



Staff Report

Report To: Council
Report From: Kerri Mighton, Director of Finance/Treasurer
Meeting Date: January 31, 2023
Subject: SVCA WECl Funding

Recommendations:

THAT in consideration of staff report SVCA WECl Funding, council:

1. supports the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority's application for Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure (WECl) funding for 50% of the following projects:
 - i. Durham Upper Dam Class EA up to \$30,000 total cost
 - ii. Neustadt Flood Control Works, Meux Creek up to \$400,000 total cost;
2. directs staff to allocate 50% (\$15,000 for Durham Upper Dam EA and \$200,000 for Neustadt Flood Control Works) for West Grey's contribution to be funded from the General Capital Reserve.

Highlights:

- SVCA staff attended the Jan. 17, 2023, council meeting to present their recommendations for applications under the WECl funding program.
- The projects being recommended are a Class EA for the Durham Upper Dam and Neustadt Flood Control Works – Meux Creek.
- SVCA is estimating the total cost of the Durham Upper Dam EA to be \$30,000 with 50% funding from WECl and the remaining \$15,000 funded by West Grey.
- SVCA is estimating the total cost of the Neustadt Flood Control Works to be \$400,000 with 50% funding from WECl and the remaining \$200,000 funded by West Grey.
- The application deadline to apply for WECl funding is February 17, 2023

Strategic Plan Alignment:

Pillar: Build a better future
Goal: Vibrant community

Strategy: Maintain and invest in our infrastructure; be responsible stewards of the tax dollars

Previous Report/Authority:

[SVCA Report to Jan. 17, 2023, council meeting](#)

Analysis:

SVCA recommended in their report to the January 17, 2023, council meeting that a class environmental assessment be completed on the Durham Upper Dam to determine what longer-term solutions could be used to address various public safety concerns.

SVCA also recommended in their January 17, 2023, report to council that the gabion basket wall in Meux Creek in Neustadt be rehabilitated.

The WECl grant submission period is from January 23 to February 17, 2023.

Financial Implications:

West Grey's share of the projects can either be raised through the tax levy or it can be transferred from general capital reserves.

Communication Plan:

The council resolution would be forwarded to SVCA for inclusion with the WECl grant application.

Consultation:

Laura Johnston, CAO/Deputy Clerk

Karl Schipprack, Director of Infrastructure & Development/CBO

Attachments:

None.

Recommended by:

Kerri Mighton, Director of Finance/Treasurer

Submission approved by:

Laura Johnston, Chief Administrative Officer

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