

STAFF REPORT

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBOURG



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| Report to: | Mayor and Council Members | Priority: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low |
| Submitted by: | Laurie Wills Director, Public Works LWills@cobourg.ca | Meeting Type: Open Session <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Closed Session <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Meeting Date: | May 9, 2022 | | |
| Report No.: | Public Works-112-22 | | |
| Submit comments to Council | | | |

Subject/Title: Stormwater Management Funding Assessment

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council receive the Stormwater Asset Management Plan and Funding Assessment report prepared by Watson & Associates 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

Watson & Associates will be presenting the results of the funding assessment at the May 9th, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting. A public notice advising residents of the presentation was published on April 20, 2022 in advance of the meeting.

A public forum will be created following the presentation for public review on Engage Cobourg. The Council presentation and report will be available for public review and comment until May 25th.

Staff will prepare a summary of questions and comments as well as a final report to Council for consideration.

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

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.

6. ANALYSIS

Please refer to the Stormwater Asset Management Plan and Funding Assessment report prepared by Watson & Associates.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/BUDGET IMPACTS

Please refer to the Stormwater Asset Management Plan and Funding Assessment report prepared by Watson & Associates.

8. CONCLUSION

Following the conclusion of public engagement on May 25th, Staff will prepare a summary of questions and comments received as well as a final report to Council for consideration and final decision.

Report Approval Details

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