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**SUBJECT PROVINCE OF BC LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE  
PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM**

## **OVERVIEW**

### **Purpose of Report**

To have Council approve a resolution to apply for a \$10,000 grant under the Province of BC Local Government Infrastructure Planning Grant Program.

### **Recommendation**

That Council approve submission of an application to the Local Government Infrastructure Planning Grant program for \$10,000 for the Water Supply Strategic Plan project.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Province of BC Local Government Infrastructure Planning Grant provides financial assistance to help local governments develop or improve long-term comprehensive plans related to assessing the technical, environmental and/or economic feasibility of local government infrastructure projects.

Funding may be used for all direct costs properly and reasonably incurred in relation to the proposed project. Eligible costs date is the submission date of the application. Costs incurred before this date are not eligible. Eligible costs include consultant fees, local government staff time (if using in-house resources), and in-kind contributions.

The program provides funding to a maximum of \$10,000. (100% of first \$5,000 eligible costs, 50% on the next \$10,000 eligible costs)

The grant application deadline is **2020-JUL-15**. Funding announcements are expected within 3 months.

## **DISCUSSION**

The City is eligible to apply for a \$10,000 grant for the Water Supply Strategic Plan project. This project is part of the approved 2020 – 2024 Financial Plan, and is funded from Water Reserves. Any grant funding received will offset and reduce funding used from Water Reserves.

## Water Supply Strategic Plan

The Water Supply Strategic Plan project is part of coordinated strategic policy review that will update several key strategic planning policy documents ensuring consistency and maximizing community participation and engagement. The updated plan will look to build resilience in source, transmission, emergency supply and storage and a continued focus on quality to future proof the City's water supply for growth, climate change and emergencies. The work will review regionalization of supply and interconnection to benefit resilience. The project is scheduled to begin in July 2020 and be complete in September 2021. Total project budget is \$300,900. |

## OPTIONS

1. That Council approve submission of an application to the Local Government Infrastructure Planning Grant program for \$10,000 for the Water Supply Strategic Plan project.
  - The advantages of this option: The City is actively pursuing other funding sources for projects to help offset costs. |

## SUMMARY POINTS

- The City will apply for a grant totaling \$10,000 from the Province of BC Local Government Infrastructure Planning Grant Program.
- Funding announcements are expected in October 2020.
- A grant application will be submitted for the Water Supply Strategic Plan project.
- If successful, this grant will reduce funding used from Water Reserves.
- This project is expected to be completed in 2021.

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