facilitate this process on behalf of the three parties.

Staff from Recreation and Community Services and Transportation and Environmental Services have met with representatives of the CHRC and Toronto2015 to discuss the requirements related to this project and are prepared to facilitate this process and offer expertise where necessary.

The Request for Proposal will be for a Design Build Bridge replacement which will include all aspects of the project including emergency, environmental assessments (if required), construction timeline, and final inspections. As indicated, this structure is owned by the CHRC, and staff are assisting with this project given our close ties to the organization and delivery of the 2015 Pan Am Games.

Financial Implications

City staff time and administrative resources would have to be provided for this project. It is anticipated that normal City procedures and timelines related to RFP processes will be followed.

The City has allocated a total of \$365,200 to be used to assist with the delivery of the games. This financial commitment is the upset limit for this initiation. It is staff's intent to present to Council a subsequent report outlining the bids received and recommending a successful bidder once bids have been received and reviewed.

Notification

RCS staff will contact CHRC and Toronto2015 representatives to inform them of Council's decision.

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