



INFRASTRUCTURE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT MEMORANDUM

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TO: MAYOR A. NUTTALL AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

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INFRASTRUCTURE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT

NOTED: M. PROWSE, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

RE: RAINBOW CROSSWALK ACROSS SIMCOE STREET AT MERIDIAN PLACE

DATE: JUNE 14, 2023

This memorandum provides members of Council with information regarding the Rainbow Crosswalk across Simcoe Street at Meridian Place.

Background

In May 2019, Council approved a motion that staff in the Roads, Parks and Fleet Department install a Rainbow Crosswalk across Simcoe Street at Meridian Place.

Since the Rainbow Cross walk was installed in 2019, the condition of the Rainbow Crosswalk has deteriorated due to various reasons including sun, weather damage and vandalism and requires rehabilitation.

Proposed Plan

Staff are currently assessing options to reconstruct the Rainbow crosswalk. A key consideration is the implementation of Project EN1463 - Sophia Creek Owen Tributary Storm Outlet From Memorial Square. The proposed storm sewer would be located directly under the crosswalk and is scheduled for construction starting in 2024.

Given this, the reconstruction of the crosswalk was deferred to avoid throw-away costs and staff are proposing to reconstruct the Rainbow crosswalk as part of Project EN1463.

Given the experience with the existing crosswalk and the need to reconstruct the crosswalk every 2 to 3 years, staff will assess more durable options to the Rainbow crosswalk to celebrate the LGBTQIA+ community.

Implementation of the preferred option will be included in the 2024 Capital Plan for Council approval.