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

## **OVERVIEW**

### **Purpose of Report**

To obtain a Council resolution for the proposed submission to 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 Thirteenth St Drainage Study.

## **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 of eligible costs, and 50% on the next \$10,000 eligible costs).

The grant application deadline is **December 11, 2024**. Funding announcements are expected within 3 months. |

## **DISCUSSION**

Staff have identified the Thirteenth St Drainage Study project as the candidate for submission for a \$10,000 grant under the Province of BC Local Government Infrastructure Planning Grant program. This project is part of the 2025-2029 Draft Financial Plan and meets the criteria of the program.

### Thirteenth St Drainage Study

The Thirteenth St Drainage Study will identify the capital projects needed to address the impacts of climate change to the Wexford Creek area near the Thirteenth St wetlands. The existing storm system is overwhelmed by the increased intensity of storms, triggering flooding in the downstream Mobile Home Park off Cranberry Ave.

This study will support IAP actions IAP 24 – Identify and communicate infrastructure capacity deficiencies impacting existing and future growth. This work is scheduled to be completed in 2025 and will help identify and prioritize work needed to mitigate the climate change impacts. The study will build off the updated work completed in 2023 related to the Wexford Creek culverts. |

### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

The Thirteenth St Drainage Study is currently part of the 2025-2029 Draft Financial Plan with a project budget of \$80,000 in 2025 for external resources. The project is currently a DCC funded project. If the grant application is successful, the DCC and City funding for the study will be reduced. |

### **OPTIONS**

1. That Council approve submission of an application to the Local Government Infrastructure Planning Grant program for \$10,000 for the Thirteenth St Drainage Study project.
  - The advantages of this option: This project will support the City in continuing to identify infrastructure capacity deficiencies. Appropriate planning helps reduce the risk of asset failures and supports long-term growth. Future budgetary requirements will also be identified and incorporated in the long-term financial plan ensuring funding is available for future needs.
  - Financial Implications: The cost of the Thirteenth St Drainage Study is \$80,000. This project is included in the 2025-2029 Draft Financial Plan as a DCC Funded project.
2. That Council provide alternative direction to Staff for a project to submit an application to the Local Government Infrastructure Planning Grant Program. |

### **SUMMARY POINTS**

- The City will apply for a grant with a maximum value of \$10,000 from the Province of BC Local Government Infrastructure Planning Grant Program
- Funding announcements are expected in March 2025.
- A grant application will be submitted for the Thirteenth St Drainage Study project.

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