

AGENDA

**SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL TO BE HELD
VIRTUALLY ON MAY 24, 2022
COMMENCING AT 7:00 PM**

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ITEM	SOURCE
1.	Call to Order
2.	Adoption of Agenda
3.	Bylaws or Policies ☐ None
4.	New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Acting CAO Melesko RFD ☐ Off Leash Dog Parkb) Acting CAO Melesko RFD ☐ 2022 Capital Budgetc) Acting CAO Melesko RFD ☐ Canadian Fibre Projectd) Acting CAO Melesko RFD ☐ Alberta Municipalities Power +e) Acting CAO Melesko RFD ☐ Unfussy Contract (discussion only)
5.	Closed Session <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Personnel - (Pursuant to Section 24(1)(b)(i) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act).
6.	Adjournment



Town of Calmar

Request for Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Special Meeting of Council
Meeting Date:	May 24, 2022
Originated By:	Acting CAO Melesko
Title:	Off Leash Dog Park
Approved By:	Acting CAO, Melesko
Agenda Item Number:	4 A

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

Following the March 7th Regular Council meeting, Administration was instructed to notify adjacent property owners to the proposed location of the dog park, and to get prices for fencing etc. to ensure an early start to the project.

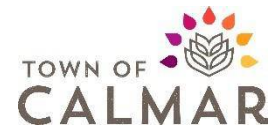
DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES:

Letters were sent to all adjacent homeowners on March 22nd, and fencing companies were contacted for prices for installation. There were 3 inquiries from concerned residents, regarding the dogs running loose, and wondering if the dogs would jump the 6 ft fence proposed. I explained the plan and ensured them that our park would be very similar to other communities, and that if problems arose in the future they would be addressed at that time. There was some concern regarding vehicles driving out there and it was suggested that perhaps we leave parking on the street if people bring their dog in a car, but it is hoped that most residents would walk their dogs to the site and release them once within the enclosure. This being said we will not build a road this year, which will save us probably around \$10,000. This is something we can look at next year if issues arise.

I invited 3 companies to provide quotes to install the fence, at the time of this Request only 2 quotes were received. One is willing to use the used material, the other company will not install used material, however never told me that until after we met and they provided the quote, \$50,000+.

COSTS/SOURCE OF FUNDING (if applicable)

Fencing utilizing our donated material and pushing posts in apposed to cementing them in is a cost savings of \$4,500 for concrete. Cementing is of course better however the posts which we received as a donation were pushed in so therefore are 2 ft. longer than typical, so posts will be 4ft in the ground which I feel will be adequate and will stay straight. If down the road we decide to relocate the dog park we can once again pull the posts and move the fence. Total to install fence is \$10,000.00 even, (estimated time to install is 5 days.) Then we will require 3 – 4 doggy



bag dispensers \$800.00 X 4 = \$3,200.00, a couple garbage cans \$1,100 X 2 = \$2,200.00, rental of porta potty \$160.00/mth. (\$160.00 X 6 mths = \$960.00), and we have picnic tables we can use over there.

Total expense \$16,360.00 (2022)

This money was not included in the 2022 Budget, therefore a transfer from the Operating Contingency Reserve (4.77.00.710) will be required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Council pass a motion to instruct Administration to complete the Off Leash Dog Park as proposed utilizing funds transferred from Operating Contingency Reserve.



Town of Calmar

Request for Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Special Meeting of Council
Meeting Date:	May 24, 2022
Originated By:	Acting CAO Melesko
Title:	2022 Capital Budget
Approved By:	Acting CAO, Melesko
Agenda Item Number:	4 B

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

The Capital Budget was adopted on April 11, 2022, however updated costs were not available at that time, so the costs associated with each project were based on estimate + 20% contingency. With inflation the 2022 projects are going up 18% and higher. Asphalt alone has gone up 18% – 22%. Therefore, the capital budget will need to be amended utilizing the new numbers.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES:

Projects which will be affected by this increase will be:

- 52 street overlay proposed \$120,000 updated (\$175,000)
- Lane Upgrade 49 st. – 50 st. proposed \$80,000, updated (\$96,000)
- Public Works Yard Paving proposed \$215,000, updated (\$301,000)
- Security System and entry system \$72,000 (not affected)
- John Deere Mower \$85,000 (not affected)
- Floor Scrubber \$26,000 (not affected)

Total Capital Projects/Purchases 2022 Proposed/Approved \$598,000, updated \$755.000

I would like to reallocate some of the Grant Funding available to the projects which I feel will benefit the public the most as follows. All Updated costs include a 20% contingency. Changes to the allocations are as follows:

- Remove Public Works Yard Paving reallocate to 51 street repair Hwy.39 (50 ave.) to 49 laneway \$301,000
- Take Office door lock system out but leave security camera in \$27,000
- Take Office door lock system out but leave Library rear entry lock \$6,970.00



- Move John Deere Mower to 2023 budget. (no mowers are available this year anyway because of supply shortages)

COSTS/SOURCE OF FUNDING (if applicable)

Total MSI Capital Grant Funding Available (2022)	\$258,176
Total CCBF (formerly FGT) Grant Funding Available (2022)	\$133,515
Carry Over CCBF (formerly FGT) Grant Funding (2021)	<u>\$260,873</u>
Total Funding Available (2022)	\$652,564

Projects to be funded:

52 street	\$175,000
Ally	\$96,000
51 street	\$301,000
Security Cameras Town office	\$27,000
Library Rear Door locks	\$6,970
Floor Scrubber	<u>\$26,000</u>
Total Funding utilized	\$631,970

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Council amends the 2022 approved Capital Budget expenditure in the amount of \$598,000 to the following projects. Amounts to be funded from 2022 MSI Capital Grant and 2022 CCBF and CCBF carry forward grant funds are as below. This is contingent on submission of application and approval.

