

TOWN OF BONNYVILLE

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Date: July 26, 2024

Submitted By: Administration

Meeting Date: July 29, 2024

SUBJECT: IT Infrastructure Upgrade

BACKGROUND: In light of current concerns regarding Cyber Security attack events occurring in other Municipalities, Administration is requesting approval from Council to accelerate the planned IT Infrastructure Upgrades scheduled for 2025, to this year. This project will move the Town away from conventional practices and be in line with current server design and future production needs, as well as improve disaster and recovery capabilities and cyber security protection is an ever-increasing hostile environment.

OTHER COMMENTS: The total cost of this project is estimated at \$200,000.00. Past capital budgets included transfers to reserves to complete this project and the reserve account has accumulated \$150,000.00 as of 2024. Administration is suggesting that Council approve up to \$250,000.00 to complete this project in 2024 with funding to come from the Capital Administration Reserve in the amount of \$150,000.00 and the General Capital Reserve in the amount of \$100,000.00.

Administration is also suggesting that the 2025 and 2026 Capital Budget include an amount of \$50,000.00 to replenish the General Capital Reserve and the 2025 to 2034 Capital Budget to include a reserve transfer for a similar project to be completed in 10 years to ensure the Town is up to date with the latest technology hardware.

REPORT/DOCUMENT: Attached Available NIL

1. Proposal for IT Infrastructure Upgrade

KEY ISSUE(S)/CONCEPT: This project will not only provide benefits of secure and speedy infrastructure, but will also aide future recovery should cyber-attacks occur.

OPTIONS:

1. Approve the completion of the IT Infrastructure Project in 2024.
2. Complete the IT Infrastructure Project in 2025 as was previously scheduled.

RECOMMENDATION: THAT Council approve funding in the amount of \$250,000.00 to be allocated from the Administration Capital Reserve and the General Capital Reserve to complete the IT Infrastructure Upgrade Project in 2024.



Bill Rogers
Chief Administrative Officer