

TO: CITY MANAGER

DATE: 2005 02 16

FROM: DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

FILE: 9110-20 *BCCWIP*

SUBJECT: BC COMMUNITY WATER IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

PURPOSE: To obtain authority from Council to submit an application for funding assistance under the BC Community Water Improvement Program.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** Council endorse in principle the capital programs in the total amount of \$33.5 Million, as outlined in this report, for submission to the Province for funding assistance under BC Community Water Improvement Program.

REPORT

The Provincial Government recently announced an \$80 Million BC Community Water Improvement Program. The primary objective of the program is to improve drinking water and waste water infrastructure in local communities. More specifically, eligible projects include:

Water Facilities such as, but not limited to: water systems, water treatment plants and ancillary works, reservoirs, impoundments (dams), groundwater development (wells), and pumping stations for the collection, treatment, storage and distribution of domestic potable water.

Wastewater facilities such as, but not limited to: wastewater treatment (disposal) plants and ancillary works, sanitary sewers and lift stations for the collection and treatment of wastewater, and the discharge and/or re-use of treated effluent wastewater and biosolids.

Water management infrastructure works that abate and prevent erosion and enhance or reverse the deterioration of fish/aquatic habitat such as, but not limited to: stormwater management works, remedial land drainage, residential subdivision run-off and surface water supply protection.

Municipalities are permitted to submit applications for a maximum of two projects each. Applications, endorsed by a resolution of Council, must be submitted to the Ministry of Community, Aboriginal and Community Services by February 28. Program requirements stipulate that all projects must be completed by 2010 March 31.

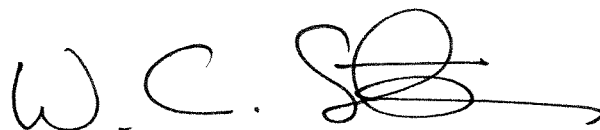
In response to the provincial initiative, staff have prepared a list of projects for funding consideration. Staff have identified the Burnaby Lake Rejuvenation Project and an expansion of our Watermain Renewal Program as suitable eligible projects for application under the BC Community Water Improvement Program. Total cost is estimated at \$33.5 M and the City would be responsible for 1/3 which is \$11.2 million. Staff are currently preparing the proposed 2005 - 2009 Capital Budget and appropriate provisions will be made to reflect the cash flow requirements of the BC Community Water Improvement Program.

Subject to Council's approval, the projects to be submitted to the Province for funding consideration are summarized as follows:

Burnaby Lake Rejuvenation Project	\$26.50 Million
Watermain Renewal Program	<u>7.00</u>

TOTAL \$33.50 Million

It is recommended that Council approve in principle the BC Community Water Improvement Program outlined in this report and that applications for funding assistance in the amount of \$33.5 Million be submitted to the provincial Ministry of Community, Aboriginal and Community Services.



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