

REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF COUNCIL

OBJECTIVE

To provide Council with information re. a potential revised scope of work and engagement letter for the Joint Municipal Service Review contract.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report of the Economic Development Manager dated October 19, 2021 be received;

AND THAT Council approve a revised scope of work with the firm of Performance Concepts Consulting as outlined in their draft letter of engagement;

AND THAT Council approve the additional cost in the amount of \$85,000 subject to approval from the provincial Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

AND THAT the required bylaw to enter into formal agreement return to Council for adoption as soon as clarification is obtained from the province.



Steve Antunes
Economic Development Manager



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Chief Administrative Officer

BACKGROUND

At the October 12th meeting of Council, council approved awarding of the RFP for the Municipal Modernization Grant, review stream to Performance Concepts Consulting (PCC).

In discussions with the firm, an option to extend the scope of work to include fire services and roads / winter control borderless services was presented along with an option to extend the study to include the Township of the North Shore. The additional cost for the added work would equal \$85,000. This would bring the grand total to \$244,330. The original grant awarded to the group was \$500,000 at 100% funding.

ANALYSIS

Given that the project is well under the original budget, it is hoped that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) would approve an extension of time and the addition of the wider scope of work and additional municipality. The original scope of work must be completed by January 2022 and work has begun to that effect. If and when Elliot Lake Council agrees to the concepts herein, the city can formally apply to the MMAH for the additional time and scope.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no significant financial impact as the grant funding is 100 cent dollars.

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

This resolution ties into our strategic plan goal of initiating the outreach to neighbouring communities to achieve common goals.

SUMMARY

Given that time is of the essence and 100% funding remains on the table, staff is recommending that Council commit to the additional scope of work, subject to final approval from MMAH.

