

The Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes

Council Report

Report Number CORP2019-031

Meeting Date: November 26, 2019

Title: Proposed 2020 Special Projects Budget

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Recommendation(s):

That Report CORP2019-031, **Proposed 2020 Special Projects Budget**, be received;

That the 2020 Special Projects Budget, as attached as Appendix A to report CORP2019-031, be adopted.

Department Head:_____

Financial/Legal/HR/Other:_____

Chief Administrative Officer:_____

Background:

Special Projects have historically been included as part of the departmental operating budget. During the 2019 budget deliberations, Council requested that Special Projects be considered as a separate budget for 2020 to provide greater transparency.

Rationale:

Special Projects are considered to be programs or initiatives that are one-time in nature and do not result in the creation of, or improvement to, an asset.

The 2019 budget included approximately \$1 million in Special Projects. The respective amounts have been removed from the department budgets. The 2019 Budget column, in the department budgets, has been adjusted to remove the amount previously allocated for special projects. This was done for transparency and to ensure that the required tax support for 2020 is truly comparable to the 2019 request. As an example, on page 55 of the Budget binder (Tab 6) you will note a “Reallocate Special Projects” line with a reduction in the 2019 budget of \$822,000. This represents the amount that Community Services had included in their 2019 operating budget for Special Projects.

The detailed list of Special Projects is included in Tab 18 of the budget book. The total request for 2020 is \$2,779,500 with funding as follows:

Funding Source	Amount
Tax Levy	\$1,805,670
Development Charges	\$411,715
Efficiency Grant	\$309,405
Bicycle Grant	\$20,000
Contingency Reserve	\$232,710
Total	<u>\$2,779,500</u>

Other Alternatives Considered:

The Proposed 2020 Special Projects Budget is recommended by Staff however, Council may wish to amend the list during budget deliberations.

Financial/Operation Impacts:

The Tax Levy funding of \$1,805,670 is included in the proposed 3.93% tax levy increase. Any amendments to the Special Projects budget may result in an increase or decrease to the proposed tax levy increase.

Relationship of Recommendation(s) To The 2016-2019 Strategic Plan:

The recommendations of this report align with the following goals of the Corporate Strategic Plan:

- Goal 1 – A Vibrant and Growing Economy. Effective budgets help support municipal services essential for a prosperous and growing economy.
- Goal 2 – An Exceptional Quality of Life. Effective budgets help support municipal services essential for the quality of life of residents.
- Goal 3 – A Healthy Environment. Effective budgets help support municipal services essential for a healthy environment.

Consultations:

Senior Management Team
City Treasurer
Manager, Corporate Assets

Attachments:

Appendix A: Proposed 2020 Special Projects Budget



2020 Special
Projects Budget.pdf

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