

STAFF REPORT: Financial & Information Services



REPORT TO: Finance & Administration
MEETING DATE: April 20, 2010
REPORT NO.: FIS.10.32
SUBJECT: 2009 Year End Funding
PREPARED BY: Darcy Chapman, Capital Accountant

A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report FIS.10.32, “2009 Year End Funding”; and,
 THAT Council authorize Staff to proceed with the implementation of funding outstanding unfinanced capital expenses as outlined in the report.

B. Background

Over the past three years staff has strived to reduce unfinanced capital projects that are carried over into future years. Ending 2006, the Town had in excess of \$11 Million in unfinanced projects. Ending 2008 this was reduced to \$3.8 Million. In most cases historical projects have been funded from taxation, debt and in large part through Development Charges. In an effort to further reduce unfinanced capital expenses that have been recorded on the Town’s books for an extended period of time, Staff undertook an analysis of these outstanding amounts and concluded that some projects should be funded despite not being budgeted for during the 2009 budget process.

The following is a list of unfinanced projects, a description of the works, the outstanding amount to be funded and a suggested funding source;

Project	Description	Outstanding Unfinanced	Suggested Funding Source
Grand Cyprus Drainage	Drainage works completed to fill in deep ditch with storm sewer and provide for safety of pedestrians (2004)	\$ 13,069.08	Roads - Walkways Reserve Fund
Hwy 26 Left Turn Lane	Highway 26 widening to provide left turn lane at Foodland (2002)	\$ 36,868.50	Reserves - Roads
Lora Bay BPS & Reservoir	Excess funding from local service extension held in wrong account (2005)	-\$ 22,877.78	Transfer to Lora Bay Area Specific DC Reserve Fund
Lora Bay Drive Water	Final Holdback payment for deficient works completed on Lora Bay Drive (2005)	\$ 1,943.00	Lora Bay Area Specific DC Reserve Fund
Water Supply Contribution to Collingwood	Excess funding for Collingwood Water Plant purchase (2004)	-\$ 878.23	Transfer to Water Reserve Fund

Eastwind Lane Water Extension	Final payment for deficiencies completed on service extension (2006)	\$ 3,659.66	Water Reserve Fund
Alfred Street Water Loop	Final payment for deficiencies completed on service extension (2007)	\$ 1,613.93	Water Reserve Fund
Water Operations Centre Building	Engineering completed on operations building expansion (2006)	\$ 7,023.92	Thornbury Water Supply DC Reserve Fund
STP Phase 2 Works	Engineering completed on initial Phase 2 expansion (2007)	\$ 5,252.46	Craigleith Sewer Capacity DC Fund
Lora Bay/Trailwoods SPS	Final payment for deficiencies completed on service extension (2005)	\$ 548.05	Fund from Sewer Reserve Fund
Hidden Lake Sanitary Extension	Engineering completed on initial service extension works (2008)	\$ 1,137.85	Fund from Sewer Reserve Fund
Lora Bay Internal Imp Sewer	Final payment for deficiencies completed on service extension (2005)	\$ 4,933.93	Fund from Sewer Reserve Fund
Craigleith Sanitary Sewer Extension	Final payment for deficiencies completed on service extension (2002)	\$ 30,055.44	Fund from Sewer Reserve Fund
Castle Glen Servicing	Engineering completed on possible service extension works (2007)	\$ 6,672.49	Fund from Sewer Reserve Fund
TOTAL		\$ 89,022.30	

Staff feels that using the funding sources recommended is keeping within the general use of the reserve and reserve funds suggested and will not significantly impact the Town. Funding these projects will help to finalize the funding of the projects, provide a cleaner set of year end statements and will ensure that interest is no longer accrued on these small outstanding projects as would be the case if they were to remain in an unfinanced position.

C. The Blue Mountains' Strategic Plan

"Providing a strong, well managed municipal government".

D. Environmental Impacts

No significant impact at this time.

E. Budget Impact

The majority of the funding sources suggested come from water, sewer and roads reserves which currently have the funds available for this funding recommendation.

F. Attached

Respectfully submitted,

Signature

For more information, please contact:

Darcy Chapman, Capital Accountant
dchapman@thebluemountains.ca
519.599.3131 x274