

Staff Report to Council

Title: Ontario Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Grant Program Pre-Budget Approval

Report Number: Legislative Services-2023-23

Director: Corporate Services

Manager: Legislative Services

Meeting Date:
Wednesday, October 11, 2023

Date to be considered by Council:
Wednesday, October 11, 2023

Recommendation:

That Council grant pre-budget approval for up to \$26,500 as the Municipality's 50% share of the Ontario Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Grant Program; and

That the municipal share be funded from the Lifecycle Reserve Fund 82.

Executive Summary:

The Municipality was awarded maximum funding up to \$26,500 as part of the Ontario Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Grant Program for the Municipal Community Centre CCTV Upgrade Project. The funding provides a reimbursement of up to 50% of the project costs, with the Municipality responsible for funding the other 50% of the project. The total project cost is \$53,000. Staff is requesting Council agree to grant pre-budget approval to fund the other 50% of the project to ensure that the project is completed on time.

Strategic Priorities:

C.13-Protect people, property and the environment from the effects of dangerous conditions caused by people and nature

Financial Considerations:

The Ministry of the Solicitor General requires the municipality to pay 50% of the project costs. The total cost of the project is \$53,000; the Municipality was awarded \$26,500 and is required to contribute the remaining \$26,500.

Policy:

GG.2.2 Grant Applications

Context and Background Information:

The Ministry of the Solicitor General announced the Ontario Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Grant Program – Call for Application for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 in May 2023. The grant is part of the province's Ontario, Guns, Gangs and Violence Reduction Strategy. Applicants are required to pay 50% of the project costs and the Ministry would cover the remaining 50%.

The funding cycle is from April 1, 2023, to March 31, 2024. Staff submitted an application in June 2023 requesting a total project cost of \$53,000 to upgrade the CCTV equipment in the Davidson Centre. On September 11, staff were notified that the project was approved, with the Ministry funding 50% of the project (\$26,500).

The proposed project will modernize the current CCTV technology currently being used at the Davidson Centre, increasing the system's functionality and reliability. The current cameras will be replaced, and additional units will be added. The grant will also help to fund server upgrades so a backup system can be installed.

Staff planned to include updating and replacing CCTV equipment in the 2024 budget, as the current equipment is approximately 10 years old. Replacing the equipment will improve the coverage, reliability, and clarity of the image. The grant funding will assist with server upgrades required for future enhancements to CCTV units located in other municipal facilities.

Pre-budget approval is required to ensure that grant funds will be spent by March 31, 2024. Staff need to get specifications and quotes for purchasing and installing a new CCTV system. The system will need to be installed and tested, and staff require training.

Consultation Overview:

- The South Bruce OPP was consulted when completing the application. They identified the Davidson Centre as a facility that would benefit from upgraded CCTV equipment.
- IT Services identified the Davidson Centre's CCTV system as a priority for replacement.

Origin:

The Ministry of the Solicitor General released a call for applications on May 12, 2023. Staff intended to include upgrades to existing CCTV systems in the 2024 budget.

Implementation Considerations:

Grant funds must be spent by March 31, 2024. The new CCTV cameras and accompanying software must be purchased and installed by that date. The server to host the backup system will also need to be upgraded.

Risk Analysis:

The outdated and unreliable system currently in place comprises the safety and wellbeing of the users of the Davidson Centre and the facility.

Installing new CCTV technology will assist the South Bruce OPP with solving minor offenses and establishing timelines to assist in building larger scale cases.

If the purchase of the CCTV system is not approved, the grant funding will be forfeited.

Attachments:

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