

## Committee of the Whole (2) Report

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**DATE:** Wednesday, October 14, 2020

**WARD(S):** ALL

**TITLE: GRANT APPLICATION – MUNICIPAL ASSET MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

**FROM:**

Nick Spensieri, Deputy City Manager, Infrastructure Development

**ACTION:** DECISION

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**Purpose**

Seek Council endorsement of an application to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) for a grant opportunity from the Municipal Asset Management Program (MAMP), seeking \$50,000 to be used towards renewing the City's Asset Management Plans. The MAMP application process requires Council endorsement for an application to be considered complete by FCM.

**Report Highlights**

- A grant opportunity is available from the Municipal Asset Management Program (MAMP), which is funded by Infrastructure Canada and delivered by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM).
- The MAMP application process requires formal Council endorsement for a grant application to be considered complete by FCM.
- The primary report recommendation allows for formal endorsement from Council such that the application package is deemed complete.
- The City is seeking \$50,000 in grant funds from the MAMP to be used towards renewing the City's Asset Management Plans.

## **Recommendation**

1. That Council endorse the submission of an application to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) for a grant opportunity from the Municipal Asset Management Program (MAMP) towards renewing the City's Asset Management Plans.

## **Background**

### **Infrastructure Canada has developed an eight-year grant funding program to support Canadian municipalities in strengthening Asset Management Practices**

Funded by Infrastructure Canada and delivered by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the eight-year Municipal Asset Management Program (MAMP) was launched in 2017 with an initial funding amount of \$50 million. A further \$60 million was committed to the Program in the 2019 Federal Budget. The MAMP offers municipal grant funding to support Canadian municipalities in strengthening their asset management practices empowering informed infrastructure investment decisions.

### **The City was successfully awarded a \$50,000 grant in 2018 through the Municipal Asset Management Program**

The City's first MAMP application submission was successfully awarded in 2018 with a \$50,000 grant (maximum allowable amount per project). FCM accepts and considers submissions from second-time applicants who are committed to sharing asset management knowledge best practices and results of their projects with peers to improve asset management knowledge in the municipal sector. The second time grant application will clearly indicate the planned work that demonstrates this commitment to collaborating with peers to further asset management in the municipal sector.

### **Following Council endorsement, the formal grant application to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities will be deemed complete**

Formal endorsement of the grant application from Council is required for the grant application submission to be deemed complete. In advance of Council endorsement, a complete application package was submitted to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) prior to the September 22, 2020 deadline for the grant opportunity from the Municipal Asset Management Program (MAMP).

The grant application package was prepared by Infrastructure Planning & Corporate Asset Management in consultation with the Municipal Partnership Office, along with Financial Planning & Development Finance. The application seeks the allowable grant

maximum of \$50,000 to be used towards renewing the City's Asset Management Plans with the City funding the remaining cost from approved capital account IM-7217-19.

In accordance with FCM requirements, staff are prepared and committed to meeting the grant requirement of completing planned work indicated in the grant application within 12 months of receiving grant funding approval.

### **Previous Reports/Authority**

For reference, the extract from Council meeting minutes (June 27, 2017) pertaining to the City's first successful grant application to the Municipal Asset Management Program (MAMP) may be found at the following address. With endorsement from Council, the City's grant application package is deemed complete as a second-time applicant in 2020 (the Federation of Canadian Municipalities has confirmed the City's second-time applicant eligibility).

[https://www.vaughan.ca/council/minutes\\_agendas/Extracts/06Finance0606\\_17ex\\_8.pdf](https://www.vaughan.ca/council/minutes_agendas/Extracts/06Finance0606_17ex_8.pdf)

For additional reference, more information on the Municipal Asset Management Program (MAMP) may be found on its homepage at the following address.

<https://fcm.ca/en/funding/mamp/asset-management-grants-municipalities>

### **Analysis and Options**

**Renewal of the City's Asset Management Plans is currently underway to ensure compliance with O. Reg. 588/17**

The City is in the process of renewing existing Asset Management Plans. This project will ensure the City's Asset Management Plans meet the requirements established by O. Reg. 588/17. The renewed Asset Management Plans for "core assets" as defined by O. Reg. 588/17, which are water, wastewater, stormwater, road, bridge and culvert related assets, will be brought forward to Council in 2021 so that these Asset Management Plans may be made publicly available on the City's website by July 1, 2021 as stipulated by O. Reg. 588/17. For reference, O. Reg. 588/17 statutory requirements and associated milestone dates are summarized in the table below.

| O. Reg 588/17 Requirement                                                                         | O. Reg 588/17 Requirement Date | City Status for Requirement |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Asset Management Policy approved by Council and available on the City's website.                  | July 1, 2019                   | Complete                    |
| Asset Management Plans for "core assets" approved by Council and available on the City's website. | July 1, 2021                   | In Progress                 |
| Asset Management Plans for other assets approved by Council and available on the City's website.  | July 1, 2023                   | In Progress                 |

Given the necessity to renew the City's Asset Management Plans, the \$50,000 grant opportunity from the MAMP is being sought. Furthermore, capital account IM-7217-19 has been approved and funded to cover remaining project costs.

**Financial Impact**

Should the Municipal Asset Management Program (MAMP) grant application for \$50,000 be successful, there would be an offset of \$50,000 in cost for the renewal of Asset Management Plans from approved capital project account IM-7217-19.

**Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations**

There are no Regional impacts anticipated as a result of the report recommendations.

**Conclusion**

Council endorsement for the submission of a grant application is required for the application to be considered complete by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) in its administration of the Municipal Asset Management Program (MAMP). Documented endorsement by Council will be submitted after the application deadline of September 22, 2020.

As per By-Law 154-2018, the Chief Financial Officer & City Treasurer will authorize and execute the grant application by signature.

After the City's grant application is evaluated by FCM, should the application for \$50,000 be successful, there would be an offset of \$50,000 in cost for the project renewing the City's Asset Management Plans. The deliverables of this project are required for compliance with O. Reg. 588/17.

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**Attachments**

None.

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