



Council report

Meeting date:	February 2, 2021
Title:	New Police Station – FCM Funding
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Reviewed by:	Laura Johnston, CAO/Deputy Clerk

Recommendation

That Council request Formworks Inc. Architects to prepare design/costings for a base building code standard option and a net zero target option.

Executive summary

Based on the motion passed at the January 19, 2020 Council meeting, the municipality is not eligible to apply for FCM funding for the construction of the future police station as the FCM funding program requires construction to target net zero energy performance in new municipal facilities.

Background and discussion

FCM Green Municipal Fund offers low-interest loans, in combination with grants, to implement capital projects that target net zero energy performance in a new municipal facility. The loan maximum is \$5 million, and the grant amount is 15% of the loan.

At the January 19, 2020 meeting, council passed a motion to approve the design for the future police station based on a LEED Certified standard. In order to qualify to submit an application for FCM funding the design is required to target net zero energy performance. LEED Certified is not the same as net zero so the municipality will not be able to apply for FCM funding based on the direction given by council. Staff is requesting council consideration to direct the architects to prepare designs/costings based on the basic building code and the net zero target. By having the basic building code standard for comparison, then council may be able to demonstrate that the amount of the FCM grant is sufficient to cover the additional costs associated with achieving net zero construction.



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Legal and legislated requirements

Ontario Building Code

Police Services Act

Financial and resource implications

Maximum grant funding would be \$750,000 based on a maximum loan amount of \$5 million for a net zero energy performance target.

Staffing implications

Chief Building Official will direct the architects to provide designs/costing for the basic building code standards and a net zero energy performance target.

Consultation

Laura Johnston, CAO/Deputy Clerk

Karl Schipprack, Chief Building Official

Genevieve Scharback, Clerk

Alignment to strategic vision plan

Pillar: Build a better future

Goal: Vibrant community

Strategy: Investigate innovative solutions to current infrastructure challenges

Attachments

None.

Next steps

Instruct Formworks Inc. Architects to prepare designs/costings for the basic building code standard and a net zero energy performance target.

Respectfully submitted:

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