



Staff Report

Community Services

Report To: Council
Meeting Date: March 9, 2018
Report Number: CSPW.18.032
Subject: Creation of Budget for Dock Repairs to Meet Funding Deadline
Prepared by: Ryan Gibbons, Acting Director of Community Services

A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report CSPW.18.032 entitled "Creation of Budget for Dock Repairs to Meet Funding Deadline";

AND THAT Council approve creating a budget of \$20,000 in 2018 from the Harbour Reserve Fund;

B. Overview

This report outlines the request to create a budget for dock repairs at the Thornbury Harbour from ice damage in order to receive Federal funding.

C. Background

Staff received an email in the afternoon of March 6, 2018 from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) identifying that there is a "small surplus available in their maintenance budget". This small surplus has been proposed to be used for projects that the Thornbury Harbour could complete by the DFO fiscal year end (March 31) on a 50/50 cost sharing basis. The dock repairs that are being proposed within this report were going to be proposed regardless of DFO funding.

During the 2017/18 Winter season the ice conditions in the harbour caused damage to 2 sections of docks. After review by the dock designer and engineer, it was determined that the early freeze combined with significant winds caused the damage. The engineer has provided suggestions to winterize the dock by removing the 1st section of A dock and storing it in a different location within the harbour. This is similar to how the service dock is stored in the winter.

D. Analysis

Creating a budget of \$20,000 from the harbour discretionary reserve fund will allow for the repairs of the current issues as well as any other maintenance issues that may arise from ice

damage. This will also allow for the dock repair project to be completed within the required timeline to receive DFO funding.

E. The Blue Mountains Strategic Plan

Goal #3: Support Healthy Lifestyles

Goal #5: Ensure Our Infrastructure is Sustainable

F. Environmental Impacts

None.

G. Financial Impact

Up to \$20,000 from Harbour discretionary reserve fund. The unaudited 2017 Harbour discretionary reserve fund balance is \$191,213.00. Staff estimates up to \$15,000.00 to repair the current issues. The additional \$5,000 would only be used if further damage is found or takes place as the ice leaves.

DFO contributions will be 50% of the costs and have typically been to a maximum of \$40,000.

H. In consultation with

Sam Dinsmore, Deputy Treasurer / Manager of Budget & Accounting

Serena Wilgress, Manager of Purchasing & Risk Management

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I. Attached

None.

Respectfully submitted,

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