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Council Motion
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Item / Article: Motions Requiring Suspension of the *Rules of Procedure*

Re: **Commemorative naming, funding and tender for the Chief William Commanda Bridge (Prince of Wales Bridge) multi-use pathway and rehabilitation project**

Moved by / Motion de: **Mayor J. Watson**
Seconded by / Appuyée par: **Councillor J. Leiper**

That the Rules of Procedure be suspended to consider the following Motion, in order to ensure a timely funding allocation for the Chief William Commanda Bridge multi-use pathway and rehabilitation project, allowing for the project to proceed to construction when permits and approvals have been confirmed.

WHEREAS the City has been asked to rename the Prince of Wales Bridge to the "Chief William Commanda Bridge"; and

WHEREAS William Commanda served as Chief of the Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg First Nation from 1951 to 1970, was an Algonquin elder, a spiritual leader, a promoter of environmental stewardship, a great bridge builder between nations, and was awarded the Order of Canada in 2008 for his dedication and outstanding service to his people; and

WHEREAS in keeping with its powers set out in the *Municipal Act, 2001*, Council may assign a commemorative name by resolution, notwithstanding the provisions included in the Commemorative Naming Policy; and

WHEREAS through the City's commitment to Reconciliation, Council approved in 2018 the City of Ottawa's Reconciliation Action Plan, which addresses the Truth & Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action; and

WHEREAS the City completed a consultation on the renaming, which occurred between May 21 and June 20, 2021, where the public overwhelmingly supported the renaming proposal (33 in favour; 6 opposed;

2 out of scope); and

WHEREAS the City of Ottawa has applied for financial support under the Public Transit Infrastructure Stream (PTIS) of the Investing in Canada Plan (ICIP) for the Chief William Commanda Bridge multi-use pathway and rehabilitation project on the currently inactive railway bridge that would serve as an interprovincial link for commuting and recreational cyclists, cross-country skiers and visitors, until the structure is once again used as a rail transit connection; and

WHEREAS the update memorandum on the Environmental Assessment (EA) and Design, circulated to Council on July 5, 2021, confirmed that the project's EA and design has been completed, and that almost all permits and approvals have been received; and

WHEREAS engagement and consultation have been an integral part of the project's EA and design process, as input from key stakeholders, including Algonquin partners and the public, is key to the success of the project; and

WHEREAS the total estimated project budget for the multi-use pathway and rehabilitation project is $22,591,000, of which the municipal portion is $13,978,600; and

WHEREAS $5,002,000 of the municipal portion for pier work was approved by Council as part of previous years' capital budgets, and the remaining City funding required for the project totals $8,976,600 and is proposed to be funded as follows: $6,459,000 from Development Charges, as identified in the Background Study, and $2,517,600 from Transit Reserves, as the bridge is identified and protected in the Transportation Master Plan as a future rail transit facility;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve that:

- **the Prince of Wales Bridge be named the "Chief William Commanda Bridge";**

- **the remaining municipal funding portion for the Chief William Commanda Bridge multi-use pathway and rehabilitation project, totaling $8,976,600, be funded as follows, and as per Document 1:**

    - **$6,459,000 from Development Charges; and**

- **$2,517,600 from Transit Reserves;**

- **One per cent of the construction cost estimate for the multi-use pathway be dedicated to Indigenous art ($94,000), where Staff in in Recreation, Cultural and Facility Services will work with our Algonquin partners to showcase Indigenous culture through the proposed art; and**

- **the tender include requirements for the successful contractor to engage with Algonquin communities to identify Indigenous companies and individuals that could be offered employment opportunities throughout the project; and**

- **Staff proceed with the delivery of the project upon receipt of all permits and approvals; and**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council direct the General Manager, Planning, Infrastructure and Economic Development and the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer to finalize and execute the terms and conditions of the funding agreement with Infrastructure Canada for the federal share of the funding for this project.

Document 1 – Funding Strategy for the Chief William Commanda Bridge (Prince of Wales Bridge) Multi-Use Pathway

	Total Project Cost	**910270 POW MUP**	**908990 Pow Pier Work**
Total Budget Required	**22,591,000**	**12,128,000**	**10,463,000**
Existing City Funding – Transit	5,002,000	540,000	4,462,000
Additional City Funding Required (Council approval required):			
Development Charges	6,459,000	3,664,000	2,795,000
Transit Reserves	2,517,600	3,274,400	(756,800)
Federal PTIS Funding (Council approval to proceed with federal funding was provided via the December 9, 2020 motion	8,612,400	4,649,600	3,962,800

Total After Adjustment	**22,591,000**	**12,128,000**	**10,463,000**