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TO: MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

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RE: COMMUNICATION – FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND AUDIT COMMITTEE
JUNE 6, 2018 – ITEM 4.15 - FISCAL HEALTH REPORT – FOR THE QUARTER
ENDING MARCH 31, 2018 (MUNICIPALITIES FOR CLIMATE INNOVATION
PROGRAM (MCIP))

Purpose

The City of Vaughan actively seeks out funding partnerships to help offset costs associated with infrastructure projects thereby reducing the burden to Vaughan residents. The City was successfully awarded \$299,900 under the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' (FCM) Municipalities for Climate Innovation Program (MCIP). Council approval is required to amend capital project EV-2122-18, Stormwater Climate Change Mitigation Measures to reflect the FCM grant funding.

Recommendations

1. That the approved budget for Capital Project EV-2122-18 Stormwater Climate Change Mitigation Measures be increased by \$299,900, funded from the MCIP; and
2. That inclusion of this matter on a Public Committee or Council agenda with respect to amending the capital budget as identified above be deemed sufficient notice pursuant to Section 2(1)(c) of By-Law 394-2002, as amended.

Background

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities for Climate Innovation Program (MCIP) is a five-year, \$75 million program designed to encourage Canadian municipalities to better prepare for and adapt to the new realities of climate change as well as reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The initiatives that the program support must have the potential to reduce vulnerability of new or existing infrastructure to climate change impacts so that municipalities can continue to deliver and maintain existing levels of service. The MCIP provides funding for up to 80% of eligible costs, to a maximum of \$1.0 million for capital projects, to undertake eligible initiatives.

The FCM grant would allow the City to pilot technologies to determine their effectiveness in reducing the impacts of climate change. The project is in 4 phases and anticipated to be completed at the end of 2020. The FCM will disburse the grant amount upon completion of the project.

In November 2017, Council approved the submission of an application to the FCM for the MCIP to support the implementation of measures to address stormwater climate change vulnerabilities. A 2018 capital project in the amount of \$77,250, EV-2122-18 Stormwater Climate Change Mitigation Measures, was approved as part of the 2018 Budget, with the anticipation the City would be successful in their grant application to the MCIP. The City submitted an application for the MCIP to the FCM in January



2018. A letter from the FCM was received in April 2018 confirming the success of the grant application with approval of up to \$299,900.

Financial impact

The current approved capital budget of \$77,250 in project EV-2122-18, Stormwater Climate Change Mitigation Measures, includes only the City funded portion, representing approximately 20% of the total revised budget. A budget amendment of \$299,900 as indicated in Table 1 below is required to reflect the additional funding from the MCIP. Upon project completion, the City will submit an expense claim to the federal program agency for reimbursement of 80% of the eligible expenditures.

Table 1: Capital Budget Amendment Summary

EV-2122-18 Stormwater Climate Change Mitigation Measures	
Approved Budget (funded from Stormwater Reserve)	\$77,250
Grant from MCIP	\$299,900
Revised Budget	\$377,150

Conclusion

In April 2018 the City received confirmation from the FCM about the City’s successful application to the MCIP. The MCIP grant program assists municipalities, funding projects that help prepare for, and adapt to, climate change, and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. A budget amendment is required to include the additional grant funding of \$299,900 in the capital project EV-2122-18, Stormwater Climate Change Mitigation Measures.

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