

City of North Bay Report to Council

Report No: CORP-2022-070

Date: May 16, 2022

Originator: Kevin Vescio

Business Unit:

Corporate Services

Department: Financial Services Department

Subject: Corporate Asset Management Plan 2022

Closed Session: yes \Box no \Box

Recommendation

That Council receive and refer Report to Council CORP 2022-070 from Kevin Vescio dated May 18, 2022 to the General Government Committee for a public meeting under the Municipal Act.

Background

In December 2017, the province passed an asset management planning regulation under the Infrastructure for Jobs and Prosperity Act 2015, Ontario Regulation 588/17. The asset management planning process is driving a change in philosophy in regards to capital improvement projects: The old approach of "worst first" is being replaced with a more proactive approach focused on the rehabilitation within windows of opportunity and combined reconstruction projects. The attached 2022 Asset Management Plan reflects on the current and desired condition of core infrastructure assets, levels of service, optimal asset management, and financial strategies, all based on the infrastructure information and data currently available for the City of North Bay's core assets.

An Asset Management Plan is a core requirement of good practice Asset Management system and is a requirement of O. Reg 588/17. The Asset Management Plan is guided by a set of principles. These principles represent the underlying philosophies that will guide asset management decision-making. They will remain constant throughout council transitions and other organizational changes.

Pursuant to the Regulation, every municipality is required to prepare a first strategic Asset Management Plan by July 1, 2022. The Plan is to be posted on the City website by this date. Council will be given an annual review of the management plan implementation progress on or before July 1st of every year. Council will also be provided with updates as Corporate Asset Management successes and milestones are achieved. The regulation sets key milestones and dates for completion of the milestones. The key milestones and dates for completion are listed below:

- July 1, 2022: Date for municipalities to have an approved asset management plan for core assets (roads, bridges and culverts, water, wastewater and stormwater management) that discusses current levels of service and the cost of maintaining those services.
- July 1, 2024: Date for municipalities to have an approved asset management plan for all municipal infrastructure assets that discusses current levels of service and the cost of maintaining those services.
- July 1, 2025: Date for municipalities to have an approved asset management plan for all municipal infrastructure assets that builds upon the requirements set out in 2024. This includes a discussion of proposed levels of service, what activities will be required to meet proposed levels of service and a strategy to fund the activities.

Benefits of an Asset Management Policy to the City of North Bay:

- Establishes processes for Corporate Asset Management.
- Signifies that the City is committed to implementing and maintaining an Asset Management business model.
- Builds awareness of what the City regards as good practice for Asset Management and sets strong direction and clear expectations.
- Provides a strong mandate for business improvement and is a catalyst for continuous improvement activities through the corporation.
- Provides a basis to develop Asset Management related objectives that align and support the City's overarching strategic objectives.

Corporate Asset Management successes and milestones achieved to date:

- Completion of City of North Bay Infrastructure Data transfer to Asset Management CityWide Software.
- Completion of training on Software with key staff from each area in order to sustain the use of the software.
- Practiced lifecycle strategies applied to City's asset inventory provides enhanced reporting and analytics with respect to condition and risk framework for the City's core assets (water, wastewater, stormwater, roads, bridges & structural culverts).

Financial/Legal Implications

The Asset Management Plan contains several recommendations that have financial implications. Adoption of the plan provides a road map for generating future capital budget reports as well as a framework to make policy changes to the Long Term Capital funding Policy, and Reserve Policy.

Corporate Strategic Plan

 \boxtimes Natural North and Near

□ Economic Prosperity

- \boxtimes Affordable Balanced Growth
- □ Spirited Safe Community
- □ Responsible and Responsive Government

Specific Objectives

- Invest in technology and work practices to reduce the City's energy consumption
- Maintain infrastructure across the City in a good state of repair

Options Analysis

Option 1:

The Corporation of the City of North Bay approve the Asset Management Policy as presented.

Option 2:

Not accept the Policy as presented and therefore not be in compliance with O. Reg. 558/17. Not being in compliance could risk and jeopardize future funding opportunities.

Option 2 is not recommended.

Recommended Option

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I concur with this report and recommendation

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