



City of Moose Jaw

COMMUNICATION # CC-2019-0100

TITLE: Moose Jaw Municipal Airport Authority (MJMAA) ICIP Grant Application

TO: City Council

FROM: Department of Planning and Development Services

DATE: July 3, 2019

PUBLIC: PUBLIC DOCUMENT

RECOMMENDATION

THAT City Council approve the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) Grant Application.

TOPIC AND PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to recommend approval of the Moose Jaw Municipal Airport Authority (MJMAA) grant application under the ICIP Infrastructure Funding Program.

BACKGROUND

City Council, at its regular meeting held on November 6, 2017, adopted the following motion:

"That the City of Moose Jaw provide a grant of \$500,000.00 from the Land Reserve Fund subject to retention for development rights for this property. This grant is to match the \$500,000.00 loan from the Moose Jaw Municipal Airport Authority to be used to access funding from the Provincial and Federal Governments for an airport expansion project. The grant expires December 31, 2019."

The MJMAA has been actively seeking funding for the Municipal Airport runway extension and has completed an ICIP grant application, which the City has submitted on its behalf. City Council is required to approve all funding applications. The City of Moose Jaw and the MJMAA were advised June 13, 2019 by the Saskatchewan Department of Municipal Infrastructure and Finance, that the deadline for applications was June 20, 2019. Due to the tight timelines, the application was processed and submitted before approval of City Council. In submitting the application, City Administration advised that the submission was conditional on City Council approval and that it was our number four priority in applications pending under the program. This report addresses the requirement for City Council approval.

DISCUSSION

The MJMAA has been very active at both the provincial and federal levels seeking funding for the extension of the existing runway at the Moose Jaw Municipal Airport.

The founding MJMA Working Group has committed to a matching loan of \$500,000 towards the cost of extending the runway.

OPTIONS TO RECOMMENDATION

1. City Council can defeat the recommendation and request the application be withdrawn.

PUBLIC AND/OR STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT

The key stakeholder is the MJMAA and its Board of Directors. The MJMAA compiled and finalized the application document and submitted it to City Administration for submission on its behalf.

BYLAW OR POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This report acknowledges that City Council must approve all grant funding applications. In this case, timelines did not allow City Council an opportunity to approve the ICIP application in the normal process due to a one-week turnaround.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

1. The potential loss of \$1.0 million dollars in funding for an identified community need and priority.
2. Loss of \$500,000 loan commitment from MJMAWG for infrastructure enhancements

PRESENTATION

VERBAL: Mr. Jim Dixon, Economic Development Manager, will be in attendance to present this report.

ATTACHMENTS

- i. ICIP Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program Grant Application

REPORT APPROVAL

Written by: James Dixon, Manager of Economic Development
Reviewed by: Michelle Sanson, Director of Planning and Development
Tracy Wittke, Assistant City Clerk
Approved by: Jim Puffalt, City Manager
Approved by: Fraser Tolmie, Mayor

To be completed by the Clerk's Department only.

Presented to Regular Council or Executive Committee on _____.

No. _____ Resolution No. _____