



AMHERST TOWN COUNCIL

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TO: Mayor Kogon and Members of Amherst Town Council

SUBMITTED BY: Jason MacDonald, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: April 29, 2019

SUBJECT: Provincial Capital Assistance Program Funding Priorities

ORIGIN: 2019/20 Capital Budget Items

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY: Procurement Policy.

RECOMMENDATION: That for purposes of applying for grants under the Provincial Capital Assistance Program (PCAP) our priorities are 1) LaPlanche River Lift Station Upgrades and 2) Edgewood Drive Storm Sewer and Water Upgrades.

BACKGROUND: This year's draft capital budget includes two projects which may qualify for grant funding under the PCAP program. These projects are the upgrade of the lift station at LaPlanche River which will install a solids grinder that will improve the stations efficiency and negate the need to replace the failed solids grinder at the waste water treatment facility. The second project is the installation of a storm sewer line along Edgewood Avenue to improve storm water capacity in this area.

DISCUSSION: In order to apply for more than one project under this program, the Province requires the Town to prioritize the projects. While both projects are a high priority and are recommended to be completed this year, for the purpose of this grant application the higher priority would be the LaPlanche River lift station upgrades. This is the case as the WWTF was designed to operate with a solid's grinder and as the plant's grinder has failed there are increased operating costs and operational inefficiencies to continue without this important piece of equipment.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: There are no direct costs to apply for the grants, and if successful the Province could pay up to 50% of the cost of the project(s).

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: Notices and press releases would be issued to all residents affected by this project.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS: There are no environmental implications to applying for the PCAP grant.



ALTERNATIVES:

- 1) Do not prioritize the projects and do not apply for the PCAP grant.
- 2) Direct staff to apply for a grant for one project

ATTACHMENTS: None

Report prepared by: Jason MacDonald, Deputy CAO

Report and Financial approved by