



REPORT

To: Rural Budgets Administration Committee

Report Number: ENV-RBAC-031

From: Daris Gillis, Environmental Services Manager

Date: November 25, 2021

Subject: Rolla Dyke 2022 Operational Request

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee approve the supplementary request of \$150,000 payable from the Area D Community Works Gas Tax fund, to be issued to the Function 430 - Rolla Dyking for the decommissioning of Rolla Dyke and associated structures.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

On September 27, 2021, the Rural Budgets Administration Committee passed the following resolution:

MOVED, SECONDED, CARRIED

That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee authorize a funding commitment allocation in the amount of \$50,000, payable from Area D Gas Tax Fund, for the professional services required to prepare a Rolla Dyke Decommissioning Plan for submission required by the provincial Dyke Management Branch.

On October 7, 2021, the Regional Board passed the following resolution:

MOVED, SECONDED, CARRIED

That the Regional Board move forward with decommissioning Rolla Dyke and dissolving Function 430 - Rolla Creek Dyking.

Austin Engineering has been secured through three Requests for Quotations (RFQ) for a total contract amount not to exceed \$50,000 (excluding taxes) to prepare the necessary documents to be submitted to the Province for decommissioning. Once approved by the Dyke Management Branch, the Decommissioning plan will outline the dyke excavation, regrading, and erosion placement requirements. For full details on the activities required for the plan, please refer to the external link to the previous report, "Rolla Dyke Decommissioning Plan Request for Funds, ENV-RBAC-027". These requirements will be used to determine a scope of work for the construction works. Decommissioning is anticipated to take place in 2022/2023 pending the necessary approvals. Funding allocations are required in the 2022 budget to cover dyke decommissioning costs. As the estimation of costs cannot be anticipated at this time, the suggested funding allocation aligns with the maximum operational reserve for the Function 430 - Rolla Dyking. A supplementary operational request has been attached for the Committee's consideration.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee provide further direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

- Not Applicable to Strategic Plan

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

There are no reserve funds available to finance the decommissioning of Function 430 – Rolla Dyking. An alternative funding source is required.

As of October 31, 2021 the balance available after the remaining commitments in Electoral Area D are as follows:

- Peace River Agreement: \$592,594.35,
- Gas Tax Reserve fund: \$1,238,444.68, and
- Fair Share Reserve fund: \$1,854,311.67.

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):

None at this time.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

None at this time.

Attachments:

1. 2022 Rolla Dyking Operational Request

External Links:

1. [Rolla Dyke Decommissioning Plan Request for Funds, ENV-RBAC-027](#)