

Supplementary Budget – Briefing Note**2018 Budget***One page brief per request***Briefing Note required for:**

-items >\$50,000

-changes in FTE

Dept	Division	Business Unit	Item	Base Supp	Amount	FTE Impact
IES	DAWM	16600	Environmental Consultant	S	\$100,000	

BACKGROUND:

-BRIEFLY provide why this is a request
(eg. Based on 3 year history)

As a large, rural-urban community, Chatham-Kent faces many environmental challenges. These can be naturally occurring but often times occur as a result of accidents or simply oversights by people. Such occurrences include the effects of fires, vehicular accidents, spills (to air, land and water), site remediations such as former brownfield properties and illegal dumping including into municipal ditches/drains and sewers. Furthermore, waste management issues continue to be a challenge especially as the Province introduces new expectations and targets associated with the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act.

COMMENT:

- provide any further details if required, impact to user fees, etc
(eg. Gross expenses, any revenues, subsidies, etc.)

Events that effect the environment require protocol for both reporting and remediation. The Environmental Consultant would be responsible to ensure consistency and compliance with all applicable laws. He/she would also be engaged in the operational component making recommendations to departments such as Fire Services, Public Works etc. for prevention, mitigation and cleanup. The consultant would be the first point of contact (via the department) in reporting and dealing with regulatory agencies such as the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change during emergency situations thereby providing a consistent and compliant direction.

IMPACT IF NOT FUNDED

First responding departments will continue to react "as best as they can" without clear corporate direction or policy process. This may impact response effectiveness, Chatham-Kent's liability/reputation and ultimately the environment.

Recommended funding from the Strategic Reserve #17266