Notice of Motion – Identifying a Funding Source for Public Real Improvements in Established Areas, PFC2020-0131

Councillor Gondek and Farrell

Recommendation:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- That Council direct \$30 million from the anticipated 2019 Corporate Program savings (generated from favourable investment income) to create a dedicated funding stream for the Established Areas Growth Strategy, to be held and committed within the Fiscal Stability Reserve (FSR);
- That this dedicated funding stream for the Established Areas Growth Strategy will initially be allocated towards the following projects already in progress:
 - Public realm improvements arising out of the North-Hill Multi Community Planning pilot
 - Public realm improvements identified as gaps in Phase 1 established areas (map attached)
- That this dedicated funding stream for the Established Areas Growth Strategy will
 further be allocated by Administration for priority areas and projects arising from the
 upcoming investment decision framework (which may include Main Streets or TOD
 opportunities) to be outlined through the Established Area Growth and Change Strategy
 report to be brought to the Priorities and Finance Committee in 2020 May;
- That Council direct annual interest income earned from unused portions of the \$30 million to be recommitted to the Established Areas Growth Strategy within the FSR;
- That Council direct Administration to redirect on an annual basis any budget savings from investment income within Corporate Programs in the amount equal to 1% of the favourable variance to be allocated to the Established Areas Growth Strategy within the FSR:
- That as part of the continuing work on a suite of financing options for the Established Areas Growth Strategy, Administration explore the opportunity to replenish the dedicated finding stream outlined above with mechanisms such as property tax uplift in the area and density bonusing in order to ensure continued investment in redeveloping areas;
- That Administration develop Terms of Reference for the administration of the dedicated funding stream;
- That Administration report annually to Council through Priorities and Finance Committee
 on the status/balance, use and benefits of the dedicated funding stream for the
 Established Areas Growth Strategy through the Growth Monitoring Report, and

 That Administration return with an update to Council after recommendations related to the Solutions for Achieving Value and Excellence (SAVE) program are released, in the event that there are modifications to the Established Areas Growth Strategy and accompanying work plan.

Excerpt from the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Priorities and Finance Committee, held 2020 January 21:

"Moved by Councillor Gondek

That with respect to Notice of Motion PFC2020-0131, the following be approved:

MOTION CARRIED"

Attachment 1 – Notice of Motion

Attachment 2 – EAGCS Map

Attachment 2 - Notice of Motion Checklist