



**District of  
North Saanich**

***STAFF REPORT***

To: Tim Tanton  
Chief Administrative Officer

Date: January 29, 2020

From: Eymond Toupin  
Director of Infrastructure Services

**Re: Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – Green Infrastructure Funding  
Application Endorsement**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council:

- 1) Direct staff to submit an application for grant funding for Watermain Renewal at Curteis Point through the ICIP – Green Infrastructure Environmental Quality Sub-stream; and
- 2) Supports the watermain renewal project at Curteis Point and commits to its share (\$400,000) of the project.

**STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS:**

This matter relates to the following Council strategic priorities:

***Maintain a Safe and Healthy Community***

***Maintain a Strong Sense of Community***

***Ensure Strong Leadership, Fiscal Responsibility and Transparent Government***

**BACKGROUND:**

As part of the District's watermain renewal program, approximately \$500,000 is invested annually towards the replacement and upgrading of its watermain infrastructure reaching its end of life. The next priority for the watermain renewal program from the Water Master Plan are the undersized asbestos cement (AC) mains in the area of Curteis Point. Staff have identified approximately 1.4 km of renewal along Curteis, Dunne, Kedge Anchor, and Inwood with a preliminary estimate for replacement of \$1.5 million.

The governments of BC and Canada are offering a grant opportunity through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) Green Infrastructure – Environmental Quality Sub-stream. The second intake to this grant opportunity expires on February 26<sup>th</sup>. For local government projects, the program provides funding up to 40% from the Government of Canada and up to 33.33% from the Province of BC for a total of up to 73.33%. By committing \$400,000 in funding, if successful with the application, the District could leverage nearly \$1.1 million in grant funds.

A requirement for the grant submission is Council concurrence and commitment to the funding be included with the application, as authorized by resolution.

**OPTIONS:**

Council can:

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- 3) Other

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no cost implications to applying for ICIP – Green Infrastructure Environmental Quality Sub-stream grant. The grant could provide up to \$1,000,000 in funding to the District for the renewal of this watermain. The commitment of \$400,000 is within the District's annual capital expenditure for the watermain renewal program.

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

No legal implications are anticipated.

**CONSULTATIONS:**

No specific or additional consultations were completed.

**INTERDEPARTMENTAL INVOLVEMENT/IMPLICATIONS:**

No implications to other departments are anticipated at this time.

**SUMMARY/CONCLUSION:**


The next priority for the watermain renewal program from the Water Master Plan are the undersized asbestos cement (AC) mains in the area of Curteis Point which includes 1.4 km of renewal along Curteis, Dunne, Kedge Anchor, and Inwood with an estimated replacement cost of \$1.5 million. This project appears to meet the requirements for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) Green Infrastructure – Environmental Quality Sub-stream grant program. Staff respectfully submit the following recommendations.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
Eymond Toupin  
Director of Infrastructure Services

Concurrence,

  
Tim Tanton  
Chief Administrative Officer