

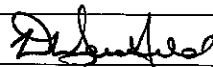


**POSTPONED MOTIONS:
ADMINISTRATIVE BACKGROUNDER**

NUMBER: PM 05-2018

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MOTION:
That DARP-006 is moved from 2019 to 2022.

RESPONSE (one page max.):

Administration’s Understanding of Intent Motion:

Administration’s understanding is that the construction of Perron Street improvements outlined in DARP-006 would take place in 2022 rather than as proposed in 2019. The associated best practices research, economic assessment, design, & engineering would still occur in 2018.

Operational or Organizational Impacts if Motion is Approved:

Delaying the construction of Perron Street improvements to 2022 should not result in conflicts or delays to other proposed DARP projects. Delaying construction may delay utility work planned to occur at the same time as the DARP-006 improvements.

If construction of DARP-006 occurs within 5 years, the need to conduct RMR projects for Perron Street can be aligned. If Perron Street improvements, as proposed, are pushed back more than 5 years, there may be a need to invest

capital towards interim rehabilitation of the Perron Street segments to maintain acceptable level of service for the roadway and sidewalk conditions.

Underground utility work is expected to be prioritized to align with DARP-006. Perron Street has infrastructure reaching the end of its functional life, that will be investigated to determine the need for replacement at whatever point the right-of-way is reconstructed. While investigation of the underground utilities would still occur in 2018, delaying construction of Perron Street improvements would result in the delay of any repair or replacement of underground utilities, and subsequent risk of infrastructure failure.

Other initiatives that may be impacted include:

- St. Anne street resurfacing from Perron to Sir Winston Churchill Avenue
- Delaying construction may mean the delay of additional public art being introduced along Perron Street. If construction is planned for 2022, it could mean funds are needed in 2021 to protect or temporarily relocate existing public art, including; *St. Albert the Great*, *Butt Hinge*, *Tribute to the Sisters of Charity Grey Nuns of St. Albert* (mural), or other public art in the area.
- Potential impact on traffic flow or parking during festivals or events at the Arden in 2022 instead of 2019, depending on the timing of the work and of various events.

Financial Implications of Motions:

Total DARP reinvestment budget between 2019 and 2022 would not change, but the annual amounts would be adjusted as shown in the table below:

	2019	2020	2021	2022
Proposed	\$10,530,850	\$10,848,000	\$250,715	\$16,871,275
As Amended	\$5,441,725	\$10,848,000	\$250,715	\$21,960,400

Stakeholder Consultations:

Internal and external consultation may be required to inform others of the revised timing of this project.

Background:

- The Downtown Area Redevelopment Plan (DARP) was approved by Council in 2010. It identifies Perron Street as the primary retail street in downtown, with a strong pedestrian focus.
- Interim pedestrian improvements (curb extensions) planned along Perron Street in 2017, as per Council Motion C430-2015, will still occur. Postponing construction of Perron Street improvements to 2022 allows sufficient time to

conduct currently proposed preliminary work, including best practices, economic assessment, and design and engineering.

- A pedestrian crisscross pilot project is underway at the intersection of Perron and St. Anne Streets until the end of September 2017.
- Utility and RMR work can be planned in 2018 and aligned with construction in 2022 to result in a savings of resources, both in staff/consultant time and funding.
- Other Downtown projects are proposed between 2018 and 2022:
 - Interim pedestrian improvements (curb extensions) are planned to occur in 2017
 - DARP-005 Millennium Park Design and Construction (2018)
 - DARP-003 Civic Square Development (2022 Programming, 2023 Design, 2025 Construction)

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