

Committee Report

To:	Warden Matrosovs and Members of Grey County Council
Committee Date:	April 10, 2025
Subject / Report No:	FR-CW-07-25
Title:	2025 Request for Approval of Unbudgeted Projects
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Lower Tier(s) Affected:	N/A

Recommendation

1. That Report FR-CW-07-25 2025 Request for Approval of Unbudgeted Projects be received; and
2. That the noise survey budgeted for \$75,000 be funded from the Human Resources Reserve; and
3. That remainder of the cost to refurbish air handling units at Grey Roots totaling \$132,500 be funded from the Grey Roots Main Building Improvements Reserve; and
4. That utility relocate work for Grey Road 15 totaling \$165,400 be funded from surplus in awarded projects in the Major Road and Bridge Construction budget and if insufficient funds are available at year-end, from the Transportation General Reserve.

Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to receive approval to fund work that was either unknown at the time the budget was prepared or incomplete at year end and not carried forward into the 2025 budget. The recommendation is to either fund from reserve or from any in-year surplus; this depends on the project and how it was initially to be funded.

Background and Discussion

Details on the projects that were not included in the 2025 approved budget and require a source of funding are provided below.

Human Resources

A noise survey was budgeted in 2024 at a cost of \$75,000 and funded from the Human Resources Reserve. It was noted in FR-BFC-33-24 Capital Project Status Update that this project would be carried over into the 2025 budget and was missed during the budget process.

Economic Development, Tourism and Culture

The refurbishment of air handling units at Grey Roots was awarded in 2024 and approximately 61% was invoiced by year-end; the project was fully funded from the Grey Roots Main Building Improvements Reserve. The remainder of the project that totals \$132,500 was not budgeted in 2025, staff recommend that this be funded from the reserve.

Transportation and Public Safety

Invoices for hydro and telephone relocates were recently received for a 2022 joint project with Owen Sound for work on Grey Road 15. It is common for relocation invoices to take some time to be invoiced; this work was not accrued to the project and the net cost is \$165,353.08 (Hydro \$152,177.27 and Bell \$13,175.81). Staff recommend that the unbudgeted expense be funded from surplus in awarded projects in the Major Road and Bridge Construction budget and if insufficient funds are available at year-end, from the Transportation General Reserve.

Financial and Resource Implications

The projects/costs were either unknown at year-end (utility relocates for Transportation Services) or have work to be done in 2025 that requires a source of funding. All projects are funded from reserve or surplus and do not impact the 2025 approved budget.

Relevant Consultation

- ☒ Internal – Senior Management Team, Financial Analysts
 - ☐ AODA Compliance (describe)
 - ☐ Contribution to Climate Change Action Plan Targets (describe)
- ☐ External - none

Appendices and Attachments

None.