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Subject: **PAC Report No. 2 - 2019 Waterfront Plan**

Purpose

To request that Council adopt the 2019 Waterfront Plan which provides an updated vision for the future of the Waterfront and aligns the objective of the recently adopted Official Plan.

This modernized version builds upon its previous iterations while also providing a new and progressive framework for addressing the important economic, social, cultural and environmental benefits the Waterfront offers to the City and to its diverse residents and visitors year round. Intended as a living document, this new plan provides a road map for implementing improvements and serves as a blueprint to enhance Cornwall's Waterfront over the next 25 years.

Recommendation

That Council adopt the 2019 Waterfront Plan as presented at the PAC Public Meeting of July 29th, 2019, as well as an Information item at the September 16th, 2019 PAC.

Financial Implications

In the same way as it has been done with all Waterfront projects, improvements will be proposed within a 5 year capital project forecast, based on the recommendations outlined in the 2019 Waterfront Plan.

The project sequence attempts to evenly distribute the capital costs of all projects over a twenty-five year time frame as well as, the total cost of all projects undertaken each year. This includes costs associated with both design and implementation. The plan outlines a total investment of approximately \$25 million in the long term (25 year horizon). These are reviewed in the newly updated Waterfront Plan; see pages 116-121, "Budget Considerations".

Specific projects to be implemented on a yearly basis will follow the regular budget approval process, subject to the Budget Committee Review and approval and will be ultimately subject to Council approval.

Strategic Priority Implications

The new strategy for the City of Cornwall lists the Waterfront Development as the first of its five key priorities.

Background / Discussion

The City retained **thinc design** to undertake an update of the 2007 Waterfront Plan and to develop a plan which the City could follow and base its Waterfront related decisions in the next decade and beyond.

The study to develop the plan (twelve month process) involved extensive public and stakeholder participation and input. Based on the input received through the community and stakeholder consultation processes, seven guiding principles for Cornwall's Waterfront were identified:

- Improve access/ increase connectivity
- Spaces to celebrate and enjoy
- Enhance culture / historic fibre
- Create a magnetic Waterfront
- Activities for all seasons
- Promote strategic infill
- Be ecologically driven



These Guiding Principles are further described and illustrated in the newly updated Waterfront Plan, see pages 51-54.

A brief description and main findings of the study are summarized in the Executive Summary, pages xiii-xv, of the updated Waterfront Plan.

It has become normal practice to ask for Council's endorsement for such major initiatives as this 2019 Waterfront Plan similar to the recent Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan, Recreation Master Plan, etc. Each year staff will draw from the documents to propose Capital Projects for Council's approval.

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