

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORT #32/18

TO: Directors, Maitland Valley Conservation Authority
FROM: Stewart Lockie, Conservation Areas Coordinator
DATE: May 4, 2018 (to be presented May 16, 2018)

**SUBJECT: Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure Funding: Gorrie Dam
Technical Study**

PURPOSE:

- To update the Board on the application submitted to the Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure Fund (MNRFF) for the Gorrie Dam Technical Study

BACKGROUND:

In February 2018, MVCA applied to the MNRFF's Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure Fund (WECI) to provide a 50% grant to assist with the study costs for the Gorrie Dam technical requirements. This study will require an engineering consultant with expertise in small recreational dams to be retained to provide a report outlining the technical study requirements for each of the three options (repair, replacement, or decommissioning). It will also include estimates of the cost to undertake these studies. The report would also provide an estimated cost range to complete each of the three options.

Staff have obtained estimates to complete the study with a figure of \$16,000 being identified. This project was included in the 2018 Project budget with \$8,000 revenue coming from general levy and the remaining \$8,000 revenue coming from the WECI program if our application was approved.

On April 20th, 2018 the Authority received notification from MNRFF that MVCA's project was not ranked high enough to receive funding this year. (letter attached).

In 2017, the Authority applied to the WECI program to provide 50% funding for the temporary emergency repairs that were completed to the dam infrastructure. This application was approved by MNRFF as there was some funding available at year end. MVCA received \$17,254.97 in February, 2018. This revenue has been placed in the 2018 Gorrie Dam Project under WECI Revenue with the intent that it be allocated to Working capital surplus at year end as the all the work completed in 2017 was paid for with funding from MVCA's Working Capital Accumulated Surplus. The revenue received in 2018 from the WECI program will show \$17,254.97 as WECI revenue instead of the budgeted \$8,000. If the study was to proceed using this revenue, the remaining \$9,254.97 would be placed in working capital reserves at year end.

Staff are requesting the Boards direction on whether to utilize the WECI funding received for the 2017 work to cover the shortfall (\$8,000) for the proposed technical study or to allocate \$8,000 from MVCA's Working Capital Accumulated Surplus to go towards this project.

RECOMMENDATION:

To be determined at the meeting.

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April 20, 2018

Mr. Phil Beard
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Dear Mr. Beard:

Thank you for applying to the 2018-19 Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure (WECI) Program. This year the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) and the Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure (WECI) Committee received and reviewed 126 applications from 27 conservation authorities. 18 safety repairs projects, 17 repairs projects and 31 studies were approved for a total of 66 projects being funded.

The Maitland Valley Conservation Authority was not successful this year in the selection of projects.

Application S.18.012 scored below the 2018-19 funding line. A project waiting list has been created for projects under the funding line. Depending on the outcome of the in-year reporting the waiting list projects will be considered for funding.

However this year the WECI program was well over subscribed and as such your conservation authority may wish to consider other funding programs such as the federal National Disaster Mitigation Program (NDMP) to meet your capital project needs.

If you have any questions concerning the WECI program please contact Rob Fancy at (705) 755-1259 or rob.fancy@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kathy Woeller".

Kathy Woeller
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