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Request for Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Special Meeting of Council
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Originated By:	Acting CAO Melesko
Title:	Canadian Fibre Project
Approved By:	Acting CAO, Melesko
Agenda Item Number:	4 C

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

It is my understanding that the Town has had conversations with Canadian Fibre Optics in the past which resulted in a letter of intent being processed. The letter of intent states that the Town will enter into a partnership with Canadian Fibre Optics to pay for the lead/conduit from the main trunk line to the property line of each property throughout the Town. The cost of this endeavor would be \$500.00/lot, total approx. \$500,000.00 and there would be a cost recovery yet to be determined from service providers using the line.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES:

The funding for this project was proposed to come from MSI Grants, as well as utilize reserves however the project was declined from MSI therefore the entire project would need to be funded from reserves. As a partner in this endeavor there is certain risks which we would need to ensure we are protected from. I received a couple emails from a current provider stating that the CRTC (Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission) mandates that infrastructure must be large enough to accommodate other providers so that a monopoly is not created, as well as permit others to access their infrastructure. I would need to look more closely into the CRTC to fully understand this.

When I first spoke to DCS Anderson regarding this project it was my understanding that Canadian Fibre was willing to complete the Calmar work on their own however it was a Town initiative to become a partner in the project. I am not fully confident that, although there will be a return on our investment via leasing our portion of infrastructure to providers that we would ever see a profit or even break even. This would be totally dependent on the number of people that connect to the fibre, as well as the amount of compensation we would receive. With wireless fast becoming an option this may, in my opinion be a risky investment. I have tried to contact Canadian Fibre Optics via email however have not been successful in making contact as of the time of this RFD.



No funding was specifically included in the 2022 Budget for this project, so if council wishes to pursue this endeavor this year money would need to come from reserves.

COSTS/SOURCE OF FUNDING (if applicable)

Approx. \$500,000

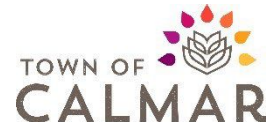
RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Option #1

Council pass a motion to instruct Administration to further pursue this partnership with Canadian Fibre Optics and to bring back more information.

Option #2

Council pass a motion to instruct Administration to contact Canadian Fibre and to cancel out of the offer of partnership at this time.



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Request for Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Special Meeting of Council
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Originated By:	Acting CAO Melesko
Title:	Alberta Municipalities Power +
Approved By:	Acting CAO, Melesko
Agenda Item Number:	4 D

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

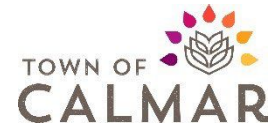
Alberta Municipalities is looking to establish an option for municipalities to purchase electricity through combining member municipalities to increase purchasing power in order to get a better rate. Their project is called Power + and it is set to kick off in 2024. Alberta Municipalities is requesting municipalities buy into the program by the end of May 2022 so that they can complete their analysis and approach to electricity producers and be ready for 2024.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES:

The Town of Calmar currently purchases electricity from Enmax and has been in contract with them since 2018. We currently pay 0.05567/kWh. The contract is set to expire in Feb.2023. In order for Alberta Municipalities to calculate what our estimated rates would be through the Power + program I have sent them a load release form which lists all of the Town's current facilities. They will combine our usage with the groups usage to negotiate a better rate from the supplier. Once Alberta Municipalities has determined what the program can offer, they will make a presentation to Council and at that time Council will have the ability to decide what will be the better choice for Calmar.

COSTS/SOURCE OF FUNDING (if applicable)

Alberta Municipalities will charge an administration fee of 0.00315/kWh on top of the negotiated rate for electricity, this is also subject to a \$20min/site/mth. for sites which are perhaps shut down seasonally, e.g., the spray park.



RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Option #1

Council pass a motion to instruct Administration to submit a "expression of interest" letter to Alberta Municipalities to allow them to review our consumption and determine the advantages/disadvantages of the Power + Program

Option #2

Council pass a motion to instruct Administration to contact Alberta Municipalities and let them know that we would rather stay a private purchaser and research our own providers

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For over 20 years, Alberta Municipalities has been procuring electricity for members through a unique aggregation process. Over time, we've fine-tuned our process, developed customized customer care and achieved great energy rates for our members.

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Long-term budget stability + innovation

- This evolution of our energy aggregation program allows you to access energy pricing right from its source through a long-term contract, allowing you to take advantage of the best possible rates available and incur minimal costs.
- A long-term contract allows your organization to achieve long-term budget stability.
- Avoid costs incurred when dealing with intermediaries.
- Mitigate the risk of increased prices when generators are taken offline for maintenance.
- Avoid incurring future carbon pricing increases by locking into a long-term rate.



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May 2022

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- The option to purchase from renewable energy sources and help meet your environmental goals.
- Customer care is located in Alberta and is dedicated to serving our members.
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