

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL PROJECTS MANAGER FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF COUNCIL

OBJECTIVE

To provide Council with information re. NOHFC Enhance Your Community Stream Grant Application

RECOMMENDATION

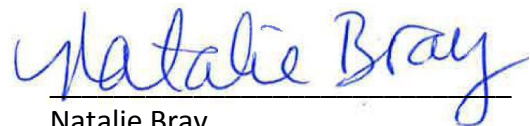
THAT the report of the Special Projects Manager dated July 15, 2021 be received;

AND THAT Council direct staff to apply for the NOHFC Enhance Your Community Stream Grant for the replacement dehumidifier at the Ruben Yli-Juuti Centre.

AND THAT Council direct staff to purchase the dehumidifier regardless of a successful grant application as previously approved in the 2021 Capital Budget



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BACKGROUND

As noted in a 2020 Met Energy Systems report, the dehumidifier at the Ruben Yli-Juuti Centre's piping is on the verge of failing beyond repair. Due to limited operation during the pandemic, the life of this unit has been extended but replacement is required. Council did approve the replacement in the 2021 budget.

The NOHFC Enhance Your Community Stream allows for 50% funding of eligible costs up to \$2,000,000. Multiple applications are permitted under this program.

ANALYSIS

Staff have received revised information in regards to this funding stream. Initially the understanding was to work on larger dollar requests and it could not be a collection of costs on multiple facilities. The revised direction suggests that smaller requests are possible and should not impact future requests in the future.

In this case, the cost of the new dehumidifier is \$350,000 plus 6% in engineering fees for a total of \$371,000. If successful, the cost to the municipality would be \$185,500.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

If successful with the application, the cost to the municipality would be \$185,500. Alternatively, the cost will be \$371,000.

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

The recommended changes align with the strategic goal of Customer Service Excellence

SUMMARY

It is the recommendation that Council direct staff to apply for the NOHFC Enhance Your Community Stream grant and purchase the dehumidifier at the reduced cost. If unsuccessful with the grant, proceed with the purchase of the dehumidifier.

