

Agenda Item: <u>D.5</u>

# Request for Decision

Title	Chief Administrative Officer Contract			
Proposed Motion	That Council approve funding of the contract financial obligation to the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) through the General Operating Reserve 8.1, if necessary.			
Administrative Recommendation	Administration recommends identifying the funding for the legal obligation regarding motion 464/17.			
Previous Council Direction	November 28, 2017  Motion 464/17: That Council adopt the following resolution:			
	1. The letter agreement entered into with the Chief Administrative Officer Peter Tarnawsky, on or about November 28, 2017, is hereby authorized an approved as of the date it was entered into;  2. The appointment and employment of the Chief Administrative Officer Peter Tarnawsky be terminated on December 5, 2017, without just cause, due to a mutual parting of the ways as Council believes a change in leadership is needed, and compensation be provided in accordance with the terms in his written contract of employment related to a without just caus termination, as may be required by applicable law and as may be advised be legal counsel;  3. The Mayor be authorized to engage the assistance of others;  4. The Mayor or her delegate be authorized to engage the services of legal representatives and other agents to assist in all matters covered in this Resolution and related to the termination of the appointment and employment of the Chief Administrative Officer, Peter Tarnawsky;  5. All steps and actions incidental or otherwise as may be necessary to give effect to this Resolution may be taken; and  6. The rights of the County related to all matters be protected and preserved.			

# Report Background Information

Sturgeon County Council and Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) mutually agreed to part ways on November 28, 2017.

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- The CAO Contract contains financial provisions that Sturgeon County is legally obligated to pay; funding these expenditures allows the 2017 budget to remain balanced.
- The current balance in the General Operating Reserve is approximately \$2.9 million.
- Details of the contract and related public disclosures are currently being reviewed by Sturgeon County's Access and Privacy Coordinator.

#### **External Communication**

None.

#### Relevant Policy/Legislation/Practices:

Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000 C.M-26 Section 248(1):

A municipality may only make an expenditure that is

- a) included in an operating budget, interim operating budget or capital budget or otherwise authorized by Council,
- b) for an emergency,
- c) legally required to be paid.

# **Implication of Administrative** Recommendation

# **Strategic Alignment:**

Strong Local Governance and Regional Leadership – The funding of the contract obligations is consistent with Goal 1.2 Sturgeon County is financially stable and fiscally sustainable.

### Organizational:

None.

#### Financial:

The legal obligations identified with Motion 464/17.

# **Alternatives** Considered

Wait until year-end to identify funding.

# Implications of **Alternatives**

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None.

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**Follow up Action** 1. Finance will record the proper entries to fund the transaction in 2017.

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Attachment(s) None.

**Report Reviewed** 

by:

Manager, Financial Services

Rick Wojtkiw, GM Corporate Support & Acting CAO

# **Strategic Alignment Checklist**

**Vision:** Sturgeon County: a diverse, active community that pioneers opportunities and promotes initiative while embracing rural lifestyles.

**Mission:** Provide quality, cost effective services and infrastructure to meet the diverse needs of the Sturgeon County community, while improving competitiveness and sustainability.

Focus Areas	Not consistent	N/A	Consistent
Strong Local Governance and Regional Leadership			
We promote consistent and accountable leadership through collaborative and transparent processes (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)		×	
Consistent with neighborhood role (see MDP), master plans, policies		×	
Considers fiscal stability and sustainability			⊠
Has a positive impact on regional and sub-regional cooperation		×	
Respect the Natural Environment			
We acknowledge the importance of a healthy environment and will minimize and monitor our impact on ecosystems (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)		×	
Compliance with Provincial and Federal regulations and/or legislation		×	
Ensure effective environmental risk management		$\boxtimes$	
Community Identity & Spirit			
We will build upon our strengths, where together we will create an inclusive, caring community (Strategic Plan, (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)		×	
Promotes and/or enhances residents' identification with Sturgeon County		×	
Enhances service provision through community partnerships		×	
Supports Sturgeon County's cultural history		$\boxtimes$	
Planned Growth and Prosperity			
We encourage varied and integrated enterprises that enhance our strong economic base, while balancing the needs of the community and natural environment. (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)		×	
<ul> <li>Does the proposal align with the Integrated Regional Growth Strategy (map/policies) pg. 26 MDP</li> </ul>		×	
Considers cumulative costs and long-term funding implications		×	
Targets growth around current or planned infrastructure		×	
Maintain and Enhance Strong Communities			
We are committed to a safe, secure community, where our residents are respected and provided with access to opportunities. (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)		$\boxtimes$	
Positive impact on residents' quality of life			
Supports and promotes volunteer efforts		$\boxtimes$	
Provides programs and services that are accessible to all residents			
Operational Excellence			<u> </u>
We have the organizational capability to deliver consistent and defined levels of service to all stakeholders in a professional, efficient, and cost effective manner		⊠	
Staff have the knowledge, skills and capability to perform their jobs			
Streamlines operational processes and policies		$\boxtimes$	
Promotes engagement and professional interaction with stakeholders			
Considers a cost-structure which allows Sturgeon County to remain competitive within a regional, national and global context			

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