Village of Rycroft
Request for Decision

Council Meeting Date: August 3, 2022

TOPIC: Ditch grooming and cleaning in spring high flow area

CAO RECOMMENDATION: That Council direct Administration to complete the extra work for the ditch cleaning/grooming program.

BACKGROUND: Ditch cleaning/grooming has been completed in the crossroads subdivision in high issue areas. The north end of the Rycroft creek has been cleaned out in the Village, just south of the 47 avenue crossing. The cost to date has been $16,000 for what has been completed. This cost includes the excavator, truck for hauling excess material away, and laser level for 4 days. Due to years of neglect of maintenance to our drainage ditches, this cost has exceeded our expected budget, so we stopped the project to get Council input.

There is still some work to do in ditches in critical areas along 52 and 53 street, 48 street/45 avenue (south side between rail crossing east to 51 street), along with finishing the center portion of the creek between 46 avenue and 47 avenue crossings. It is expected to take 2 to 4 days to complete these priority drainage areas that which have not been cleaned for years.

We could put this work off to next year, but the sooner we get it done, the better the drainage will be in the Village. Administration recommends incurring the extra $8,000-$16,000 extra in the budget to complete the work. The investment is a benefit to a large number of residents in flood areas.

IMPLICATION OF DECISION

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Cost for 2-4 more days work is expected to be $8,000 - $16,000.

POLICY AND/OR LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS: None.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

- Council could include the work in next year's operational project list

ATTACHMENTS: None

Peter Thomas — **Chief Administrative Officer**

July 28, 2022 — **Date**