

<b>TO:</b>	<b>CHAIR AND MEMBERS CIVIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING ON AUGUST 25, 2014</b>
<b>FROM:</b>	<b>JOHN BRAAM, P. ENG. MANAGING DIRECTOR, ENVIRONMENTAL &amp; ENGINEERING SERVICES AND CITY ENGINEER</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>DUNDAS FLEXIBLE STREET SCOPING STUDY CONSULTING ENGINEER ASSIGNMENT INCREASE</b>

<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>
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That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Environmental & Engineering Services & City Engineer, the following actions **BE TAKEN** with respect to the Dundas Flexible Street Scoping Study:

- (a) the value of the consulting assignment with IBI Group **BE INCREASED** by \$25,000 from \$95,000 to a new upset limit of \$120,000 (excluding H.S.T.) in accordance with Section 20.3 (e) of the Procurement of Goods and Services Policy, it being noted that a \$100,000 budget was previously approved for the project;
- (b) the financing for this project **BE APPROVED** as set out in the Source of Financing Report attached hereto as Appendix 'A'; and,
- (c) the Civic Administration **BE AUTHORIZED** to undertake all the administrative acts that are necessary in connection with this work.

<b>PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER</b>
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- Civic Works Committee – April 2, 2012 – Dundas Street Watermain Maintenance
- Civic Works Committee – May 14, 2012 – Dundas Street Improvements, Formulating an Implementation Plan

<b>DISCUSSION</b>
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**Purpose**

This report seeks the approval of the Council to increase the value of the consultant assignment for the Dundas Flexible Street Scoping Study.

**Context**

The Dundas Flexible Street evolved from the 2008 *Blueprint for Action; Report of the Downtown Task Force*. The stated goal was to “make Dundas Street the most exciting street in London”. The short term goals identified in the report were cleaning up and rejuvenating Dundas Street. The longer term goal is to create a piazza on Dundas Street. With this long term goal in mind, Council approved a budget for a Dundas Street Scoping Study in May 2012.

The Dundas Street Scoping Study was subsequently awarded to IBI Group in December 2012. The study is summarizing the existing conditions, capturing the future vision, identifying impacts and opportunities for other City services and infrastructure and providing design concepts, schedule and cost estimates.

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Additional efforts are required to complete the Scoping Study for the following reasons:

1. The initial study area was identified as the four block segment stretching from Ridout Street to Wellington Street. As the study progressed, it was concluded that the connection of Dundas Street with the Thames River represented a critical linkage between the river open spaces and the downtown core. As such, it is necessary to include this area within the study limits and to include issues related to this linkage within the scoping study.

This requires additional field reconnaissance and inventory and re-visiting completed study components such as base map preparation, built form study, context analysis, infrastructure analysis, and issues & opportunity analysis.

2. The Downtown Master Plan provides the planning context for the area. Coordination with the Downtown Master Plan has extended the schedule of the Scoping Study and requires reconsideration of previously developed concepts within the Scoping Study. The release of the *Downtown London, Our Move Forward* Report in June 2013 necessitated significant changes to the design opportunities, implementation, recommendations, and staging & cost estimates identified in the initial scoping document that had been prepared at that time. The final Downtown Master Plan document is nearing completion and further Scoping Study review and coordination efforts are anticipated.

Completion of this assignment will enable staff to present the recommendations to Council. Completion can be done expeditiously and presented to Council immediately after finalization of the Downtown Master Plan which is expected in the near future. Subject to Council approval of the scoping study, a project can be identified in the Capital and Operating budgets.

An increase in the consultant fees from \$95,000 to \$120,000 is required to progress the study to completion. The scoping study assignment was awarded to IBI Group as an administrative award in accordance with Section 15.2 (c) of the Procurement of Goods and Services Policy. The Procurement of Goods and Services Policy requires Council approval to increase the value of this assignment to \$120,000.

<b>CONCLUSION</b>
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Expansion of the project limits and coordination with the Downtown Master Plan has resulted in additional efforts required to complete the study. The addendum proposal from IBI Group is required to achieve the completion of this study that will enable progression of this project. The proposal provides good value to the City.

The study will provide the guidance required to undertake the budgeting, scheduling, ongoing consultation, design, utility coordination and construction of a project that can transform the street from a conventional downtown public right-of-way into a public space that is a unique destination in and of itself.

Staff is recommending that the Scoping Study assignment with IBI Group, be increased by \$25,000 to a new upset limit of \$120,000 (excluding H.S.T.). Sufficient funds are available in the existing budgets to complete the assignment.

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Attachments: Appendix 'A' – Source of Financing