

Staff Report for Audit Committee Meeting

Date of Meeting: November 14, 2023 Report Number: SRCFS.23.055

Department: Corporate and Financial Services

Division: Financial Services

Subject: SRCFS.23.055 Capital Project Financial Status

Report

Purpose:

In accordance with Financial Control By-law #114-16 and the Capital Budget Financial Monitoring Policy, this report provides the status of existing capital projects, proposes budget and funding adjustments, and recommends closure of capital projects that have been completed. The objective is to allocate any surplus funds back to the original funding source.

Recommendation(s):

- a) That all capital projects listed in Appendix "A"
 - i. Be closed
 - ii. Projects with a net surplus of \$4.08 million be returned to sources as identified; and
- b) That Budget and Funding Adjustments in the amount of \$0.39 million returned to sources as identified in Appendix "B" be approved;
- c) That the Status of Capital Projects List in Appendix "F" be received.

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Report Approval:

Submitted by: Sherry Adams, Commissioner of Corporate and Financial Services

Approved by: Darlene Joslin, City Manager

All reports are electronically reviewed and/or approved by the Division Director, Treasurer (as required), City Solicitor (as required), Commissioner and City Manager. Details of the reports approval are attached.

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Background:

The Capital Project Financial Status Report is prepared in consultation with staff responsible for managing departmental capital projects. This report provides a status update of all existing capital project accounts, as well as recommendations for budget adjustments, consolidations, and project closures with any unspent funds being returned to the original funding sources.

Starting in this year, the City transitioned from annual to semi-annual reporting to provide Council with regular updates on capital projects, for staff to reassess budget estimates, and to release surplus funds for other projects. The first 2023 report informed on the Capital Project Status as of April 30, 2023 and received Council approval in June 2023.

This report is prepared as at September 30, 2023. The six appendices to this report provide the following information:

- Appendix 'A", Capital Projects Closing lists 51 completed or closed capital
 projects with a net unspent amount of \$6.42 million. Staff recommend returning a net
 surplus of \$4.08 million to the original funding sources after funding two project
 deficits, and transferring the remaining \$2.34 million to existing capital accounts to
 streamline project administration.
- Appendix "B", Project Consolidations, Budget and Funding Adjustments lists capital projects into two sections: project consolidations with no financial impact, and \$0.39 million funding budget adjustments from reserves and reserve funds.
- Appendix "C", In-Year Capital Budget Adjustments lists budget adjustments approved by Council or delegated authority as authorized by the Capital Budget Financial Monitoring Policy, and are presented here for information purposes.
- Appendix "D", Impact on Reserves and Reserve Funds provides a summary of funding impacts from the specific reserves and reserve funds.
- Appendix "E", Summary of Capital Closures and Budget Adjustments summarizes by Department the project closures and budget/funding adjustments outlined in Appendix "A" and "B".
- Appendix "F", Status of Ongoing Capital Projects by Department outlines the status of all remaining active projects.

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Financial/Staffing/Other Implications:

Before any adjustments, the City has 505 open capital projects with approved funding of \$300.51 million.

The completion or closure of 51 capital project accounts identified in Appendix "A" and the adjustments recommended in Appendix "B", result in a net \$4.47 million returning to reserves and reserve funds.

The impact of capital closures and budget adjustments on the reserves and reserve funds is outlined in Appendix "C".

I. Status of Capital Projects

After all the adjustments, as outlined in Appendix "E", 455 capital projects remain (424 City delivered and 31 Third Party) with a combined \$166.47 million of capital works to be completed out of which \$38.55 has already been procured. Within the budget remaining, there will be \$83.32 million (38.82%) in unspent commitments for City delivered projects and \$44.60 million (88.75%) in third party delivered projects.

Third party delivered projects have a median open period of 3 years and due to their complexity and dependencies and the late approval of 2023 Capital Budget due to election year, the unspent commitments is 88.75%.

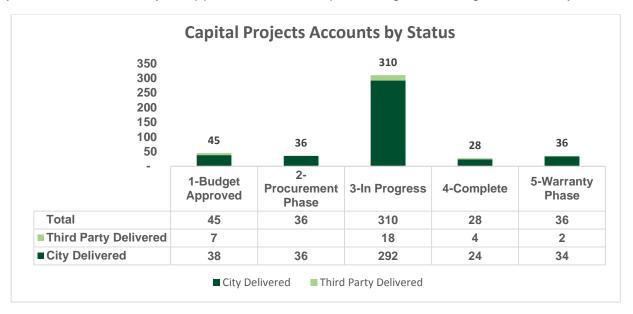
Project Delivery	Approved Budget	Project to Date Expenses	Outstanding Commitments	Budget Remaining (\$)	Budget Remaining (%)	No. of Project Accounts
City Delivered	\$214.65	\$93.33	\$38.00	\$83.32	38.82%	424
Office of The City Manager	\$135.56	\$50.22	\$29.97	\$55.37	40.84%	219
Infrastructure and Engineering Services	\$132.01	\$48.15	\$29.82	\$54.04	40.93%	212
City Manager's Office	\$3.55	\$2.07	\$0.15	\$1.33	37.46%	7
Corporate Financial Services	\$39.94	\$27.40	\$3.49	\$9.04	22.63%	71
Community Services	\$29.31	\$12.60	\$3.32	\$13.39	45.68%	87
Planning and Building Services	\$4.94	\$1.73	\$0.79	\$2.42	48.90%	18
Richmond Hill Public Library	\$4.91	\$1.38	\$0.42	\$3.11	63.35%	29
Third Party Delivered	\$50.25	\$5.10	\$0.55	\$44.60	88.75%	31
Office of The City Manager	\$49.34	\$4.73	\$0.17	\$44.43	90.05%	29
Infrastructure and Engineering Services	\$49.34	\$4.73	\$0.17	\$44.43	90.05%	29
City Manager's Office	-	-	-	-	-	-
Planning and Building Services	\$0.92	\$0.37	\$0.38	\$0.17	18.42%	2
Total Projects	\$264.91	\$98.44	\$38.55	\$127.92	48.29%	455

