



The Corporation of the City of Cornwall
Regular Meeting of Council
Report

Department: Infrastructure and Municipal Works
Division: Environment
Report Number: 2020-398-Infrastructure and Municipal Works
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Meeting Date: November 9, 2020
Subject: Water Financial Plan

Purpose

To provide Council with the finalized Water Financial Plan as per the requirements of Ontario Regulation 453/07.

Recommendation

That Council approve the City of Cornwall Water Financial Plan Resolutions Numbers 2020-07 and 2020-08 for submission of the Water Financial Plan to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Financial Implications

The Financial Plan is a guidance document for the next 5 years of the water system. Financial decisions are determined during the budget process.

Strategic Priority Implications

This Water Financial Plan is an important element of a financially and environmentally sustainable community as stated in the City of Cornwall's Mission Statement of the Strategic Plan. *"To provide services that enable a financially and environmentally sustainable community which will care and provide for the needs and values of its residents."*

Background / Discussion

On August 16, 2007, the Province of Ontario approved Ontario Regulation 453/07 which requires all Ontario municipalities who provide water services to prepare Financial Plans as "a key step in the long-term stability for municipal residential drinking water systems". The Financial Plan is part of the required documentation to be submitted as part of the City's renewal application for its Municipal Drinking Water License (MDWL) to operate the water system. The City's previous financial plans were filed with the Province in 2010 and 2015. The City's updated Financial Plan needs to be submitted to the Province by the end of 2020.

At the October 13, 2020 Council meeting, Council received a presentation from Watson & Associates on the 2020 Water and Wastewater Rate Study being completed. At that time Council directed Administration to complete the Financial Plan for subsequent approval using the current flat rate structure but indicating that a transition to volume-based rate structure may be implemented over the next five-year period. In this manner, the Province will have an understanding that a financial transition within the next five-year reporting period may occur should the City opt to move to a volume-based structure.

Ontario Regulation 453/07 requires that the Financial Plan be approved by the municipality Council via a resolution of Council.

This resolution of Council must be submitted to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP), to satisfy the requirements under the Safe Drinking Water Act. (S.D.W.A. section 32 (5) 2.ii.).¹ The Financial Plan also needs to be submitted to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. (O. Reg. 453/07, section 3 (1) 6).

Lastly, the drinking water system must provide public notice advising the availability of the Financial Plan and make the Financial Plan available to members of the public via the City website.

Document Title:	Water Financial Plan - 2020-398-Infrastructure and Municipal Works.docx
Attachments:	- Cornwall Water Financial Plan Final.pdf
Final Approval Date:	Nov 4, 2020

This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

Carl Goodwin - Nov 3, 2020 - 11:44 PM

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