



STAFF REPORT

Title: Amending Agreement - Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI)

Meeting Date: March 12, 2019

Executive Summary:

The Government of Alberta has committed to extending the Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) until the 2021-2022 fiscal year to support and provide predictable funding to municipalities for services and programs for their residents.

In order to extend the program the agreement must be amended to add the provision for the extension until the 2021-2022 fiscal year. The agreement will expire March 31, 2019.

Background:

The original MSI agreement was dated October 23, 2007 (with grant payments to terminate the 2016-2017 fiscal year). The following amendments have been made to the agreement:

- Amending agreement dated July 3, 2009 for clarification of terms.
- Amending Agreement dated July 14, 2014 to clarify funding terms.
- Amending Agreement dated May 24, 2017 to extend the length of the agreement for a further two (2) year period (with grant payments to terminate the 2018-2019 fiscal year).

The proposed amendment before Council for consideration, would extend the agreement for a further three (3) year period with grant payments to terminate the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

The City has received total MSI grant funding from 2007-2018 in the amount of \$36,096,084. Of this total funding received, \$29,254,006 was capital grant funding and \$1,893,198 was operating grant funding.

	MSI Capital	BMTG	Operating	Total
2018	\$1,389,352	\$984,640	\$116,947	\$2,490,939
2017	\$5,490,027*	\$1,031,140	\$129,875	\$6,651,042*
2016	\$2,816,713	\$1,031,140	\$126,141	\$3,973,994
2015	\$4,068,503*	\$950,980	\$117,057	\$5,136,540*
2014	\$2,716,247	\$950,980	\$117,057	\$3,784,284
2013	\$2,536,859		\$200,258	\$2,737,117
2012	\$2,498,094		\$196,808	\$2,694,902



2011	\$2,448,748		\$196,200	\$2,644,948
2010	\$2,426,534		\$196,618	\$2,623,152
2009	\$960,016		\$194,671	\$1,154,687
2008	\$1,296,326		\$199,619	\$1,495,945
2007	\$606,587		\$101,947	\$708,534

*A portion of the funding was received in March as advanced funding for the following year.

In 2018, the City received MSI capital grants in the amount of \$1,389,352, BMTG in the amount of \$984,640 and MSI operating grants in the amount of \$116,947.

The amending agreement is attached for Council's consideration.

Alternatives:

1. Council may pass a resolution to sign the Grant amendment.
2. Council may not sign the agreement, and forfeit funding through the program.

Recommended Action:

Administration recommends that Council authorize the City of Cold Lake to execute the amending agreement with HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN in Right of the Province of Alberta as represented by the Minister of Municipal Affairs for the two (2) year extension of the Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) Program.

Budget Implications (Yes or No):

Yes

Submitted by:

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