







*Financial Implications*

There is currently no dedicated budget for this project. In order to resource this project, a budget needs to be established and approved by the Board.

An option to fund the initial phase of the Lower Crown RWR-Feasibility project is from the Regional Water Service Feasibility Study Long-Term Surface Water Supply Sources project. The intent of that project is to assess the feasibility of additional surface water supply sources for the Chapman Water System and currently has an uncommitted budget of \$180,355. Staff are recommending allocating \$100,000 from this budget to the Lower Crown RWR – Feasibility Assessment project. In addition to staff time, these funds would also be utilized for any consulting and legal support required.

Staff would defer the assessment of the feasibility of other surface water sources to 2025 and will present a Budget Proposal for additional budget as part of the 2025 budget process.

*Timeline for next steps*

Staff are anticipating it could present the results of the Lower Crown RWR – Feasibility Assessment to the Board by the end of Q1 2024.

*Communications Strategy*

Staff will include this project as an active project on it's webpage and Let's Talk platform.

**STRATEGIC PLAN AND RELATED POLICIES**

The development of additional water supply sources is one of the strategic priorities included in the draft 2023-2027 Strategic Plan.

**CONCLUSION**

Confirmation of the feasibility of the development of a Lower Crown Raw Water Reservoir would require a substantial amount of staff time, as well as consultant and legal review with an estimated completion by the end of Q1 2024. Staff are recommending reallocating \$100,000 from the existing budget for the Feasibility Study Long-Term Surface Water Supply Sources project to the Lower Crown RWR – Feasibility Assessment project and amending the 2023-2027 Financial Plan accordingly.

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