



STAFF REPORT

DATE: January 21, 2022 **FILE:**

TO: Chair and Directors
Regional Board

FROM: David Leitch
Chief Administrative Officer

RE: NORTHERN AREA D UNIVERSAL WATER METERING GRANT APPLICATION

PURPOSE/PROBLEM

To consider amending a previous Board resolution to authorize submission of a grant funding application to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) with regards to the universal metering of Northern Area D water service area.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At its November 17, 2021 meeting the Board considered the attached report and passed the following resolution:

Leigh/Whalley: SRD 968/21

THAT a grant application through the Canada Infrastructure Program - Green Infrastructure - Environmental Quality Grant funding program be submitted for the implementation of Universal Metering for the Northern Area D Water Service area, and

THAT the Regional District commit to its share of any ineligible costs or cost overruns associated with the project.

With respect to the second part of the Board's resolution, the Regional District has been advised that the funding applicant must identify the source of the local funding share of costs in its resolution. This will require that Res. SRD 968/21 be amended to include that information before being submitted for consideration by fund administrators.


The ICIP administrators have also advised the Regional District that, in recognition of multiple recent pressures affecting local governments including flooding and COVID-19, the application deadline will be extended from January 26, 2022 until February 23, 2022.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the report from the Chief Administrative Officer be received.
2. THAT Res. 968/21 be amended by deleting the words "THAT the Regional District commit its share of any ineligible costs or cost overruns associated with the project", and

THAT the words "THAT the Regional District is prepared to commit its share of any ineligible costs or cost overruns associated with the project by accessing the Electoral Area D water system capital reserve" be substituted.

Respectfully:



David Leitch
Chief Administrative Officer

Prepared by: W. Parada, Senior Manager Engineering Services.

Attachments: Copy of November 9, 2021 report to the Regional Board

STAFF REPORT

DATE: November 9, 2021 **FILE:** 0550-04 Board

TO: Chair and Directors,
Regional Board

FROM: Dave Leitch
Chief Administrative Officer

RE: AREA D UNIVERSAL WATER METER PROJECT – GRANT OPPORTUNITY

PURPOSE/PROBLEM

To consider submitting a funding application to the Canada Infrastructure Program - Green Infrastructure – Environmental Quality Grant program for Area D.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The attached report was reviewed at the November 3, 2021 meeting of the Electoral Areas Services Committee at which time the following resolution was passed:

Leigh/Whalley: EASC 224/21

THAT the Committee recommend that an application be submitted to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – Green Infrastructure – Environmental Quality Grant Program for the implementation of Universal Metering for the Northern Area D Water Service area, and

THAT the Regional District commit to its share of any ineligible costs or cost overruns associated with the project.

The actions outlined below are offered in support of the Committee's recommendation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the report from the Chief Administrative Officer be received.
2. THAT a grant application through the Canada Infrastructure Program – Green Infrastructure – Environmental Quality Grant funding program be submitted for the implementation of Universal Metering for the Northern Area D Water Service area, and

THAT the Regional District commit to its share of any ineligible costs or cost overruns associated with the project.

Respectfully:



Dave Leitch
Chief Administrative Officer

Prepared by: E. Watson, Senior Executive Assistant

Attachments: Copy of October 28, 2021 staff report to the Electoral Areas Services Committee



STAFF REPORT

DATE: October 28, 2021

FILE: 0550 EASC

TO: Chair and Directors
Electoral Areas Services Committee

FROM: David Leitch
Chief Administrative Officer

RE: NORTHERN AREA D UNIVERSAL WATER METERING - GRANT OPPORTUNITY

PURPOSE/PROBLEM

To consider submitting an application to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – Green Infrastructure – Environmental Quality Grant Program with regards to the universal metering of Northern Area D water service area.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In August 2019, the SRD received notification that the Area D Universal Water Metering Project was not selected for funding under the ICIP-Environmental Quality Program. The notification stated that this decision was due to significantly more applications than the program could fund, and not a reflection of the importance of this project to the community. At that time, it was the opinion of staff that a renewed application should be prepared for the next intake of funding requests.

In June 2021 an updated study was completed by Koers & Associates Engineering Ltd. to help define the issues that Area D is facing with regards to water usage trends and the associated costs based on current usage. The study helps to identify the areas of concern and shows how the service area would significantly benefit from a universal water metering program.

On October 8, 2021, Canada and British Columbia committed up to \$270 million towards the third intake of the Environmental Quality Program to support cost-sharing of infrastructure projects in communities across the Province. As with previous intakes for this program, funding is available for up to 73.33% of the eligible project costs (40% Government of Canada, 33.33% Province of British Columbia) and requires a commitment from the Board for the SRD share (26.67%) of costs. The estimate provided by Koers Engineering for implementing universal metering is approximately \$2,500,000+GST. The SRD would be responsible for approximately \$667,000 of that total cost of the project.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the report from the Chief Administrative Officer be received.
2. THAT the Committee recommend that an application be submitted to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – Green Infrastructure – Environmental Quality Grant Program for implementation of Universal Metering for the Northern Area D Water Service area, and

THAT the Regional District commit to its share of any ineligible costs or cost overruns associated with the project.

Respectfully:



David Leitch
Chief Administrative Officer

Prepared by: J. Humphreys, Engineering Services Coordinator

Reviewed by: W. Parada, Manager engineering services

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