

Re: 1990 WATER AND SEWER REVENUE SHARING GRANT APPLICATION

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the recommendation of the Director Engineering be adopted.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1989 NOVEMBER 15
FROM: DIRECTOR ENGINEERING
SUBJECT: 1990 WATER AND SEWER REVENUE SHARING GRANT APPLICATION
PURPOSE: To obtain authority from Council to permit staff to submit an application for a Provincial Revenue Sharing Grant.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT an application be approved for submission under the Revenue Sharing Act Regulations to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs for Water and Sewer Capital Improvements and Study Grants as outlined in this report.

SUMMARY:

This report requests Council's authority for the Municipality to make an application to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs for Provincial assistance under the Revenue Sharing Act, for water and sewer capital improvement projects, total estimated cost of \$3.219 million.

REPORT

INTRODUCTION

The Municipality has received notification from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs that revenue sharing grants will be available in 1990 for eligible capital costs of water and sewer facilities. Eligible capital projects include facilities such as mains and pumping stations necessary for the distribution of water, and sewers and pumping stations required for the collection and disposal of sewage. The amount of grant approved under the program, is "not less than 25% nor more than 50%" of the eligible capital cost. However, in the past, grants have been limited to 25%, except for projects which address high priority public health or environmental problems.

Study grants are also available under the program to assist in studying the feasibility, costs, technology and location of proposed sewer and water facilities. The maximum grant for approved studies is limited to \$10,000. The "studies" that will be applied for are of a feasibility and conceptual design nature which are often an essential part of front-end work on major utility projects.

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In the case of water and sewer utility grant application, a letter of application suffices, but does require an accompanying Council resolution supporting the application.

Statistics for previous applications are shown in the table below.

Year	Application \$	Award \$
1986	1,902,000	-
1987	2,208,000	-
1988	1,523,000	177,450
1989	1,405,000	229,600
1990	3,219,000	-

1990 GRANT APPLICATION

The deadline for receipt of applications is 1990 November 30, which is prior to Council's adoption of the 1990 Provisional Capital Budget. However, the 1989-1993 Capital Budget includes provision of \$900,000 and \$700,000 for expenditures in water and sanitary sewer utilities, respectively. Existing guidelines permit re-application for previously unsuccessful projects where the work has not been completed prior to submittal of application.

Staff request Council's authorization to submit an application for those specific water and sewer capital improvements and studies eligible under the Revenue Sharing Program. These amounts total \$855,000 and \$2,364,000 for water and sewer respectively, and include projects started in 1989 with a scheduled completion date in 1990.

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