



TO: Committee of the Whole

FROM: Jennifer Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: January 25, 2021

RE: Targeted Sector Support Initiative

ISSUE:

Government Relations has announced a 2nd intake of municipal projects under the Targeted Sector Support (TSS) Initiative and Councillor Squires has requested that this item be considered by the committee for possible projects.

BACKGROUND:

The TSS Initiative provides cost-shared grants, up to 75 per cent on eligible costs, to municipalities partnering to strengthen their core municipal responsibilities through projects focused on regional co-operation, capacity building and good governance. Applications for the second intake will be accepted from January 25 to March 5, 2021.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Committee of the Whole can provide project ideas and recommend that a specific project be floated with regional partners to develop a TSS application.
2. Committee of the whole can do nothing.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

In this section, the author of the report should prove a short overview of all the financial implications to the issue at hand. Is this in budget or not? Increase or decrease in operational costs? Debt required? And any other related financial consideration Council should be aware of

ANALYSIS:

The first intake was in 2020. EMO Coordinator P. Casement had considered a regional mutual aid plan for this project but could not get an application together before the intake deadline. The tri-town partners, Wynyard and Foam Lake, were consulted on ideas for an application. Asset management was suggested but an application was not submitted.

The tri-town partners were emailed in mid-January in anticipation of the 2nd TSS intake for project ideas. CAO Woloshyn in Foam Lake did not have any ideas but was going to consult with her council. CAO Chorneyko in Wynyard did not have any ideas either but is willing to take suggestions to his council.

Examples of previously-approved regional projects include:

- Training to enhance the skills of municipal officials
 - Developing regional emergency plans
 - Completing a joint parks and recreation plan
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- Coordinating official community plans and zoning bylaws
- Conducting a municipal district feasibility study

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION(S):

Administration would like direction from the committee on project ideas.