



**NORTH RED DEER RIVER WATER SERVICES COMMISSION**

**Special Meeting**

**July 15, 2019 @ 9:00 AM**

LACOMBE CITY HALL

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. New Business
  - a. Alberta Transportation Grant – First Nations Feasibility Study
4. In Camera
5. Next Meeting Date: September 9, 2019
6. Adjournment



**North Red Deer  
Regional Water  
Services  
Commission**

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# Memorandum

**TO:** Commission Board Members  
**FROM:** Justin de Bresser, Administrator  
**DATE:** July 15, 2019  
**RE:** Funding for First Nations Study

## **PURPOSE:**

To recommend the Board to approve interim funding for the First Nations Feasibility Study until grant funds are received.

## **ACTION/RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Board approves \$50,000 in interim funding to start the feasibility study.

## **BACKGROUND:**

October 2018, the Commission meet with Provincial representatives and Erminskin First Nations. Subsequent to this meeting, the Commission meet with Samson and Montana individually to discuss the feasibility study and their need for safe reliable water. The Commission was unable to facilitate a meeting with Louis Bull.

The Commission also hosted a supper meeting for all 4 First Nations on February 5<sup>th</sup> 2019 where all bands were represented with regrets from Erminskin First Nation.

Administration and the Chair of the Commission met with Environment and Parks Alberta in June. The intent of this meeting was to share a portion of the agreement that the Province of Alberta signed with Erminskin First Nation. This was a productive meeting and it was recommended that the representatives from the Province attend the September 9<sup>th</sup> 2019 meeting to further this discussion with the entire board.

The Commission developed a scope of work for the feasibility study. This scope of work was then sent out to engineering firms early this year. The Commission received 2 bids with Alberta Transportation accepting Stantec's proposal.

**ISSUE ANALYSIS:**

Administration meet with a representative from Alberta Transportation where it was verbally communicated and followed up with an email that the proposal was accepted. The successful bid was \$47,000 and Administration was successful in asking for \$3,000 to cover the cost of project management (City of Lacombe) making the total grant \$50,000.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Administration is asking for the Board to frontend the study until such time as the grant funding arrives. This could be upwards of 4 weeks. The timeline to complete the project given from the successful consultant was a total 4 months.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. THAT the Board approves \$50,000 interim funding to start the feasibility study.
2. THAT the Board decides on an alternative amount to start the project.
3. THAT the Board decline administrations request.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- N/A