

**Subject: Small Communities Fund Grant Applications****APPROVALS:**

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**Administrative Recommendation(s):**

THAT Administration submit an application for the Small Communities Fund Grant for the Rural Water and Sewer Servicing capital project.

THAT Administration submit an application for the Small Communities Fund Grant for the Beacon Hill Outfall and Pipelines Upgrade capital project.

**Summary:**

The Small Communities Fund is a competitive program under the federal government's New Building Canada Plan. In order for Administration to apply for the grant, a Council resolution is required. The deadline for applications is April 2, 2015. Only two applications can be submitted per municipality.

**Background:**

In Alberta, the program is governed through an agreement between the Provincial and Federal Governments. Applications are submitted to Alberta Municipal Affairs, where they are evaluated against established criteria. Successful projects receive joint approval from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and the Minister of Infrastructure Canada.

**Budget/Financial Implications:**

There is a \$3 million funding limit per share, per municipality. Therefore, the maximum the Municipality would receive, if successful, is as follows

Government of Canada	\$3,000,000
Government of Alberta	\$3,000,000
Municipality	\$3,000,000 (minimum contribution to project)

Municipalities may utilize funding acquired from other provincial grant programs, including Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI), for a portion or the entirety of the municipal contribution, as long as stacking is allowed under that program. Stacking is defined as utilizing more than one grant for a project. Funds must be expended by December 31, 2022.

**Rationale for Recommendation(s):**

Administration has identified two projects that are within the criteria for the Small Communities Grant. Council resolution is required to accompany the grant applications due April 2, 2015.