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Capital projects have been reviewed by staff to assess their project status and categorized as: Budget Approved, Procurement Phase, In Progress, Contingency Project, Warranty Phase or Complete.

The graph below illustrates the status of capital projects as of September 30, 2023 after all budget adjustments and closures are completed. Majority of the projects are "In Progress" followed by "Budget Approved". The latter category is higher than typical years due to the delayed approval of 2023 Capital Budget following an election year.



Note: In Progress includes Environmental Assessment in Progress, Design in Progress, Construction in Progress and In Progress Purchases and Consulting.

II. Capital Projects to be Closed

As identified in Appendix "A", staff recommend closure of 51 capital project accounts. The net capital surplus of \$4.08 million will be returned back to their original funding sources after funding project deficits.

It is normal business that the lifecycle of a capital project may span over multiple years. On average, the majority of City projects close within 2 to 3 years, which coincide with the average project lifecycle. Due to the on-going and/or grant funding nature of capital initiatives or timing constraints for projects partnered with the Region or a third party, some projects may remain open for a longer period.

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The table below summarizes capital projects completed or closed during this period by delivering department.

Delivering Department	Approved Budget	Project to Date Expense	Budget Remaining	Returned to Source	Transf. to Other Project Phase	No. of Projects Closed
Office of The City Manager	\$19.61	\$15.30	\$4.31	\$2.74	\$1.58	32
Infrastructure and Engineering Services	\$19.61	\$15.30	\$4.31	\$2.74	\$1.58	32
City Manager's Office	-	-	-	-	-	-
Community Services	\$10.21	\$9.43	\$0.78	\$0.78	\$0.00	11
Planning and Building Services	\$1.22	\$0.92	\$0.30	\$0.15	\$0.15	3
Corporate and Financial Services	\$0.56	\$0.55	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.00	3
Third Party	\$5.96	\$4.94	\$1.01	\$0.39	\$0.62	2
Total	\$37.56	\$31.14	\$6.42	\$4.08	\$2.35	51

III. Project Budget and Funding Adjustments

Appendix "B" lists the open capital project accounts that require budget and funding adjustments. Staff recommend consolidation of 19 projects with no financial impact, 2 capital project accounts that require budget reductions and 2 accounts that require additional budget with no impact to the project budget.

The net funding of \$0.39 million will be returned to the original funding as sources identified in Appendix "B" and results from:

- \$0.59 million net surplus funds from budget reductions to be returned to the original funding source
- \$0.20 million additional funding for existing projects

IV. In-Year Capital Budget Adjustments

Previously approved In-Year Capital Budget Adjustments approved in accordance with the Capital Budget Financial Monitoring Policy are detailed in Appendix "C" for information purposes.

Relationship to Council Strategic Priorities 2020 to 2023:

Presentation of the Capital Project Status Report demonstrates responsible municipal management in which the following objectives are being met:

Stronger connections in Richmond Hill to improve access to local information and services; and fiscal responsibility in wise management of resources in Richmond Hill to serve as a role model for municipal management.

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Climate Change Considerations:

Climate change considerations are not applicable to this staff report.

Conclusion:

This report provides a capital status update for the first four months of the year with:

- 51 capital projects delivered and closed surplus of \$4.08 million transferred to reserves and reserve funds
- 4 capital project budget adjustments \$0.39 million returned to the original funding source

The net impact of all adjustments is a \$4.47 million returned to reserves and reserve funds and 455 active capital projects remaining. The available budget of remaining projects represent \$166.47 million of capital works to be completed, with \$38.55 million already procured.

Attachments:

The following attached documents may include scanned images of appendixes, maps and photographs. If you require an alternative format, please call the contact person listed in this document.

- Appendix A: Capital Projects Closed
- Appendix B: Project Consolidations, Budget and Funding Adjustments
- Appendix C: In Year Capital Budget Adjustments
- Appendix D: Impact on Reserves and Reserve Funds
- Appendix E: Summary of Capital Closures and Budget Adjustments
- Appendix F: Status of Ongoing Capital Projects by Departments

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Report Approval Details

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Attachments:	 SRCFS.23.055 Appendix A - Projects Closing.pdf SRCFS.23.055 Appendix B - Project Consolidation, Budget and Funding Adjustments .pdf SRCFS.23.055 Appendix C - In Year Capital Budget Adjustments.pdf SRCFS.23.055 Appendix D - Impact on Reserves and Reserve Funds.pdf SRCFS.23.055 Appendix E - Summary of Capital Closures and Budget Adjustments.pdf SRCFS.23.055 Appendix F - Status of Ongoing Capital Projects by Department.pdf
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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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