



## STAFF REPORT

**Title:** Grant - Municipal Asset Management Program (MAMP)

**Meeting Date:** July 14, 2020

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### **Executive Summary:**

City Council approved Asset Management Policy No 206-AD-19 (attached for reference) at their regular Council meeting on January 22, 2019. The Asset Management Policy provides guidelines for implementing consistent asset management processes and commitment by the City of Cold Lake towards a comprehensive and best practice approach to asset management.

In order to advance to the next stage of the asset management which is the development of asset management plans, administration is seeking to apply for a \$50,000 grant available through FCM. The application is under development; one of several eligibility requirements, is to have a Council resolution supporting:

1. The grant application;
2. The proposed activities in the application; and
3. The City's funding commitment.

Administration is seeking support from Council to move forward with the application process for the purpose of developing the City's Asset Management Plans.

### **Background:**

The Municipal Asset Management Program (MAMP) is an eight-year (until 2024), \$110-million program funded by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)/Infrastructure Canada to support Canadian municipalities and communities in making informed infrastructure investment decisions based on stronger asset management practices. The program offers municipal grant funding, as well as grants to partner organizations, to provide training and capacity-building activities to increase skills within local governments to sustainably maintain their asset management programs now and in the future. \$26M worth of municipal asset management projects have been funded to date.

The maximum MAMP contribution to a project is \$50,000. The City of Cold Lake, as an applicant, qualifies for the following funding opportunity:

- Municipal governments with a population above 1,000 - 80% of eligible costs.



Note: Projects must be completed within 12 months of receiving a funding approval notice.

In order to be eligible for MAMP funding a resolution must be adopted by Council supporting:

1. The grant application;
2. The proposed activities in the application; and
3. The City's funding commitment.

The City currently operates, maintains and manages the City's assets based on various facets such as:

- Software with data information like GIS, MDW, City Works;
- Service Levels;
- Knowledge from experienced and trained administration;
- Budget availability;
- Assessment tools - Road Matrix, Sidewalk Assessment, Camera Inspections for Sewer;
- Public and political requests; and
- Reactive repair and replacement.

Having the Asset Management Plan developed will take all these individual facets and bring them together so there is a complete understanding in one document with a clear vision to educate staff, management, Council and the public. The Plan will be the tool for decision making, future long term planning and budget allocations.

**Alternatives:**

Council may consider the following:

1. Pass a motion supporting a grant application to Municipal Asset Management Program for the development of the City's Asset Management Plan with a municipal commitment of \$12,500 coming from Engineering Services 2020 Operational Budget.
2. Defeat a motion supporting a grant application to Municipal Asset Management Program for the development of the City's Asset Management Plans with a municipal commitment of \$12,500 coming from Engineering's 2020 Operational Budget.
3. Accept as information.

**Recommended Action:**

Administration recommends that Council pass a motion to direct staff to apply for a grant opportunity from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' (FCM) Municipal Asset Management Program (MAMP) for the Cold Lake Asset Management Plan.



Therefore, committing the City of Cold Lake to conducting the activities in its' proposed project which will be submitted to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' (FCM) MAMP to advance the City's asset management program with a \$12,500.00 commitment from the City's Engineering Services Operational Budget toward the costs of this initiative:

Activity - Asset Management Plan Development

Deliverable - Asset Management Plan

**Budget Implications (Yes or No):**

Yes

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