

August 28, 2009



**CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE REPORT**

TO: OPERATIONS COMMITTEE & MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

FR: RICHARD PERCHUK, MANAGER OF OPERATIONS

RE: 2009 CAPITAL BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

BACKGROUND:

The Operations Department requires funds to complete several 2009 Capital Budget submissions. The request is to re-allocate dollar amounts within the overall budget to stay within the Council approved limit.

1. Cemetery

The Columbarium Landscaping budget has an allocation of \$15,000.00 to install paving stones and retaining walls around the new site. An additional \$5,000.00 is required to complete the work, which would be taken from the Columbarium Reserve.

2. Sidewalk Construction

The Sidewalk budget has an allocation of \$110,000.00 for construction work which was forwarded from the 2008 Capital program. The cost is expected to be \$170,000.00 in order to complete the associated works such as the pedestrian handrail, vehicle guardrail and asphalt patching. An additional \$60,000.00 would be taken from the unused 2009 Capital Roads allocation.

3. Sewer Camera

The Sewer Camera budget has a \$15,000.00 allocation for the purchase of a new pipe camera to televise sanitary sewers. An additional \$5,000.00 is required to cover the cost, which would be taken from the \$35,000.00 allocation for spare grinder pumps.

4. Sidewalk Plough

The Sidewalk Plough budget has an allocation of \$80,000.00. A mechanical issue with the existing 1994 machine will not allow a delay of replacing the unit until next year without expensive repairs this year. The sidewalk plough is also used to pull the sidewalk sander. The City received a quote for a new trackless sidewalk plough at \$110,980.00, plus tax. At the time of the budget submission the quote was based on a MT-5 Model, it was anticipated that the trade in value of the existing machine was higher. Due to the condition of our machine, trade value was minimal. The MT-5 Model was budgeted for, but due to production changes, the company's new and improved unit is an MT-6. It is recommended that the shortfall, in the amount of \$40,614.40, be funded from the \$28,000.00 allocation for an Engineering van as funds are not required as a unit was transferred from the Kenora Police Services Department, plus \$12,614.40 from the Equipment Reserve fund.

I recommend that amendments be made to the respective budgets as per the attached Schedule "A" for this purpose.

BUDGET:

2009 Capital Budget, 2009 Water & Sewer Capital Budget & Municipal Five Year Plan

COMMUNICATION PLAN/Notice By-law Requirements:

Resolution & By-Law required.

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RECOMMENDATION:

THAT additional budget requests, as per Schedule "A" of Richard Perchuk's Report, dated Aug. 28, 2009, be hereby approved to complete Capital works and purchase equipment; and

THAT Council hereby authorizes the additional requests be funded through the allocation and reallocation of funds, approved under the 2009 Capital Budget, 2009 Water & Sewer Capital Budget and the Municipal Five Year Plan, as outlined in Schedule "A" of Richard Perchuk's Report dated Aug. 28, 2009; and

THAT in accordance with Notice By-law Number 144-2007, public notice is hereby given that Council intends to amend its 2009 Capital Budget, Five Year Capital Budget and 2009 Water & Sewer Capital Budget, respectively, at its September 21, 2009 meeting; and further

THAT Council hereby gives three readings to a by-law to amend the budgets for this purpose.