

ITEM 4
MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 68
COUNCIL MEETING 91/11/18

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1991 NOVEMBER 12

FROM: DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

SUBJECT: THE 1992 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:

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 in the aggregate amount of \$4.105 million.

REPORT

INTRODUCTION

The Municipality has received notification from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs that revenue sharing grants will be available in 1992 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.

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 Fig. 1.

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REVENUE SHARING GRANTS
 Water and Sewer (1986 - 1992)

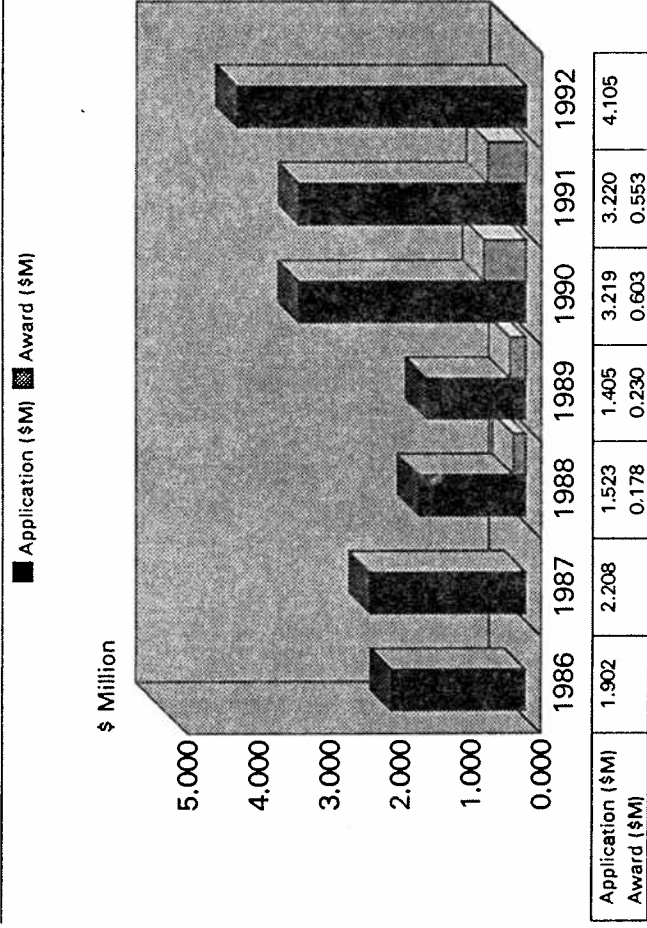


Fig. 1

1992 GRANT APPLICATION

The deadline for receipt of 1992 applications is 1991 November 30, which is prior to Council's adoption of the 1992-1996 Capital Budget. Staff have identified a program of eligible capital improvements with estimated costs of \$2.150 million and \$1.955 million respectively in water and sewer. The level of new projects proposed for 1992 is similar to previous capital programs. However, existing guidelines permit reapplication for previously unsuccessful projects where the work has not been completed prior to submittal of application. Consequently, the program includes projects started in 1991 with a scheduled completion date in 1992, as well as projects proposed for inclusion in the 1992-1996 Capital Budget. Details of specific projects are available within the Engineering Department.

Staff request Council's authorization to submit an application in the amount of \$4.105 million for those specific water and sewer projects eligible under the Revenue Sharing Act Regulations.

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