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INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

Item: 251 IS - Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program - (95494)

REPORT:

The Australian Government recently announced the provision of one-off funding to Councils under the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program to stimulate additional growth and economic activity in Australia. Advice has been received that a grant of \$834,000 will be available to Hawkesbury City Council under the program.

The funds will be available for additional and ready to proceed community infrastructure projects and for additional stages of projects that are currently underway. The guidelines for eligible programs include new construction and major renovations and refurbishment of assets such as:

- Social and cultural infrastructure (e.g. art spaces, gardens);
- Recreational facilities (e.g. swimming pools, sports stadiums);
- Tourism infrastructure (e.g. walkways, tourism information centres);
- Children, youth and seniors facilities (e.g. playgroup centres, senior citizens' centres);
- Access facilities (e.g. boat ramps, footbridges); and
- Environmental initiatives (e.g. drain and sewerage upgrades, recycling plants).

Funding can be used for:

- Construction or fit-out;
- Preparatory work such as necessary engineering and geotechnical studies;
- Land surveys and site investigations; and
- Project management costs.

Staff have looked at the needs of the organization from a broad perspective to determine priorities for infrastructure works based on sound asset management principles, i.e. carry out essential refurbishment of existing assets whilst minimizing new works which would incur additional and ongoing maintenance in the future. The following program has been developed for Councils' consideration:

- **Oasis Swimming Centre** – the centre was opened in September 1995, 13 years ago and the indoor pool is heated by a heat pump, with a gas boiler as backup. Heating by heat pump is more economical than heating utilizing the gas boiler, however the system in place gives flexibility by enabling heating to continue if one source is not available. Currently the heat pump has reached the end of its economic life and has limited operating capacity. It is proposed to replace the heat pump as part of this program at an estimated cost of \$142,000.
- **Bellbird Hill Lookout Toilet** – the toilet at this location is antiquated and located in an area which is difficult for able-bodied people and almost impossible for anybody who has a disability. It is proposed to provide a new toilet block at approximately the same level as the lookout car-park, including the demolition of the existing building at an estimated cost of \$88,000.

- **Community Buildings Security Systems** – many of Council's community buildings have security systems that are between 15 and 20+ years old. Difficulty is being experienced in sourcing parts for control panels and sensors for these systems and it is proposed to upgrade them at an estimated cost of \$119,000.
- **St Albans Hall** – the toilets were constructed by volunteers at an indeterminable time. It consists of rendered brickwork and a tin roof, there has been movement in the foundations resulting in the levels of the floors being such that water does not drain in the desired direction, there is no provision for the disabled and there are ongoing maintenance issues relating to blockages within the system. It is proposed to build new amenities at this location and remove the existing structure at an estimated cost of \$88,000.
- **Kurrajong Community Hall** – Council will recall the extensive consultation that has been undertaken in relation to this building and the fact that the building was reduced in size, and air conditioning was deleted to keep within a budget. It is felt that this is an opportunity whereby additional space can be provided to facilitate utilization by Hawkesbury Community Outreach Service (formally Colo Wilderness Mobile Resource Unit) that will increase the utilization of the centre and as such provide additional security and improved services to the community. It is estimated that the additional works will cost \$150,000.
- **Bensons Lane Sporting Complex** – the Bensons Lane facility has been developed over many years and with the increased usage and inclusion of lighting to enable the fields to be utilized at night, the electrical supply to the area has reached its limit. It is understood that should lighting to two fields be required at any one time it is necessary to turn off hot water systems to ensure adequate power. It is proposed to assist the Hawkesbury Sports Council in stage one of major refurbishment of the electrical supply by providing \$125,000 towards the estimated cost of \$250,000 for this stage.
- **Streeton Lookout** – the fence that divides the Lookout from the Hawkesbury River currently consists of dilapidated chain wire mesh approximately 1.2m – 1.5m high and is considered to be inadequate in that there is an almost vertical drop of around 80 metres to the river below the lookout. It is proposed to replace the existing fence with a more aesthetic and safe structure at an estimated cost of \$60,000.
- **South Windsor Netball and Tennis courts** – the lighting at both these proximate centres is old and as such has continual maintenance issues and the running costs are higher than would be expected due to the inefficient type of fitting. It is proposed to replace the light fittings at locations with more modern energy efficient fittings which will reduce energy usage and ongoing maintenance at an estimated cost of \$62,000.

The estimated total cost of all the projects outlined is \$834,000.

Conformance to Strategic Plan

The proposal is deemed to conform with the objectives set out in Council's Strategic Plan i.e:

"Objective: A network of towns, villages and rural localities connected by well-maintained public and private infrastructure, which supports the social and economic development of the City."

Funding

Funding to be provided from the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program.

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the program of works outlined within the report in relation to the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program be submitted to the Department of Infrastructure Transport and Regional Development and Local Government for approval.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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