



Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami

Memorandum to Council

Memo No.
2019-M-211

Staff
 Committee

Subject: ICIP Green Fund

Agenda Date: December 19, 2019

Attachments:

RECOMMENDATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive Memo 2019-M-211, ICIP Green Fund;

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct Staff to apply for funding to support Temagami South Water System upgrades;

AND FURTHER THAT the OCWA Capital Letter be discussed further during 2020 budget deliberations.

INFORMATION

As reported previously, applications are being accepted for the ICIP Green Fund. This intake supports water and wastewater projects.

Council is also aware that an application to amend our ECA for the addition of UV Filtration in the lagoon in Temagami North has been submitted to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks. While we have yet to hear back from the Ministry regarding this application, should the application be approved in its present form, the additional engineering required prior to the construction phase and the construction phase are anticipated to be in the neighbourhood of \$650,000.

Also, each year OCWA, as part of their management duties, provides a list of possible capital expenditures. The letter for 2020 has been attached to this report. While this should be discussed more fully during budget deliberations, for the purposes of this report, the total capital in each of our water and wastewater areas show possible capital expenditures of \$290,000 for Temagami North Water, \$118,700 for Temagami North Wastewater, \$1,852,250 for Temagami South Water, and \$52,000 for Temagami South Wastewater.

In addition to the OCWA possible capital expenditures and the addition of UV Filtration to the Temagami North Lagoon, there is the possible extension of services along Parkwood Lane, the cost of which is not presently known.

If we consider the Temagami North Water estimate of \$290,000, the majority of this (\$250,000) is for upgrades and major maintenance of the water tower. In Temagami South, the majority of the expenditure in OCWA's letter relate to the addition of a water plant (\$1,250,000) and major repairs to the tower (total of \$560,000).

When considering what project should be the subject of an application under the fund it is important to note that while there could be different aspects of the project, all aspects need to be connected. For example, we would not be able to apply for water tower upgrades since the systems in Temagami South and Temagami North are not connected. It is also important to note that while projects could be augmented for by upgrading distribution and collection lines, any road work required as part of that project would be outside of the eligible grant expenditures. Finally, it is possible to have a combined water and wastewater project in the same area.

As noted above, the OCWA letter needs to be more fully discussed as part of our budget deliberations. By doing this early in 2020, we will have a better understanding of the municipal financial position and can provide more complete recommendations at that time.

The other idea that has been briefly discussed with OCWA is water meters. The largest benefit if meters were installed is we would be better able to account for water produced versus water consumed. While this, again does need to be discussed more and, if approved, would not automatically lead to an immediate change in how we apply water charges, but if part of the cost can be included as a grant project then it would be the most efficient use of municipal resources.

Staff recommend applying for the capital items noted in OCWA's letter for Temagami South Water and Temagami South Wastewater with additional funds applied for the possible extension of services along Parkwood Lane and the possible addition of water meters to our system. The total cost would be \$1.9 million plus estimates for the additional items. Our share, if approved would be 27% or about \$550,000.

Respectfully Submitted:
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