



STAFF REPORT

Title: Letters - Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program

Meeting Date: February 18, 2020

Executive Summary:

Administration received the attached letters notifying the City of Cold Lake that it was unsuccessful in both of its' Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program grant applications.

In an attempt to secure the \$3 million Kinosoo Beach Enhancement Grant, the application included over \$800,000 in MSI money, to be used as the provincial portion of the grant. That money will be reallocated through the City's budget process.

The City of Cold Lake's other application was for the IR149A Storm Water Drainage project. This project has been funded through the City's portion of the MD of Bonnyville's Inter Municipal Cooperation Program.

Background:

In 2018 the City of Cold Lake applied for two grants under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program under various program funding streams.

Municipal Affairs contacted the City of Cold Lake requesting to confirm whether or not the City would allocate MSI grant towards the project to fulfill the requirement of having 33.33% provincial money included in the funding formula. This is a requirement under the ICIP bilateral agreement between Alberta and the Government of Canada.

Because of fiscal constraints in 2018, the Government of Alberta did not have the funds available to allow municipalities to apply for both federal and provincial funds under the program. Rather, the government encouraged municipalities to work with various ministries to secure funding in the provincial budget, which could then be leveraged under the ICIP program.

Administration worked with Municipal affairs to ensure that they understood that the project could easily be scaled to match available grant money, and inquired as to the use of MSI as the provincial portion of the funding program.

At the time, whether any Alberta municipal applications under the ICIP program would be forwarded to the federal government for consideration was unclear, however,



Government of Alberta ultimately allowed municipalities to use MSI money as the provincial contribution towards ICIP projects.

Alternatives:

This report is presented for council's information.

Recommended Action:

This report is presented for Council's information.

Budget Implications (Yes or No):

No

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