



SMITHS FALLS

RISE AT THE FALLS

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF SMITHS FALLS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING AGENDA

Monday, June 2, 2025, 4:00 p.m.

Council Chamber, Town Hall

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Chairperson: Councillor Brennan

Land Acknowledgement

On June 2, 2025 we acknowledge that this sacred land on which Smiths Falls is now located has been a site of human activity for over 10,000 years and is rich in Indigenous history. This land is the ancestral and unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishinaabe Nation. We are grateful to the Algonquin ancestors who cared for the land and water in order that we might meet here today. We are also grateful to the Algonquin People for their contribution in the making of the Rideau Canal which runs thru Smiths Falls. We are mindful of broken covenants and the need to reconcile with all our relations. Together, may we care for this land and each other, drawing on the strength of our mutual history of nation building through peace and friendship being mindful of generations to come.

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1. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

2. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at ----PM

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Recommended Motion:

THAT the June 2, 2025 Special Committee of the Whole Meeting Agenda be approved as circulated.

4. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND/OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6. DELEGATIONS

7. CAO/DIRECTORS VERBAL REPORTS

8. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CONSENT REPORTS
9. IN CAMERA/CLOSED SESSION
10. PRIORITY ISSUES/REPORTS
 - 10.1 Budget Change Order Request for Confederation Bridge (Hydro One Utility Conduits) (P McMunn)
11. COMMITTEE, BOARD AND EXTERNAL ORGANIZATION UPDATES
12. INFORMATION LISTING/CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS
13. NOTICE OF MOTIONS
14. ADJOURNMENT

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Recommended Motion:

THAT the Committee adjourn its proceedings XXXX p.m. and stand so adjourned until the next duly called Committee meeting.



To: Mayor and Council

From: Paul McMunn, Director of Public Works and Utilities

Date: May 29, 2025

Committee of the Whole Date: June 2, 2025

Title: Confederation Bridge – Change Request and Budget Update

☒ For Direction

☐ For Information

☐ For Adoption

☐ Attachment (NA)

Recommendation: THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Smiths Falls authorize staff to approve a Change Request in the amount of \$58,879.84 (with net HST) for additional costs related to the requirement for electrical conduit planned to be installed to the underside of Confederation Bridge;
AND FURTHER THAT Council accept this report as a budgetary update for this project as presented in Committee of the Whole Report 2025-054.

Purpose: The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the current cost implications related to a recent Change Request submitted by StructureCraft (General Contractor) for the required installation of electrical conduit on the underside of the new Timber Bridge, as well as to update Council on the current budget status for this project.

Background: The existing Confederation Bridge has a single electrical conduit suspended to the underside of the wooden cantilevered walkway that houses a high voltage electrical service wire that serves Parks Canada local Headquarters and Visitors Centre, and the Smiths Falls Combined Lockstation Lock 29a, both located at 34 Beckwith Street South. When the Town advertised to solicit proposals for the Design/Build of a new Timber Bridge, the Request for Proposal identified a single electrical conduit suspended to the underside of the bridge that would have to be replaced to accommodate the same electrical service wire as part of the overall project scope. Following award of this project to StructureCraft, Town staff, with the assistance of TSI Inc. started to collaborate with StructureCraft and Hydro One to finalize the requirements associated with the high voltage electrical service. Recently, the requirements of new galvanized steel conduit have been finalized between the Town, StructureCraft and Hydro One. As Electrical Code requirements of Hydro One have changed since the initial installation of the single conduit and associated High Voltage service wire back in the 1980's, the design of the conduit system is more robust than originally anticipated, resulting in increased costs for design, materials, and installation.

Analysis and Options: Hydro One's conduit requirements for the High Voltage service wire results in the requirements of four (4) steel conduits to house each of the three (3) wires of the 3 Phase High Voltage service, with one (1) additional spare conduit. Based on these requirements, not only is there more conduit required than originally anticipated, the hanger system associated with suspending the conduit to the underside of the Timber Bridge is a "custom" design with significantly more engineering effort required. StructureCraft originally, as part of their proposal, identified an allowance of \$4,600.00 (plus tax) for this portion of the work, predicated on the understanding that one (1) PVC (not steel) conduit was required.

StructureCrafts Change Request reflects additional costs in the amount of \$58,879.84 (with net HST). Approximately \$38,000.00 is associated to the procurement of the custom hanger and conduit system. The balance of costs is associated to design of the custom hanger and conduit system and installation efforts. The Change Request in the amount of \$58,879.84 (with net HST) is reflective of a \$4,600.00 credit from StructureCrafts original bid submission price.

Budget/Financial Implications: The overall budget, inclusive of the recently approved Change Request related to cost increases as a result of tariff implication and arch lighting is \$2,628,342.52 (including net HST). The budget amount of \$2,628,342.52 is a culmination of approved Capital budgets since 2021, which includes efforts associated with the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment that was budgeted in 2021 and completed in 2022. The following Table (**Table 1**) outlines incurred expenses to date, committed expenses, and current remaining budget.

Table 1

ACTIVITY	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Approved Change Requests	Total
Budget	-\$75,000.00		-\$1,367,000.00		-\$1,025,000.00	-\$161,342.52	-\$2,628,342.52
Incurred Expenses							
- Engineering					\$27,315.95		\$27,315.95
- Contractor					\$346,163.21		\$346,163.21
- Materials							\$0.00
- Environmental	\$8,509.71	\$90,386.70	\$17,820.61	\$51,927.61	\$6,483.48		\$175,128.11
Committed					\$1,907,863.96		\$1,907,863.96
						Remaining Budget	-\$171,871.29

There is available budget remaining to fund the Change Request costs of \$58,879.84 (with net HST), leaving a remaining budget balance of \$112,991.45.

Link to Strategic Plan (2023-2026):

Vision – Item 1 – Investing in our infrastructure to keep up with the growing needs of the community

Initiative – Transportation Networks – Item 8 – Confederation Bridge Commissioning

Existing Policy: Procurement Bylaw No. 7850-2004 (as amended)

Consultation: StructureCraft Builders Inc., Director of Corporate Services

Attachment: NA

Notes/Action (space for Council Member’s notes):

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved for agenda by:

Original Copy Signed
Paul McMunn, C.E.T.
Director of Public Works and Utilities

Original Copy Signed
Malcolm Morris, CMO
CAO