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Subject: Pefferlaw Dam – Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority – Funding Support

To: Mayor and Council

From: Dave Reddon, Chief Administrative Officer

Date: May 27, 2020

Briefing:

On May 6, 2020, the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA) provided a briefing note (attached) to the Mayor and Members of Council regarding the current situation and next steps with respect to the Pefferlaw Dam.

The LSRCA recently re-engaged the services of D.M. Wills Associates Ltd., a professional structural engineering firm to undertake a concrete condition assessment for the dam, including concrete coring and detailed surface mapping. Once this information has been obtained, a series of options for moving forward will be developed based on a fulsome professional review of associated data, costs and benefits. These options will be discussed with all necessary parties including Council, Town staff and the public.

In the interim, the LSRCA has approached the Town for financial support relating to the latter engagement with D.M. Wills Associates Ltd. The cost of the additional services associated is \$ 36,500. As the Pefferlaw Dam is not operated by the LSRCA for flood-control purposes, the LSCRA has advised that the current measures do not qualify for either provincial or federal funding.

The Pefferlaw Dam serves to controls water levels which have been maintained by LSRCA in the past to provide recreation and asethetic benefits to local residents and the community at large. Under the current circumstances where this service can no longer be safely maintained, it is a common and historic practice for the LSRCA to request that the local municipality, where there is local community benefit, to contribute 50 per cent of funding requirements for such associated community betterment activities.

I recommend and request that Council authorize funding support at 50 per cent of the total cost (\$36,500) of the current engagement work by the LSRCA with D.M. Wills Associates Ltd., being a cost of \$ 18,250 to the Town.

Town Treasurer, Rob Wheeler, has advised the available funding source will be the Corporate Capital Reserve , which currently has a balance of \$ 375,000 specifically for recreation amenities within the Pefferlaw area of our municipality.

Council's support and resolution would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Dave Reddon
Chief Administrative Officer