

District of Barriere
REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: May 3, 2021	File: 530.20/Rpts
To: Council	From: Bob Payette, CAO
Re: UBCM Grant Application Submission - Resolution	

Background: The Municipal Asset Management Planning Program (AMPP), aims to support municipalities in making informed infrastructure investment decisions. This funding offer is currently open for applications. The grant will cover 50% of costs.

Discussion:

The program seeks to support local governments to take appropriate steps on the path to better asset management practices. A further objective of the program is to support local governments in meeting their asset management commitments under the Gas Tax Fund.

In 2016, local governments were required to complete a survey that identified the current status of their asset management practices. In 2017, as part of the Gas Tax Annual Expenditure Report, all local governments were required to identify and commit to activities that will build and strengthen the asset management capacity within their organization. The final asset management requirement under the Gas Tax Agreement will be reporting out on the improvements made. This will in the form of a survey, likely to be launched in late 2021 or early 2022.

The current Policy and Strategy have self imposed renewal dates in 2022. The District has also seen a significant change in leadership personnel in the timeframe since the current asset management documents were written in 2016. It is proposed to renew the existing Asset Management documentation by bringing new staff leadership into the process and ensure that these guiding documents reflect the visions and expertise of the current team. It is also proposed to add to existing documentation through the authoring of an over-arching Asset Management Plan, which will provide a singular resource that outlines the current state of all relative Asset Management District practices.

The 2021 Asset Management Planning program can provide up to 50% of total project costs to the grant maximum (\$15,000). The remainder (50%) is required to be funded through community contributions.

Applicants can use Gas Tax Funds to meet the community contribution requirement for projects funded under the 2021 Asset Management Planning program.

Recommendation: THAT Council direct staff to apply for funding through the UBCM MMPP Asset Management Planning Program for Roads and Utility Assets planning; and

THAT the District of Barriere commits to conducting the following activities in its proposed project submitted to UBCM to advance our asset management planning program:

- 1) Review and update of all existing documents, and**
- 2) Draft and finalize Asset Management Plan**

Be it further resolved, THAT the District of Barriere commits \$15,000 from Gas Tax toward the costs of this initiative.

Prepared by: Bob Payette, CAO