



TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

TO:	Council	
DATE:	July 13, 2021	DIVISION: 8
FILE:	N/A	APPLICATION: N/A
SUBJECT:	Neighbours Against High Water (NAHW) – Pumping Cost Recovery	

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At the December 1, 2020 Special Council Meeting, Administration was directed to continue to work with Neighbours Against High Water (NAHW) on the potential cost recovery solutions to high water in the Bears paw area, with an update provided at the March 23, 2021 meeting of Council.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends approval in accordance with Option #1.

BACKGROUND:

Administration continues to communicate and collaborate with NAHW and the Bears paw Golf and Country Club (BGC) on developing a cost recovery process to pump water from the roadside ditch near 46 Bears paw View to ponds on the golf course. Seasonal needs result in the BGC purchasing water for irrigation purposes and the goal is to reduce water levels impacting private property with cost recovery potential.

The process required to complete the work is outside of current Council Policy C-454 Flood Response and the approved 2021 Operating Budget. In association with the approved Council motion, Administration has been striving for 100% cost recovery to complete the pumping works, a pumping rate of \$1 per cubic metre needs to be recovered. The BGC has agreed to contribute \$0.40 which results in an unfunded cost of \$0.60 per cubic metre. Based on the offer, Administration felt Council should review the offer and determine if it is acceptable. With Council acceptance of the offer, the Budget Adjustment (Attachment 'C') would need to be approved. The Budget Adjustment reflects County costs associated with pumping up to 60,000 m³ of water from the Bears paw Area (NAHW).

The County will be required to submit a Water Act application to Alberta Environment and Parks (EAP) to divert the surface water. We may also be required to collect water samples for testing. Further EAP may require the BGC to submit a Temporary Diversion License for the purpose of using surface water for irrigation.

Should Council not accept the offer and require 100% cost recovery to perform the pumping, Administration will continue negotiations with the BGC and the NAHW so that all costs are recovered for the pumping.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

\$36,000 to be transferred from the Tax Stabilization Reserve and \$24,000 recovery from Bears paw Golf Course.

Administration Resources

Steven Hulsman, Transportation Services



STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES:

Collaboration with NAWW on potential cost recovery solutions to high water in the Bearspaw area aligns with Council's Strategic Objectives to *create a culture of customer service* by reducing the negative impact of high water levels impacting NAWW.

Collaborating with NAWW and third parties to negate impacts of high water while reducing costs would also align with the strategic objective as *Embracing Partnerships*.

OPTIONS:

- Option #1: Motion 1 THAT the offer from the Bearspaw Golf and Country Club of \$0.40/cubic metre to offset the County's water pumping costs be accepted.
- Motion 2 THAT the Budget Adjustment for Neighbours Against High Water (NAHW) – Pumping Cost Recovery be approved in Accordance with Attachment 'C'
- Option #2: THAT the Neighbours Against High Water (NAHW) update report be received as information.
- Option #3 THAT alternative direction be provided.

Respectfully submitted,

Concurrence,

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"Kent Robinson"

Executive Director
Operations

Acting Chief Administrative Officer

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ATTACHMENTS:

- ATTACHMENT 'A': AEP Response Letter
 ATTACHMENT 'B': Bearspaw Pumping Map
 ATTACHMENT 'C': Budget Adjustment
 ATTACHMENT 'D': Council Policy-454 – Flood Response