



## **Township Updates 2020 Capital Program in Response to COVID-19 Challenges**

**BADEN, ON – Thursday, May 21, 2020** – As part of continued efforts to contain costs within the COVID-19 environment, the Township of Wilmot reviewed its existing Capital Program, in an effort to balance community and infrastructure needs with current economic challenges. The existing program of Capital works for 2020 has been updated, with a number of projects deferred to 2021.

Due to the forecasted financial impacts of COVID-19, and disruptions to general operations, a total of twenty (20) projects were designated for deferral to 2021. Those projects are listed below.

- Replacement of By-Law Enforcement Vehicle
- Installation of Mannheim Municipal/Community Events Sign
- Community Benefits Charge Study
- Joint GIS Framework Review
- Upgrade Municipal Accounting Software
- Corporate Phone System Replacement
- Replacement of Fire Chief Vehicle
- Fire Prevention Vehicle
- Thermal Imaging Cameras
- Municipal Drain Database Digitization
- Notre Dame Drive Reconstruction
- Snow Storage Review
- Snyder's Road Sanitary and Storm Sewers
- St Agatha Watermain Looping (Engineering)
- Employment Lands Woodlot Trail Design
- New Hamburg Library Rooftop HVAC System
- Library Services Facility Review
- Boiler Replacement at the Wilmot Administration Complex
- Parking Lot Design at the Wilmot Administration Complex
- New Hamburg Arena Recreation Floor Space Design

All other projects within the Township's Capital program will continue to move forward throughout 2020; some of which are proceeding with caution, due to several unknowns as this pandemic unfolds.

"The commitment to complete this large number of significant projects in a new COVID-19 operating environment is a testament the dedication and service of Wilmot staff, said Mayor Les Armstrong. Though the physical working environment has changed, with many new protocols now in place, staff continue to perform at their best, to ensure that critical projects are completed successfully, for the benefit of the entire Wilmot community."

Staff will continue to monitor the projects that have been classified for deferral to 2021. In the event that additional resources become available, or external stimulus funding from Senior Government agencies is allocated, projects will be further considered for works within 2020.

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