

TOWN OF MINTO

DATE: August 24, 2018
REPORT TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Gordon Duff, Treasurer

SUBJECT: FCM Municipal Asset Management Program (MAMP)

Application

STRATEGIC PLAN:

5.1 Actively seek out Federal and Provincial grants and revenue-sharing programs, and promote sustainable and equitable funding programs that require a minimal amount of reporting and promote local autonomy.

5.3 Ensure financial plans to include a blend of capital financing methods including long term debt, user fees, grants, internal reserves and taxation, and maintain reserves to the point where Minto reduces reliance on borrowing or tax increases to finance major capital expenditures.

BACKGROUND:

The Town of Minto has been committed to improving its Asset Management systems since the beginning of the PSAB 3150 regulatory changes in 2008, through the Building Together guidelines of 2012 and the recent O Reg 588/17 requirements. A good asset management plan requires reliable updated data regarding the inventory, attributes and condition of tangible capital asset classes. The Town has made great strides in expanding the scope of the asset inventory and related condition ratings. However, there are still gaps in the data. One of the classes which lack reliable condition ratings is stormwater pipes and related assets.

COMMENTS:

Public Works staff worked with contractors and engineers to conduct underground camera work to assess the condition of sanitary sewers lines and maintenance holes. This data gathering needs to be expanded to include stormwater which will produce more accurate assessments of these assets and assist with the development of priorities and better information to prepare related financial strategies.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The FCM MAMP program provides 80% of funding for qualifying projects up to a maximum of \$50,000. The present financial envelope is rapidly being allocated. Municipal engineers and past experience with similar projects indicate that the cost to obtain updated data and condition ratings by underground camera would be approximately \$80,000. This would leave \$30,000 to be funded by the municipality if the maximum funding amount was

received, likely from the 2019 OCIF Formula-based allocation. This expenditure would be included as part of the 2019 budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receives the Treasurer's report dated August 24, 2018 and passes the following resolution:

Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Minto directs staff to apply for a grant opportunity from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Municipal Asset Management Program to advance our asset management program by conducting field assessments of municipal Stormwater assets and the preparation of related condition ratings to be included in the Asset Management Plan and long term financial strategies.

Be it further resolved that the Town of Minto considers the inclusion of \$30,000 in its 2019 budget toward the costs of this initiative.

Gordon Duff, CPA, CGA
Treasurer