



BOARD REPORT

TO:

Chair and Directors

File No: 5600 49 03

SUBJECT:

Saratoga Waterworks Grant Application and Service Area Expansion.

DESCRIPTION:

Report from Terry Langlois, Team Leader Utilities, dated August 23, 2018. Board approval to apply for a Green Infrastructure Grant to extend the Saratoga Water System to service the community of Scotch Creek.

RECOMMENDATION #1:

THAT: "Scotch Creek Water Upgrade Service Area Establishment Bylaw No. 5783" be read a first, second and third time, this 18th day of August, 2018.

RECOMMENDATION #2:

THAT: "Scotch Creek Water Upgrade Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 5784" be read a first, second and third time this 18th day of August, 2018.

RECOMMENDATION #3:

THAT: the Board empower the authorized signatories to submit an application for grant funding through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program - Green Infrastructure: Environmental Quality Sub-Stream fund to a maximum amount of \$7,000,000 to fund 73.33% of the eligible costs to upgrade the Saratoga Water System for the Scotch Creek water connection project;

AND THAT: the Board supports the project and is committed to contribute its share of the eligible project costs and all of the ineligible costs for the Scotch Creek water connection project as authorized by "Scotch Creek Water Upgrade Service Area Establishment Bylaw No. 5783" and "Scotch Creek Water Upgrade Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 5784".

SHORT SUMMARY:

The 2007 Scotch Creek Master Water Plan has recently been updated. The project's consultant, Urban Systems, has identified the upgrades necessary in order for the Saratoga Waterworks to supply water service to the Scotch Creek community. The upgrades have been split into two phases; Phase 1 and Phase 2. The upgrades required for Phase 1 are far beyond the financial ability of the community. The project meets the criteria for a grant through the Canada-BC Green Infrastructure Grant program. The application deadline for the 2018 intake is August 29, 2018. An updated requirement introduced with this intake is for the applicant to supply evidence that the applicant's full share of funding has been or will be secured. The evidence may be in the form of a loan authorization bylaw that has received third reading. Therefore, the submission of the application for this project requires the Scotch Creek Water Upgrade Service Area Establishment Bylaw be given three readings to establish the service area that will be required to borrow and pay back the community's share of the project, as well as the related loan authorization bylaw to borrow the necessary funds.

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BACKGROUND:

The community of Scotch Creek has been struggling with water servicing issues for decades. Although Scotch Creek is a small geographic area, there are currently 21 private water systems, most of which are struggling to meet current drinking water regulations. The remainder of the community relies on either individual groundwater wells or individual private lake intakes. Complicating this issue further is the aquifer below Scotch Creek, although productive, is unconfined and at risk of contamination mainly due to the number of onsite sewer systems and inadequate treatment facilities in place. The community is in one of the few areas where the Province of BC has refused to issue any additional community water system permits unless they are owned and operated by local government.

POLICY:

CSRD Delegation Bylaw No 5582, 2010" requires Board authorization for any grant application in excess of \$150,000.

A Board resolution that supports the grant application is required to be submitted as part of the application process to the Green Infrastructure Fund, as well as evidence of secured funds by way of a loan authorization bylaw that has received third reading.

FINANCIAL:

The Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program - Green Infrastructure: Environmental Quality Sub-Stream fund offers 73% funding for eligible projects. Phase 1 total anticipated project costs are estimated to be approximately \$8.9 million dollars. The CSRD will apply for a maximum amount of \$7.0 million for the eligible costs towards project.

KEY ISSUES/CONCEPTS:

To apply for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program - Green Infrastructure: Environmental Quality Sub-Stream fund grant which, if successful would allow the community of Scotch Creek to connect to the Saratoga Waterworks.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Staff will submit the application to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program - Green Infrastructure: Environmental Quality Sub-Stream fund through the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing by the August 29, 2018 application deadline.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Upon approval, staff will continue to work on the grant application and will include the Board resolution and bylaws in the application package. The updated 2018 Scotch Creek Water Study is available for download on the CSRD website along with further information related to the project.

DESIRED OUTCOMES:

The Board endorse the grant application to secure funding for the completion of the Scotch Creek water connection project.

BOARD'S OPTIONS:

1. *Endorse the Recommendation.*
2. *Deny the Recommendation.*
3. *Defer.*
4. *Any other action deemed appropriate by the Board.*

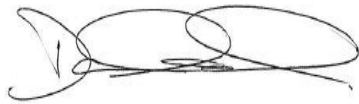
LIST NAME OF REPORT(S) / DOCUMENT(S) AVAILABLE FROM STAFF:

1. Scotch Creek Water Study (July 19, 2018) – Urban Systems.

Report Approval Details

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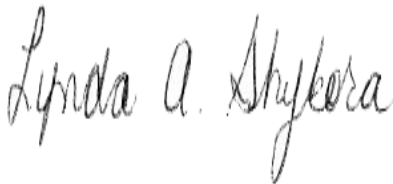
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