



City of North Bay Report to Council

Report No: IO-2024-009

Date: October 17, 2024

Originator: Megan Rochefort

Business Unit:

Department:

Infrastructure and Operations

Engineering

Subject: Road Safety Strategy - Public Report

Closed Session: yes no

Recommendation

That Report to Council IO-2024-009 dated October 17, 2024 from Megan Rochefort be received and referred to the Infrastructure and Operations Committee Meeting on November 12, 2024.

Background

In 2018, a group composed of various road safety partners and stakeholders called the North Bay Road Safety Committee, made a presentation to Council regarding a multi-national traffic safety initiative called Vision Zero. Vision Zero is a concept first established in Sweden in the 1990s, that has a goal to eliminate fatalities and serious injuries from road transportation. Following the Road Safety Committee presentation, City Council endorsed the framework of Vision Zero and the North Bay Vision Zero Committee through Council Resolution 2018-256. The North Bay Vision Zero Committee commenced plans to engage a consultant to assist with the development of a Road Safety Strategy, and in the 2020 Capital Budget, City Council approved funds to contribute to the committee for this strategy.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic, the North Bay Road Safety Committee has been inactive and City staff took the lead to develop a Road Safety Strategy. Staff determined that additional funding was required to engage an experienced engineering consultant for the project, which was approved in the 2022 Capital Budget.

On June 6, 2023, Council approved the award of a contract to CIMA Canada Inc. (CIMA+) for the provision of a Road Safety Strategy for the City's road network, through Council Resolution 2023-243.

The Road Safety Strategy will be provided for the November 12, 2024 Committee Meeting. The consultant will be in attendance to present the final Public Report on November 12, 2024.

Financial/Legal Implications

The report is being presented to Council to refer the Road Safety Strategy to the Infrastructure and Operations Committee for a presentation by CIMA+.

Following the presentation, Council will have an opportunity to ask questions before formally accepting the Road Safety Strategy.

If Council accepts the recommendations of the Road Safety Strategy Plan, staff will begin integration of the implementation plan into 2025 Operating Budget and 2025 Capital Budget and 2026-2034 Capital Plan for Council consideration during the upcoming Operating and Capital Budget deliberations.

Corporate Strategic Plan

- Natural North and Near
- Affordable Balanced Growth
- Responsible and Responsive Government
- Economic Prosperity
- Spirited Safe Community

Specific Objectives

Develop a practice of communications and engagement that ensures that residents are aware and understanding what City Hall is doing.

Work with community stakeholders to enhance safety and integration throughout the city.

Options Analysis

Option 1:

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This is the recommended option.

Option 2:

Do not refer the Report. This is not recommended. This option is not recommended because a Road Safety Strategy is key to identify and prioritize safety improvements to transportation infrastructure and the road network.

Recommended Option

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Respectfully submitted,

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I concur with this report and recommendation

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