



Staff Report

Finance and IT Services

Report To: Transportation Committee
Meeting Date: September 10, 2019
Report Number: FAF.19.184
Subject: Funding Source for Transportation and Transit Master Plan
Prepared by: Sam Dinsmore, Deputy Treasurer/Manager of Accounting and Budgets

A. Recommendations

THAT the Transportation Committee receive Staff Report FAF.19.184 entitled "Funding Source for Transportation and Transit Master Plan" for information purposes.

B. Overview

This report outlines the eligible expenses for the \$645,000 included in the 2019 Approved budget for the Transportation and Transit Master Plan.

C. Background

The Transportation and Transit Master Plan is a collection of similar studies and plans to be completed that have five different funding sources. Two of the funding sources are from Development Charges, two from reserve funds and one from a reserve. The Town has an obligation to properly spend Development Charges; this responsibility ultimately lies with the Treasurer. In addition, the reserve funds have associated by-laws and therefore must be spent in accordance with those by-laws.

D. Analysis

The following tasks were included in this overall project:

- Transportation Master Plan - \$440,000
- Clendenan Bridge Review - \$80,000
- Comprehensive Speed Limit Study - \$25,000
- Transit Needs Assessment - \$100,000

In order to fully utilize all of the funding, each one of the tasks needs to be completed on the creation of the various plans. Eligible costs can include hiring an outside consultant, internal salaries and benefits (including contract staff), advertising for public consultation sessions or printing of the final plan. The key item is that all expenses must be related to the development of these plans.

Once these plans are completed, if funding is required to implement the plan or funding is required for the completion of capital works, those requests will go back through the annual budgeting process for Council's consideration.

E. The Blue Mountains Strategic Plan

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Goal #4: Promote a Culture of Organizational and Operational Excellence

Objective #4: To Be a Financially Responsible Organization

F. Environmental Impacts

N/A

G. Financial Impact

The \$645,000 included in the 2019 Approved Budget for the Transportation and Transit Master Plan is funded by \$32,500 Planning Studies Reserve, \$65,000 Infrastructure and Public Works Asset Replacement Reserve Fund, \$67,500 General Government Development Charges, \$80,000 Bridges and Culverts Asset Replacement Reserve Fund, and \$400,000 Roads and Related Development Charges.

H. In consultation with

Shawn Everitt, Chief Administrative Officer
Ruth Prince, Director of Finance & IT Services

I. Public Engagement

The topic of this Staff Report has not been subject to a Public Meeting and/or a Public Information Centre as neither a Public Meeting nor a Public Information Centre are required. Comments regarding this report should be submitted to Sam Dinsmore, Deputy Treasurer/Manager of Accounting and Budgets at finance@thebluemountains.ca.

J. Attached

None.

Respectfully Submitted,

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