Item #: BR168

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	Amount	FTE
				Supp		Impact
LEG	PLANN	12829	CLIMCHG - Climate Change Action Planning	S	50,000	

Background:

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

Based on the Province's Climate Change Action Plan and additional legislative changes proposed, it is pretty clear that all municipalities will need to set Green House Gas emission reduction targets and prepare a Climate Action Plan. Therefore, the Municipality should prepare for this.

In addition, in September 2017, the Province introduced the new Municipal Green House Gas Challenge Fund, which is a program funded by the proceeds from Ontario's carbon market that aims to support community-led action on climate change. The competitive application-based program will fund up to 100% of the eligible costs for greenhouse gas emissions reduction projects proposed by municipalities. Municipalities may request up to \$10 million per project. Applications are due by November 14, 2017. The eligibility requirements for the first round of funding will be opened to allow all municipalities to apply, so long as applicants demonstrate a commitment to completing their community-wide GHG inventory, targets and plan within 18 months, through a council resolution. If approved for funding, the council resolution must occur before the transfer payment agreement is completed. It is expected that successful applications will be awarded in February 2018.

The Province has also suggested that funding to support the creation of Green House Gas (GHG) reduction plans, inventories and targets would be forthcoming through the "Municipal Action Plan Program (MAPP)" to be launched later this year. No specific details have been released as of yet. Outside expertise will definitely be required for this.

Comment:

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

Comment:

Potentially matching dollars from Province to undertake GHG reduction targets and Climate Action Plan. Recommended funding from the Strategic Development Reserve RES# 17266