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To: Mayor and Members of Council
From: Stephen Brake, Director of Public Works
Date: September 13, 2021
File No.: RR.60.42
Re: Cobble Dick Road - Newcastle
Railway Safety Improvement Program Application

During the March 29, 2021 General Government Committee meeting, Council passed resolution #GG-253-21 directing Staff to again pursue funding contributions for the grade level crossing improvements at the CN Rail crossing of Cobble Dick Road under the Rail Safety Improvement Program – Infrastructure, Technology and Research (RSIP-ITR) - Transport Canada for the 2022-2023 funding cycle. Staff had previously applied for RSIP funding for the proposed crossing improvements in 2020, and in March 2021, however the application was not successful and the Municipality did not receive any funding for the proposed improvements.

Public Works Staff re-submitted an application to the Program in July 2021. The application is seeking contribution funding in the amount of 80% of works that would remain Municipal assets and 50% of works that remain railway assets. As per the preliminary design cost estimate that was completed in support of the application, contribution funding of approximately \$697,000 was requested as eligible expenses under the RSIP-ITR program. Staff had requested funding over a 2-year period due to the substantial amount of coordination that will be required with CN Rail and the overall amount of work required. This was to provide a sufficient buffer in the project's lifecycle to mitigate risk of not meeting constrained RSIP timelines and of lapsed funding.

Notification from Transport Canada regarding application review status and successful funding recipients are expected to be received in Spring 2022.

Should you have any questions or need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. Brake', is positioned above the typed name.

Stephen Brake
Director
Public Works

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cc: Kevin Heathcote, Capital Works Supervisor, Public Works
Robert Brezina, Capital Works Engineer, Public Works