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**MEMORANDUM**

**PDS-C 56-2021**

**Subject:** Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Control Program – 2021 In-Year Applications

**Date:** December 8, 2021

**To:** Planning & Economic Development Committee

**From:** Phill Lambert, Director, Infrastructure Planning & Engineering

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**Background**

The Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Control Program is intended to facilitate shared funding with the Area Municipalities to help mitigate the impacts of wet weather events on our shared wastewater sanitary system and the environment.

Prior to these in-year submissions a budget of \$4,000,000 was approved as part of the 2021 Wastewater Operating Budget for the CSO program. A funding recommendations report was presented to Planning and Economic Development Committee on April 14, 2021. Report PDS 19-2021 presented a list of 34 project applications that were deemed in compliance for the 2021 CSO Program. The budget to fund all of these projects totaled \$3,252,976. The remaining \$747,024 was to be made available for the remainder of 2021 in order to accommodate any unforeseen or not yet approved projects requested by area municipalities for 2021 in-year funding.

**In-Year Funding Requests**

Six (6) in-year projects have been identified in Q3-2021 from three area municipalities including one (1) recommended project involving all municipal partners and the Region as per Appendix 1. This is directly aligned with the Wet Weather Management (WWM) strategic approach benefiting both, Region and Local Municipalities. The municipal representatives at the CSO working group meeting on September 29, 2021 formally provided their support for this work agreeing that the contribution be taken from the CSO Control Funding Program.

Two (2) applications from Fort Erie, one (1) from Niagara-On-The-Lake, two (2) from Port Colborne and one (1) project applicable to the Region as a whole have been submitted for 2021 in-year funding.

The funds requested by the area municipalities for the 2021 in-year funding total of \$513,500. In accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the CSO Control Funding Conditions, funding will be provided from the remaining approved but unallocated CSO Control program. This will reduce the amount of unallocated funding from \$ 747,024 to \$233,524 for the 2021 Program.

Since the total requested amount is still less than the fully approved program budget of \$4,000,000 by \$233,524 for 2021, the 50% funded by DC revenues (\$116,762) will remain unrecognized and the 50% funded through the water wastewater requisition (\$116,762) will be recognized as surplus through the 2021 financial reporting process.

Respectfully submitted and signed by

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