



Staff Report

Report Title: Asset Management Program Update

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Department: Treasury

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Attachments:

Recommendation:

That Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report Number TR-2021-05-36 prepared by Jodi MacArthur, Treasurer and FURTHER authorizes the appropriate by-law coming forward.

Background:

Ontario Regulation 588/17 sets out the timeline and specific requirements for municipal asset management plans. To assist in maintaining accurate data that will ensure evidence based decision making, we also applied for funding through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) – Municipal Asset Management Program (MAMP) for an automated assessment of roads and sidewalks in 2020.

Discussion:

The Minister of Infrastructure has recently announced that the regulation has been amended to extend each of the deadlines in the regulation by one year.

The revised regulatory timelines are as follows:

Phase 2 (by July 1, 2022): Asset management plan for core infrastructure assets (water, wastewater, stormwater, roads, bridges and culverts), including current levels of service and costs to maintain current levels.

Phase 3 (by July 1, 2024): Asset management plan for all municipal assets, including current levels of service and costs to maintain current levels.

Phase 4 (by July 1, 2025): will build on phase 3 and add proposed levels of service and related lifecycle management and financial strategy for all assets.

While staff did not have concerns with the initial deadlines, we welcome the opportunity to review our asset management program goals and use the time to further enhance our program.

With the intention to improve the quality of our data, we submitted an application to the FCM-MAMP for funding to complete a vehicle based assessment of our roads and sidewalks. We received confirmation from FCM that our application has been approved and the work was authorized. The issuance of the grant agreements have fallen behind, but we have been assured it will be forthcoming.

Financial Impacts:

Asset management continues to be an ongoing operating cost through dedicated staff resources, training and annual software maintenance. Any costs associated with future plan updates or meeting other regulatory deadlines will be brought forward as required.

80% of the cost of the vehicle based roads and sidewalk assessment will be recovered through the FCM-MAMP; the other 20% was included in the 2020 budget.

Strategic Alignment / Link:

The information provided in this report is consistent with and in keeping with the municipality's Vision & Mission.

We are a prosperous community that continues to grow in a sustainable manner by investing in infrastructure;

We are an accessible community that offers opportunities for everyone by having amenities and services nearby and being open and transparent; and

We are an environmentally conscious community that are good stewards of our natural environment by protecting our natural assets, using our resources wisely and being aware and taking responsibility.

Respectfully Submitted By:

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Approved By:

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer