



REPORT TO COUNCIL

To: **Mayor and Councillors**

Subject: Local Government Development Approvals
Program Grant Application

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RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council endorses the UBCM Local Government Development Approvals Program grant application for the Water Distribution and Sanitary Sewer Systems Master Plans;
2. THAT the City provide overall grant management; and
3. THAT the remaining project budget will be funded within the City of Langley's approved 2021 Capital Improvement Plan.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the report is to request Council support a grant application for funding the City's 2021 Water Distribution and Sanitary Sewer System Master Plans.

POLICY:

N/A

COMMENTS/ANALYSIS:

In 2019, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs initiated the Development Approvals Process Review (DAPR). The Ministry engaged local governments and a broad

range of stakeholders to discuss the challenges of current development approvals processes in B.C., to identify opportunities for addressing those challenges, and to develop an informed list of ideas about how to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of processes. The Local Government Development Approvals Program Grant, a component of the Canada-BC Safe Restart Agreement, is one element in addressing the DAPR Report findings.

See attachment for more information on the grant.

As a part of development review process in the City, every application is required to submit hydraulic modeling reports that assess available system capacities to provide water and sanitary sewer service to the proposed development. This can be a time-consuming and costly process for developers especially if system deficiencies are identified. The water and sanitary master plans will reflect the updates in the City's water distribution and sanitary sewer systems and eliminate the need for developers to undertake additional modelling. This will expedite the development application review process. The grant is aimed at facilitating the development process and as such this project should be eligible for the grant.

The application deadline is May 7, 2021 and the announcement will be made within 90 days. The project must be completed within two years.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

The grant funds up to 100% for the project costs. The 2021 Capital Improvement Plan has a budget of \$220,000 for these master plans in 2021. If the grant application is successful it would offset these costs which could be reallocated elsewhere.

Breakdown of the proposed budget is as follows:

Funding Source	Budget
77008 - Update the Water Model	\$100,000
78112 - Sewer Model Update	\$120,000
Total	\$220,000

ALTERNATIVES:

N/A

Respectfully Submitted,



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Concurrence:



Rick Bomhof, P.Eng.
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Concurrence:



Hirod Gill, P.Eng.
Manager of Engineering Services

Attachment:

1. Local Government Development Approvals Program – 2021 Program & Application Guide

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S COMMENTS:

I support the recommendation.



Francis Cheung, P. Eng.
Chief Administrative Officer