



STAFF REPORT

To: Mayor and Council
From: Ann MacDonald, CAO
Subject: Newcastle Dam Decommissioning – Total cost of project and source of funds
Meeting date: March 16, 2021

BACKGROUND

The Newcastle Dam Decommissioning project is on target to be completed in the summer of 2021. Council has previously approved additional funding from reserves to cover the increased costs due to the rain event in 2019 and the additional delays in 2020.

DISCUSSION

Multiple motions by Council regarding the source of funds for the project have been approved over the past 5 years, the most recent resolution being at the Dec 1, 2020 regular meeting of Council:

MOTION R20/142
MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the Dam Update Report be received for information and discussion, and;
THAT Council approves the additional costs of \$208,513 due to the delay, and;
THAT General surplus funds of \$158,513 and Water surplus funds of \$50,000 be used to fund the total shortfall of \$208,513, and Finally;
THAT the 2021-2025 Financial Plan be adjusted accordingly.

CARRIED

Additionally, the source of funding has always been presented to Council during financial planning sessions, and subsequently approved in the Five-Year Financial Plan.

The Village of Sayward audit team (Chan Nowosad Boates) has requested a resolution from Council outlining the source of funding as previously approved by Council. In short, a consolidation of all previously approved transfers from reserves is requested. Staff suggest the attached resolution will satisfy the auditor's needs.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT Council receives the Newcastle Dam Decommissioning – Total cost of project and source of funds report, and;

THAT Council approves the following funding sources for the total project cost of \$1,194,726:

\$657,360 Strategic Priorities Grant
\$234,640 Community Works Fund Reserve
\$144,213 Water Surplus
\$158,513 General Surplus

Respectfully submitted,

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