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**To:** Mayor and Council

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**RE:** Municipal Asset Management Program Funding

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## **AIM**

To obtain Council's authorization to apply for the Municipal Asset Management Program (MAMP) grant opportunity.

## **BACKGROUND**

The most current Roads Needs study is now 7 years old and is in need of updating. In report MS 2017-56, Council was presented with the Municipal Services 5-year capital forecast. In this report, it was stated that this plan was a working document that would be reviewed annually by the department and in an effort to keep an up to date plan that is relevant.

## **DISCUSSION**

The Municipal Services department and Asset Management Action Group has been making an effort to find new technologies for road condition assessments and asset management related software.

The latest technology for road condition assessments makes use of a vehicle that drives the road at the posted speed limit and collects data related to the condition of the driven roads. Using this data, the Contractor would supply software that will provide the Town with objective data related to capital forecasting and financial planning. This would be an avenue for the Town to spend capital funds more efficiently.

By reviewing this study, the Town would be eligible for funding through the Municipal Asset Management Program (MAMP) from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM). The application guide for this program is found in the attached.

From the application guide, the maximum MAMP contribution to a project is \$50,000. However, the average contribution is expected to be approximately \$35,000, and no funding request is too small. The contribution shall represent no more than 80 per cent of the eligible project cost. Other government funding, such as funding from the capacity-building category of the Gas Tax Fund or other programs, can be stacked to cover 100 per cent of the project costs.

As discussed in report number MS 2017-56, the gas tax and OCIF (formula based) grants are allocated to complete those projects incorporated into the Municipal Services capital forecast and the balance of the funds for this road assessment would be required to be funded by taxation.

## **LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

To become a leader in sustainable infrastructure renewal and development.

## **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

The proposed road network condition assessment is estimated to cost approximately \$60,000 from the consultations that the Municipal Services Department has currently conducted. Since the MAMP covers to a maximum of 80% of the eligible costs to a maximum of \$50,000, the total funding eligible through this program is \$40,000. Therefore, the balance of funds in the amount of approximately \$20,000 would be required to be funded by taxation. This will be reflected in the 2018 budget deliberations.

## **CONSULTATIONS**

Asset Management Action Group  
Municipal Services  
Financial Services

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council directs Municipal Services to apply for a grant opportunity from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Municipal Asset Management Program (MAMP) for the Road Network Condition Assessment. Also, that the Town of Kingsville commits to conducting the following activities in its proposed project submitted to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Municipal Asset Management Program to advance our asset management program:

- Setting up demonstrations for Contractor services
- Obtaining a Contractor through the Town's request for proposal process (RFP)
- Conduct the road network assessment and asset management software.

Be it further resolved that the Town of Kingsville commits \$20,000 from its budget toward the costs of the initiative.

Respectfully Submitted,

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