



**Village of Rycroft
Request for Decision**

Council Meeting Date: August 18, 2020

TOPIC: Stimulus Funding Program Grant

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That Council direct Administration to apply to the Municipal Stimulus Funding Program for the sewer main relining project, rather than the previous discussed projects of the raw water intake weir upgrade, and sidewalk upgrades.

BACKGROUND: At the August 5 Regular meeting of Council, a motion was made directing Administration to apply for stimulus funding program grants for our shovel ready projects the raw water intake weir upgrade, and sidewalk upgrades. Further research into the grant details revealed that our total grant allocation is \$72,748. As the weir upgrade project is \$404,000+, receiving this grant would leave a significant shortfall, and Council has previously indicated their direction to not to delete our reserve funds. Therefore, it is not feasible to apply for this project.

The other project Council was interested in was the sidewalk project. Capital Projects consultant Jim Uhl has reviewed the possibilities of this option. He noted the 50 Street section from 46 to 47 avenue has an initial budget of \$120,000, so Council would need to top up the funds from reserves to see that option realized.

Stipulations of the grant funding include

- Money is to be used for the construction of capital projects that are to be complete by December 31, 2021
- Funds cannot be applied to previously approved GTF or MSI projects, and cannot be combined with other grants
- Projects must result in the construction or rehabilitation of a capital asset
- Results cannot lead to increased municipal taxes
- We have to report on progress of reducing municipal red tape
- We must attest the project would not proceed in this time period without the funding
- We must commit our funding to one or more projects by October 1, 2020 or risk losing access to our allocation.

The recommended option we have come up with is relining a section of sewer piping. We can do 3 blocks on 52 street, 300 meters from 46 to 48 avenue for ~\$93,000. This too would require taking some money out of reserves to cover the balance. The reason we recommend this section is because the community hall is on this part of the line and it has in the past had FOG (fat, oil, grease) restriction issues. Also, as Jim points out, the more underground and valve work we do has a longer term benefit as we do not have to worry about it when we go to do surface work. And this work is in our long term capital plan for maintenance, as noted in the 2016 infrastructure study.

In the Program guide for funding, in Schedule 2: Eligible Capital Project Activities, 2.c. notes that an eligible project is re-lining a section of wastewater line.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: We are eligible for \$72,748. If we do not submit a project by October 1, 2020, we risk losing our allocation.

POLICY AND/OR LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS: None.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. Council could direct administration to apply for the weir project, and be prepared to take money out of reserves to proceed
2. Council could direct administration to apply for a sidewalk project, and be prepared to take money out of reserves to proceed
3. Council could identify another small project area
4. Council could choose to receive this for information

ATTACHMENTS: Updated sewer map from 2016 Infrastructure assessment study.

Peter Thomas

Chief Administrative Officer

August 14, 2020

Date