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CITY OF KELOWNA

**MEMORANDUM**

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**Date:** July 17, 2007  
**File No.:** 8500-07 BRT Ped Overpass @ Parkinson  
**To:** City Manager  
**From:** Transportation Manager  
**Subject:** **Award of Preliminary Design for Pedestrian Overpass  
Hwy 97 @ Parkinson Rec. Centre**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council award the preliminary and functional design of a proposed pedestrian and cycling overpass of Hwy 97 at the Parkinson Recreation Centre to MMM Group for the fee of \$167,000 plus GST;

AND THAT the 2007 budget be amended to add \$100,000 to account 10-3300-R6966 from the General Strategic Priorities Fund and the funding source for this account also be amended from the Community Works Fund to the General Strategic Priorities Fund.

**BACKGROUND:**

As part of the City's component of a proposed regional bus rapid transit (BRT) service, a number of capital improvements are planned including transit exchanges and bus stations. One of these facilities is a proposed pedestrian overpass, bus station and pedestrian corridor at the Parkinson Recreation Centre and Landmark Business Centre. This project has been reviewed with Council in the past. It provides a strategic location for transit users to access both regional recreation services and major employment.

This project was part of a funding application made earlier this year to the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM). On July 12, 2007 the City learned that it had received partial funding for the project. Some funding will also be provided by a donation from the Landmark Business Centre. The final funding source has not yet been approved and could be some time before it is confirmed. In the interest of time, engineering is being advanced to confirm the full scope of the pedestrian overpass, bus station and pedestrian/cycling pathway.

In procuring engineering services for this project, staff invited expressions of interest and qualifications before short-listing firms to submit detailed proposals. Three firms were invited to submit proposals. The firms and the results of the evaluation of their proposals were as follows:

<u>Consultant</u>	<u>Points</u>
Association Engineering	74.3
Stantec Consultants	84.7
MMM Group	90.1

At Final Budget, Council approved \$75,000 for the subject engineering work from the Community Works Fund. Unfortunately, the budget submission by staff did not include the full scope of the assignment and didn't include services during construction. The 2007 Budget will therefore need to be amended to cover these components of work and some potential additional work such as consultations and to show the source of funding being the General Strategic Priorities Fund.

It is intended that this project proceed through preliminary and functional design at this time in advance of full funding approval. This initial step will enable the finalization of many details in preparation of this project for delivery once final funding is in place.

**INTERNAL CIRCULATION TO:** Financial Services Department

**LEGAL/STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** N/A

**LEGAL/STATUTORY PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS:** N/A

**EXISTING POLICY:** N/A

**FINANCIAL/BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS:** General Strategic Priorities (Gas Tax) Funding has been approved. These funds have been allocated for specific transit projects. The existing \$75,000 budget should be amended to show funding from this source. Further budget amendments will be made once the City receives the funding agreements from the UBCM.

**PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS:** N/A

**TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:** N/A

**EXTERNAL AGENCY/PUBLIC COMMENTS:** N/A

**ALTERNATE RECOMMENDATION:** N/A

Submitted by:

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Approved for Inclusion:  
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Cc: Financial Planning Manager