

Request for Decision



To: Committee of the Whole

From: **Deputy Manager of Operations and Sustainability**

Date: March 11, 2019

Subject: Library renovations

Recommendation: **THAT The Committee of the Whole recommends to Council to direct staff to submit an application for a grant funding application for the library renovations through the ICIP – Green Infrastructure: Climate Change Mitigation Sub-Stream CleanBC Communities Fund;**

THAT The Committee of the Whole recommends to Council to allocate \$16,000 for preliminary engineering to prepare for the grant applications at the March 11, 2019, Regular Meeting;

THAT The Committee of the Whole recommends to Council to support the project and commit to its share (\$250,000) of the project.

Background

Council requested that staff bring back information on potential library renovations to be done in conjunction with the roof repairs and the insurance claim. Preliminary engineering on the feasibility of the various options, including installation of an elevator for accessibility to the basement and the addition of a second floor for meeting and office space, is estimated at approximately \$16,000 including work by a Surveyor.

A grant program is available for projects that increase the energy efficiency of public buildings such as community buildings, recreation centres, libraries, museums, and art galleries. Natural Resources Canada identifies some options for deep energy retrofits including:

- Replacing the roof
- Adding or rearranging windows for increased daylight
- Replacing the heating, ventilation and air-conditioning system with a renewable technology like a ground-source heat pump
- Adding insulation
- Upgrading lighting systems

Staff would like to pursue the grant application to multiply the potential energy efficiency benefits of the proposed library capital project. A preliminary design, cost estimate, and feasibility study need to be prepared by the end of March for the grant application. The current proposed roof replacement capital project has a budget of \$250,000. The grant

could multiply that project funding to over \$800,000 if the project objectives remain in alignment with the grant program energy efficiency outcomes. Staff are seeking direction from Council about whether to proceed with the grant application process.

Benefits or Impacts

General

The grant could leverage the City's capital projects funding to achieve more.

Attachments

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Options

1. THAT Committee of the Whole accepts the report.
2. THAT Committee of the Whole does not accept the report.
3. THAT Committee of the Whole refers the matter back to staff for further information.