

STAFF REPORT

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBOURG



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Subject/Title: Stormwater Asset Management Plan

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council receive the Staff Report for information purposes.

1. STRATEGIC PLAN

Align Asset Management Plan with Budget

- Implement a comprehensive management plan for all assets.
- Complete facility condition assessments as part of the Asset Management Plan.
- Improving awareness of long-term financial outlook
- Increased focus on Asset Management Plan (funding opportunities)
Asset Management and Reserves: need to build reserves

2. PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

N/A

3. PURPOSE

To address the regulated asset management objective of identifying levels of service and costs associated with the maintenance of assets. The ultimate goal of asset management is to implement a long-term financial plan to fund the operating and capital budget requirements to adequately maintain all of the Town's assets. Stormwater is considered a core asset.

4. ORIGIN AND LEGISLATION

Ontario Regulation 588/17: ASSET MANAGEMENT PLANNING FOR MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE

5. BACKGROUND

In 2021, Watson & Associates were retained to conduct the Town's Development Charges Study as well as the water and wastewater rate study update. Stormwater assets are included in the DC study and therefore there were efficiencies realized to incorporate a stormwater asset management plan to meet the July 1, 2022 deadline. In addition, a stormwater management rate study was incorporated into the scope of work to address the overall asset management objective which is to implement a long-term financial plan to address funding shortfalls for stormwater (and all) assets.

6. ANALYSIS

The objective of Asset Management is to have a long-term lifecycle management and financial strategy that intervenes at strategic points in an asset's normal life cycle to extend the expected service life and maintain its performance. The financing strategy is a key part of a detailed AMP comparing short and long-term asset needs to available revenues. A sustainable financing strategy makes use of different revenue tools such as:

- taxes
- user fees
- service charges
- development charges (DC)

Currently all stormwater capital and maintenance that is not DC eligible is funded by the municipal tax levy. What is now becoming typical municipal practice is to implement a stormwater management user fee per property that incorporates the lifecycle cost of all stormwater assets as well as the costs associated with maintaining an expected level of service. There are several methods for calculating the user fee that are currently under review. The ultimate goal will be to establish and implement an equitable and sustainable funding strategy for stormwater infrastructure, similar to the full cost recovery model that currently is applicable for water and wastewater infrastructure.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/BUDGET IMPACTS

N/A

8. CONCLUSION

Next steps will include an additional presentation by Watson & Associates that will outline the details of how a stormwater management rate is calculated. The presentation and a Staff report will be brought forward in the early new year that will provide a recommended stormwater rate structure and implementation plan for 2022.

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