

# *The Corporation of the Town of Blind River*

## **REPORT**

Report of the Treasurer  
FOR ACTION  
June 8, 2020

**RE:** Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Municipal Asset Management Program Grant

### **OBJECTIVE**

To obtain Council approval to apply for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' (FCM) Municipal Asset Management Program (MAMP) grant and, if successful, to engage the Public Sector Digest (PSD), as per their proposal, to assist the Town in meeting the legislated requirements with respect to the Town's Asset Management Plan.

### **BACKGROUND**

In 2019, Council accepted the current Asset Management Plan prepared by PSD. In order to help us move forward to meet the many deadlines associated with the continuation of the development of this plan, the Town participated in the Municipal Finance Officers Association's (MFOA) Amp it Up 2.0 Program and has applied for the joint FCM/AMO technical assistance program - although the timelines for the latter have been delayed.

As a reminder, the legislated deadlines per O.Reg. 588/17 are:

- July 1, 2019 – Strategic Asset Management Policy – COMPLETE
- July 1, 2021 – AMP Phase 1
  - For CORE assets:
    - Inventory of assets
    - Current levels of service measured by standard metrics
    - Costs to maintain levels of service
- July 1, 2023 – AMP Phase 2
  - As in Phase 1, but for ALL ASSETS
- July 1, 2024 – AMP Phase 3
  - For all assets, adds:
    - Proposed levels of service
    - Lifecycle management
    - Financial strategy

### **ANALYSIS**

In order for the Town to continue to qualify for infrastructure grants, it is imperative that the Town meet the deadlines associated with the further development of the AMP.

The majority of the Town's data is already captured in PSD's CityWide Asset Manager module. This software has the capability to capture all of the other information that will be required including, but not limited to, condition ratings and levels of service. It can also link to other applications, including the Town's GIS.

PSD's intimate knowledge of the Town's data makes them the logical partner to help the Town continue to develop its asset management plan using PSD's CityWide software.

PSD's proposal is attached as Schedule A. PSD will also prepare the application for the FCM MAMP grant at no cost to the Town.

As per Schedule A of the Reserve and Reserve Fund Policy, the designated use of the Future Projects Reserve is to "provide funding for Town projects that may or may not have been included in the annual budget." The intent was to allow the Town to have flexibility in the event of grant opportunities arising that had not been anticipated during budget deliberations. This is one such opportunity. The current status of the Future Projects Reserve is attached at Schedule B.

### **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

As per the quote from PSD, the Town's cost for this project – assuming success with the grant – would be approximately \$80,000. It is proposed that this be funded from the Future Projects reserve.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Council directs staff to apply for a grant opportunity from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Municipal Asset Management Program for Asset Management Program Development as proposed by the Public Sector Digest; and

THAT the Town of Blind River commits to conducting the following activities in its proposed project submitted to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Municipal Asset Management Program to advance our asset management program:

- Asset Management Strategy
- Lifecycle Framework Development
- O.Reg. AMP Compliant with the July 1, 2021 requirements

And THAT the Town of Blind River commits \$21,500 plus applicable HST from the Future Projects Reserve toward the costs of these initiatives; and

THAT the remaining components of the proposed project not applicable to the grant in the amount of \$57,500 plus applicable HST also be funded from the Future Projects Reserve; and

THAT, if successful with the grant application, Public Sector Digest's proposal be accepted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Dent  
Treasurer