District of Lantzville

REPORT TO CAO

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SUBJECT:

New Building Canada Fund - Small Communities Fund Grant Application

Sanitary Sewer Collection System - Phase 3

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council directs staff to proceed with submitting a New Building Canada Fund – Small Communities Fund grant application to the B.C. Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development for Phase 3 of the District of Lantzville Sanitary Sewer Collection System;

AND FURTHER THAT the District's share of the project cost will be subject to the establishment of local area service on Council initiative - subject to petition against.

<u>ALTERNATIVES</u>

THAT Council elects not to apply for funding under the New Building Canada Fund –
Small Communities Fund for Phase 3 of the District of Lantzville Sanitary Sewer Collection
System at this time.

ATTACHMENT

1. Sanitary Sewer System Phase 3 - Phasing Boundaries Map dated February 17, 2015.

PURPOSE

To obtain Council approval to apply for funding under the New Building Canada Fund - Small Communities Fund for Phase 3 of the District's sanitary sewer collection system.

BACKGROUND

The Federal and Provincial governments are investing up to \$218 million in British Columbia under a new funding program entitled *New Building Canada Fund – Small Communities Fund* (NBCF-SCF). This program has been developed in order to support infrastructure projects in communities with a population of less than 100,000 people. The Agreement speaks to the Federal and Provincial governments each contributing up to one-third of the total program funds, with the remaining one-third coming from local governments. Applications for funding will be evaluated on the extent to which the project meets the following program objectives:

- Economic growth;
- Clean environment; and
- Building stronger communities.

Council, at its February 16, 2015 meeting, passed the following motion:

C15-24 THAT Council directs staff to proceed with submitting a New Building Canada Fund – Small Communities Fund grant application to the B.C. Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development for Phase 3 of the District of Lantzville Sanitary Sewer Collection System; AND FURTHER THAT the District's share of the project cost will be subject to the establishment of local area service on Council initiative – subject to petition against.

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An application was made by the District in 2015 during the first round of intake but was unsuccessful.

DISCUSSION

Phase 3 of the District's sanitary sewer collection system consists of approximately 307 parcels (see attached map).

The southern portion of Phase 3 (upper Lantzville) will be serviced by gravity and the northern portion (lower Lantzville) will include a small lift station to service low-lying waterfront areas. The infrastructure works will generally be located within existing road rights-of-way or on rights-of-way secured on private property.

As noted above, the District submitted an application in 2015 but was unsuccessful. The New Building Canada Fund – Small Communities Fund is now accepting applications as a part of their second round of intakes which will conclude in April, 2016.

Discussions with Ministry of staff have highlighted areas in the past application that are in need of amending/updating. With the guidance from the Ministry, the application will be updated and submitted pending Council direction.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Preliminary Phase 3 construction cost estimate provided by the District's consulting engineers is \$6.6 million. If the grant is approved, the funding for this would be \$4,400,000 of grant funding (two-thirds) and \$2,200,000 from the District (one-third). The 2015 Financial Plan identifies amounts for Phase 3 Sewer and staff is looking to carry that amount forward to 2016.

Should the District of Lantzville be successful in obtaining approval for our grant application, staff will recommend (which is consistent with previous sewer phases) that the District proceed with establishing a Local Area Service (LAS) on Council initiative - subject to petition against (LAS). Parcel tax payments from those residents defined in the LAS would repay the District's share of the project's capital cost. However, unlike Phase 1 and 2 of the District's sanitary sewer collection system, should the District move forward with implementing Phase 3, there would likely be the need to borrow externally.

SUMMARY

Respectfully submitted

The District of Lantzville, upon application to the Province, has an excellent opportunity to receive community infrastructure monies by way of a grant to continue with the implementation of the District's sanitary sewer collection system. Staff is in the process of completing an application and with Council direction, will be in a position to submit the application to the appropriate levels of government by the deadline date of April, 2016.

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