



TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HURON

REPORT

Item No.

REPORT TO: Reeve Vincent and Members of Council
PREPARED BY: Donna White
DATE: 17/07/2017
SUBJECT: Clean Water & Wastewater Fund – Master Servicing Project
ATTACHMENTS: Ministry of Infrastructure Approval Letter, March 10/2016 Council Report

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby accept the report from the Director of Finance & Interim CAO in regard to the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund;
AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron authorizes a by-law to be passed to enter into a Funding Agreement;
AND FURTHER THAT B. M. Ross and Associates be authorized to proceed with the Master Servicing Plan project;
AND FURTHER THAT Council approves an exemption to Section 19.1 of the Procedural By-Law to allow By-Law # 67-2017 to be passed at the July 17, 2017 meeting.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A report regarding the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund application was submitted to council on March 10, 2016 by Jeff Molenhuis. Council endorsed the projects included in the application as Master Water and Wastewater Servicing Plans, and the EA Development including the Detailed Design of the Wingham Standpipe project.

DISCUSSION

Notification has now been received that the projects have been approved for funding and the work may begin immediately. The Federal Government will provide 50% of the funding and the Provincial Government will provide 25%. The municipality will also contribute 25%. The EA for the standpipe has been included as part of the Wingham & Blyth Water Systems Master Plan.

The Wingham and Blyth Water Systems Master Plan project proposed scope will assess North Huron's two Drinking Water Systems as a whole, assess their current condition and performance of 42 km of watermain infrastructure and 7 treatment supply and distribution facilities and major components. This project will help establish a strategic plan for renewal, rehabilitation, address system shortcomings including rates, and develop multi-year schedules for major item replacement and review rate structures. Careful planning and disciplined system management is critical in small communities with major infrastructure, and this study would provide guidance in planning the appropriate system management.

The Wingham and Blyth Wastewater Systems Master Plan project proposed scope will assess North Huron's two Drinking Wastewater Systems as a whole, assess their current conditions primarily of 40 km of sanitary sewer mains and of 4 facilities and major components, and help establish a strategic plan for renewal, rehabilitation, address system shortcomings including rates, and develop multi-year schedules for major item replacement and review rate structures. Careful planning and disciplined system management is critical in small communities with major

infrastructure, and this study would provide guidance in planning the appropriate system management.

Mr. Molenhuis had been working with B M Ross and Associates on the application submission details of the project. Meetings will be set up between B M Ross staff and Township staff to discuss the project details. The funding details are as follows:

	Eligible Cost	Federal Contribution	Provincial Contribution	Municipal Contribution
Wingham & Blyth Water Systems Master Plan	\$260,000.00	130,000.00	65,000.00	65,000.00
Wingham & Blyth Wastewater Systems Master Plan	60,000.00	30,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The 2017 Budget included the full cost of the project and the offsetting grant revenue.

FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

By-Law # 67-2017 is included in the by-law section of the agenda. The project will begin immediately in order to meet the completion deadline of March 31, 2018. There are a number of reporting requirements that will be monitored and completed as the project proceeds. There is a possibility that an extension of this time frame may be accepted.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal #4 – Our administration is fiscally responsible and strives for operational excellence.



Donna White, Director of Finance



Larry McGregor,
Interim CAO/Director of Public Works