
TO: CITY MANAGER **DATE:** 2016 November 02

FROM: DIRECTOR ENGINEERING **FILE:** 7400 30

SUBJECT: GRANT APPLICATIONS – CLEAN WATER & WASTEWATER FUND

PURPOSE: To seek Council approval for staff to apply for grant funding under the Clean Water & Wastewater Fund Initiative.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** Council pass a resolution supporting an application for grant funding in the amount of \$8.4 million plus GST under the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund for two projects as described in this report.
2. **THAT** a copy of this report be forwarded to local MPs and MLAs.

REPORT**BACKGROUND**

At the recent UBCM conference it was announced that a new intake had been opened for applications under the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund (CWWF). The Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia have signed a bilateral agreement that will make more than \$450.1 million in combined funding available. Under the agreement the federal government is providing up to 50% of this funding while the provincial government will provide 33% and local governments will contribute 17% instead of the typical 33%. Applications will be received until 2016 November 23.

DISCUSSION

The grant program is intended to support rehabilitation of water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and the planning and design of future facilities and upgrades to existing systems. Categories of infrastructure eligible for funding included Drinking Water, Wastewater and Stormwater. Municipalities may submit projects for consideration in either the capital or planning categories or both, but are limited to two projects total; projects must be complete by 2018 March 31.

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Key evaluation criteria include enhancing and protecting public health, supporting sustainability principles, integrated with long-term plans, supporting sustainable long-term economic growth, exhibits long-term sustainability, including operational viability, asset management (maintenance), and environmental sensitivity and requires the federal and provincial governments' financial support to enable the proposed project to be implemented, its scope enhanced (increase in size - or its timing accelerated).

Staff have reviewed our potential candidate projects based on the criteria and determined the 2017 Combined Sewer Separation and 2017 Drainage and Environmental Enhancement projects best fit the program evaluation criteria. Should the City receive grants for these projects it will be possible to advance other projects that have been deferred to future years for inclusion in the capital program. Staff will be submitting an application before the deadline of 2016 November 23 to seek a grant in the amount of \$8.4 million plus GST. As part of the grant application, a resolution of Council in support of the grant application is required.

Therefore, it is recommended that Council pass a resolution in support of an application for grant funding in the amount of \$8.4 million plus GST under the Clean Water & Wastewater Fund Initiative.

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